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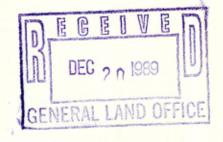
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RE: Issuance of a patent on Milton Rowan Survey 3-1545, Angelina County, Texas Surveyors Report

Honorable Gary Mauro:

We are desirous of a patent being issued on the portion of the Milton Rowan Survey 3-1545, Angelina County, Texas that is not in conflict with the adjoining senior surveys and herewith submit this report along with maps and corrected field notes for your approval.

On December 23, 1987 we submitted corrected field notes, report and maps of the John Loving Survey 3-3748 being an identical situation of the Milton Rowan Survey 3-1545 of which we have enclosed copies of the report and field notes for your convenience. We understand the patent for the Loving has been approved.

All records available in the files of the General Land Office that are pertinent to the vicinity of the Milton Rowan Survey were obtained. These records included all materials found in the survey file jackets and copies of all available maps. A search was also made of the records maintained by Angelina County. When this material was considered a fairly clear picture of the surveys emerged.

The Milton Rowan was originally surveyed by F. J. Ham on January 15, 1844 for 320 acres with all but 101.849 acres in conflict with the superior patent of the Jacinto Magano Survey titled August 5, 1835.

The Rowan Survey begins 475 varas east of the northwest corner of the John Aldridge Survey which was also surveyed by F. J. Ham on January 14, 1844.

The actual ground survey is accurately delineated on the attached survey plat. Where fence lines are shown, their position was determined by reference from offset lines generally paralleling the said fences. All survey markers shown on the said plat were found. The survey is related to the Texas Coordinate System (Central Zone) and coordinate positions are provided at key corners at certain monuments as found. This reference to coordinate positions is considered more permanent than references to bearing trees. This is particularly true since this area is in a state of extensive development. There is little possibility that any bearing trees or survey markers will endure for a significant period of time.

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We began our survey at the point of beginning as called for by surveyor Ham. This corner was located from our survey of the John Loving 3-3748 and is thoroughly described in our report of the Loving Survey. As stated a copy of the report is enclosed. This referenced report covers the east line of the Loving Survey which is common with the west line of the Rowan Survey.

At the northwest corner of the H. A. Brown Survey A-790 on the south line of the Magano Survey and as surveyed by W. T. Burnham from his corrected field notes dated April 19, 1916 we believe we have found the Post Oak witness called for by Mr. Burnham. We questioned the size of the tree at present as being the original. Mr. Burnham called the tree to be a 12 inch Post Oak in 1916. At the time of our survey it was measured by diameter equivalent of the circumference to be 14 inches. From records filed in Angelina County we found that in 1956 Mr. Albert Smith, a surveyor in private practice, made a survey of the H. A. Brown Survey A-790 and called for this Post Oak to be a 14 inch. With this in mind, we see a zero growth in 32 years thereby reassuring us that the Post Oak is the tree called for in the 1916 survey by W. T. Burnham.

The south line of the Magano Survey and the north line of this description of the Rowan Survey has long been held under common ownership and having been cultivated, planted in trees, etc. erased any evidence of the line as originally surveyed.

The west line of the H. A. Brown Survey is marked and painted and long recognized as the boundary and found to be South 00 deg 02 min 40 sec West a distance of 294.69 varas to a 5/8" iron rod found at the westerly southwest corner of the Brown Survey in the north line of the Charles Foster Survey A-832. Surveyor Burnham called 295 varas, an insignificant discrepancy. A diligent search was made for the original trees called for at this corner but was unsuccessful since recent clearing for home building has taken place. We have accepted the 5/8" iron rod for the southeast corner of the Rowan Survey.

Surveying South 89 deg 49 min 27 sec West along the south line of this tract we pass the northwest corner of the Charles Foster Survey A-832 at 506.33 varas. This conflicts with a call of 475 varas for the north line of the Foster Survey as found in field notes by James Gibson dated 9-3-1884. We do not have an explanation for this discrepancy of 9.89 varas excess in the north line of the Foster Survey. Resuming our survey and continuing a total distance of 1978.27 varas to the southwest corner of the herein described tract we pass through pastures, some older woods and apparent second and third year timber growth. Along the north line of the John Aldridge Survey A-56 we find an excess of 43.23 varas. There is a fence that is reported to be about 30 years old that traverses the south line as shown on our plat and is recognized as a boundary by limitation.

As a Licensed State Land Surveyor, I do not take my responsibility lightly in this matter. I recommend that this survey of the area of Milton Rowan, which is not in conflict with senior surveys, be adopted for such purposes and actions as may be pertinent to suchs lands.

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