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The Honorable George P. Bush
Land Commissioner
Texas General Land Office
1700 Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78612

File No. SKETCH FILE 14

BASTROP County

Letter reporting apparent vacancy
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Date Filed: 10/19/2018

George P. Bush, Commissioner

Re: Apparent vacancy in Bastrop County

By K. Schreiber

Dear Commissioner Bush:

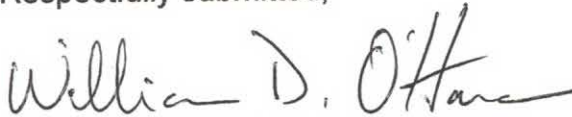
In September of 2017, I was hired by Mrs. Karen S. Wolz to perform a boundary survey of the approximate 100 acres of land in Bastrop County she inherited from her father Mr. Monroe Rathkamp. The subject land is all of the L.C. Johnson Survey, A-412 and a portion of the N. Knapp Survey, A-410. In the process of performing this survey I have discovered what I believe to be a vacancy containing approximately 10 acres, with approximately 7.5 acres under fence within the subject tract. As a Licensed State Land Surveyor it is my statutory duty to report this discovery to you as Texas Land Commissioner.

Both the Johnson and Knapp Surveys are fractional parts of Survey No. 32, H. & T.C. Ry. Co. surveyed as School Land under Land Scrip certificate 34/3362 on September 6, 1873. The said Johnson and Knapp Surveys were subsequently patented on field notes compiled by General Land Office staff in 1945. The said L.C. Johnson Survey is the South Half of the East Quarter (S/2 of E/4) of Survey No. 32 patented for 80 acres; the N. Knapp Survey is the North Half of the East Quarter (N/2 of E/4) of Survey No. 32 patented for 80 acres. The Johnson and Knapp Surveys are adjoining surveys with a common east corner. The east line of both surveys is common with the west line of the senior John S. Teague Survey, A-325, surveyed April 27, 1855. The southeast corner of said Survey No. 32, same being the southeast corner of said Johnson Survey, is at the southwest corner of said Teague Survey according to its field notes. The northern northwest corner of the James E. Elkins Survey, A-417, surveyed February 12, 1873, also calls to adjoin the southwest corner of the Teague. From this common survey corner, the Elkins Survey runs S 29° W 159 varas then N 61° W 467 varas. From this same common survey corner, the south line of said Johnson Survey, same being the south line of said Survey No. 32, runs N 65° W 469 varas. Field notes for the junior Survey No. 32 and fractional part patented to L.C. Johnson do not call to adjoin the north line of the Elkins Survey. Plotting or sketching out these lines clearly reveals a gap between the survey lines. Please note that the official map of Bastrop County shows this gap but the GLO-GIS web viewer has the survey lines in this area shown incorrectly.

On the ground I have recovered the original bearing tree called for at the southwest corner of the Teague Survey from which I constructed the survey corner. At this location a fence runs north and south and east.

The apparent vacancy is hereby described as being bounded on the east by the John S. Teague Survey, A-325, on the south by the James F. Elkins Survey, A-417 and the Eliza Lackey Survey, A-418, on the west by the J.J. Jowers Survey, A-409, and on the north by the J.J. Jowers Survey, A-402 and the L.C. Johnson Survey, A-412, containing approximately 10 acres.

Respectfully submitted,

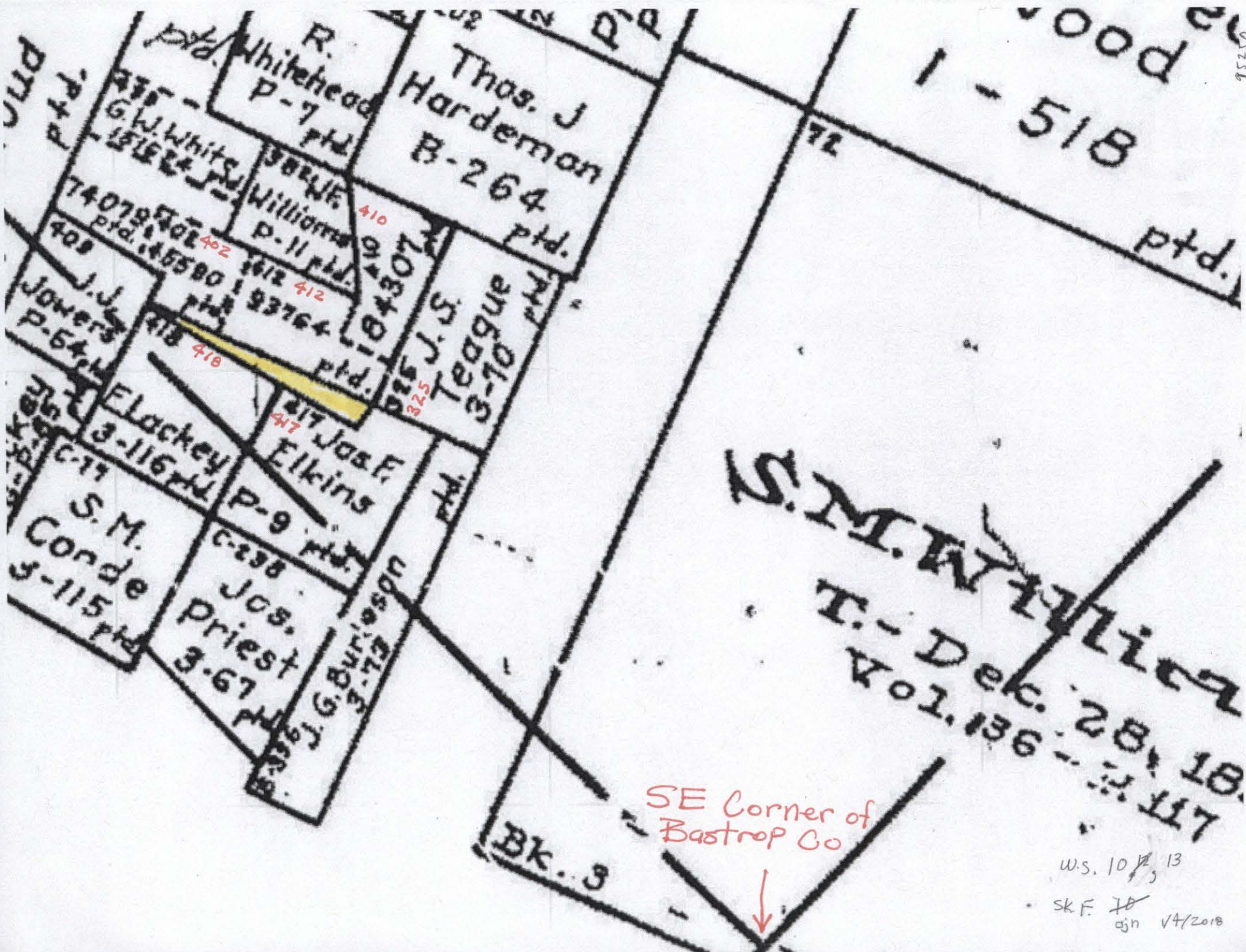


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Cc Karen S. Wolz

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