April 17, 1933 Mr. R. T. Bucy, Midland, Texas Dear Sir: I am writing to you in reference to field notes of certain surveys made by you for Mrs Ida Wolcott in 1930. These surveys are leagues lying in the Northwestern part of Martin county. Field notes for Leagues 245-6-7-250-1-2-3-4 have been found correct and filed and the abstract will be corrected to conform to the areas under these new field notes. Under date of Nov. 8, 1930 I wrote you, as well as under date of Aug. 6, 1930, in reference to corrections necessary for the other field notes submitted. I have been holding up your corrected field notes for surveys 130-189 R E Montgomery, survey 133 Blk A, part of League 321 Rusk county school land, part of League 321 Wheeler county school land, part of League 321 Garza county school land; also cor-rected field notes for the East part and West part respectively of survey 134 Blk A. If you will refer to my letter of Nov. 8, 1930, you will find outlined certain suggestions which should be followed in making necessary corrections before these

field notes will be acceptable. As the corrections requested have not been received. I am herewith returning these field notes. If it is desired to have the abstract corrected for the tracts embraced in these last mentioned field notes, then the corrections must be made as outlined in my letter.

The Treasurer will be instructed to return to you \$2.00 paid as filing fees, \$1.00 on each of the subdivistional field notes for section 134 Plk A. The East part has been patented as \$150 Vol 48 and no filing fee will be required on corrected field notes for that part. If, however, field notes for the West part are submitted in the future, it will be necessary to pend \$1.00 for filing fees there field notes essary to remit \$1.00 for filing fees for those field notes.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

Blucher: emb cc: Mrs Ida Wolcott, Midland.

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Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of August 6th, 1930, I herewith return the field notes of Surveys 134, Block A, Public School Land, in Martin County, Texas, along with a report and answers to the several questions in that letter.

In answer to paragraph two, I will state that it is the desire of the owners to have the abstract of these leagues to show the area as given by these field notes.

Paragraph three, reference to the notes of League 250. will state that it appears to me that the best way to comply with the error in closure will be to correct the North line of League 250 and have it to read in distance, 5004.4 varas, thereby bringing it in to calculated closure within a vara both in the Eastern and Northern, a certificate of correction is forwarded herewith.

In paragraph four, with reference to the line of Survey 128 and 129, the SE corner of Survey 128, as shown by my plat, is marked by a five inch well pipe that was set by R. E. Estes as the corner of this survey and the corner of the other surveys at this point for the adjacent land owners several years ago, as also the SW corner of Survey 128, and was the SE corner of League 321, marke by evidense of a small iron pipe which was said to have been place by Estes, and the NE corner of Survey 130 was marked by an iron pipe at a fence corner, therefore, League 321 being the senior survey, I deemed it wise to mark as its NE corner a point 200 varas from the SW corner of League 245, which had been marked by Estes and others in accordance with a decree of many years standing. Therefore, using this point as the NE corner of League 321, and in order to harmonize the corners of the adjoining surveys, it requires the lines and distances as shown by my plat and field notes. The inner or ell corner of 129 is evidenced by a fence corner and a small iron pipe which is not marked, but was placed several years ago as being the inner or ell corner of 129, for the adjacent land owners, and is recognised as such by all parties concerned.

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The field notes of Surveys 130 al32, on which these three surveys were patented, are taken into consideration and s solely relied upon for my construction of the surveys. The NE corner of Survey 130 is marked by an iron pipeof long standing and is at a fence corner, which is said to be the line between Surveys 129 and 130, by Ed Wolcott on the East and the Wolcott Estate on the West. Therefore, the East line of Survey 130 is on and parallel to, and coincident with a fence that has beem there many years, recognised as the line, and the S line of Survey 130 is along the N line of Survey 8, Block 37, Tsp. 3 N, by Estes, and at the SW corner of Survey 130, there is a square bolt under & fence line as called for by the field notes on which this survey was patented as they appear of record, likewise the SW corner of 131, and the SW of 132. I note that my plat shows Estes iron pipe marked "N18B37T2N" as being 793 varas which is an error by my draftsman. It should be 993, and the SE corner of Survey 130 as I have it placed is about 14 varas E of where Estes placed the NE corner of Survey 8, there is a N-S graded road now along this line, with a slight turn in the road at this place and in grading the road, the road machinery has disturbed and removed Estes' corner. Survey 8 is owned by a Mr. Stewart that lives on this section, and was with me at the time this line was run and he stated that my location was in accordance with the way his had been run. Therefore, with the S line of these surveys on the ground as per their field notes upon which patents issued, and they being School Land surveys, my conception of the law governing boundary would be that if this line did not conflict with the T.P. lands on the South, it would not necessarily be compulsory that their corner should agree with the corners of the T.P. lands as shown by Estes' sketch in 1924.

In regard to Survey 134, same block, by way explanation, the Surveys 133-134 were at the time the boundary agreement was made, owned by Mr. Woodward. The lands on the North, i.e. all of League 321, was owned by George W. Wolcott, the latter acquiring before his death the fee title from Woodward, to the two surveys 133-134, so that now the heirs to this estate desire to have this r ranch surveyed and divided according to the Last Will and Testament of George W. Wolcott, deceased, whereas with a copy of Wolcott's Will in my possession at the time the survey was made by me of these lands, beginning on March 4, 1930, it was evident and a fact that these two surveys were acquired by Wolcott between the time his will was drawn and his death, and were not mentioned in his will, therefore, at a point of law, I consider that his agreement as to boundaries on the N line of this survey would be binding upon his heirs, and would be pertinent to the allotments of land according to his will, therefore as the E 200 acres that was patented previously of 134 had no marks on the ground as evidence of its boundary and as my line that is now marked is along the fence line as it now stands, on the S line of these surveys, which harmonizes with the vested rights at that place, and there was excess distances between

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the S line of these surveys and the S line of Leagues 246 and 247. I furnished field notes on these surveys 133-134 in two parts, establishing amd marking Survey 134 in accordance with the remaining evidences of everything that could be found in existence both on record and on the ground. The question appears to me thus. that the S line of these surveys is fairly well marked, taking into consideration the SE corner of Survey 133 and a point near fence corner in the Courts Judgement line at the SW corner of Survey 134, and the Wolcotts are the owners of all of that land North of there, and the location of the E 200 acres of 134 as patented would conflict somewhre with the true location of this survey, and as Mrs. Wolcott is desirious of patenting the whole of this survey, I deemed that my solution of all of these matters would be equitable to the State of Texas and the owner, however, if you require that I draw a set of field notes, complying exactly with that 200 acres of the E end of 134 patented, and then field notes with the rest of the Survey harmonizing therewith, I will do so, and if you will examine your office files of correspondence on this matter you will find that this has already attempted to have been done to meet former requirements from your office.

The distance N and S of League 321 is greater than 2500 varas slightly as evidenced by my plat and field notes. As to the west line of League 321, Garza County School land, the reason that at this place the west line is not following the W line of Block 38 produced at this place is because the fence as it now stands dividing the lands of O. B. Holt, deceased, on the West and George W. Wolcott, deceased, on the East, is E somewhat of the line as I have attempted to place it. According to my plat the NW corner of 321 Garza, is at the fence corner, and at the SW corner of the same, the fence is 130 varas E of the corner so my diagonal line was placed in there with the view of avoiding a law suit between these two old widows and their children, which I consider as being under my construction a compromise, as between where the fence now stands and where the line should be. Also, Martin County is trying to put a road along this line, North and South, dividing the rwo ranches, and but for this particular place, all parties would agree. It appears practically impossible to get these two old widows to agree on their common boundary at this place, therefore, I did not submit field notes as to where the line should go, knowing that it would be impossible to get the proper settlement between parties and as these school leagues carry excess distances, I am of the opinion that it would not be considered of great importance by your department as to how such lines would be placed, so long as the owners could agree on the boundaries.

R. T. BUCY

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So with this information before you, and as I had talked these matters over with Judge Clarke of your office, I thought that I had complied with all of his requested requirements in the field notes as they were submitted. Hoping that with his consultation in this matter, you will see fit to file these notes as they now stand, and thanking you in behalf of my client, Mrs. George W. Wolcott, and her heirs, I beg to remain,

Obediently yours,

R. T. Bucy.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MARTIN

Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

You are hereby autorized to make correction in the field notes of League 250, Hartley County School Land, situated in Martin County, Texas, as follows:

On the North line of said Leggue 250, correct the distance East to West from 5010 varas to read 5004.4 varas.

Witness my hand this the 22d day of October, A.D. 1930, at Midland, Texas.

Licensed Land Surveyor of Midland

County, Texas.

5 × 4 Aug. 6, 1930. Mr. R. T. Bucy, Midland, Texas, Dear Sir: I have reached for attention and carefully examined the field notes submitted by you in May and June of this year for certain county school leagues and surveys in the NW part of Martin County. Field notes for Leagues 245-246-247-251-252-253 and 254 are found to be correct and have been filed. My impression is that the owner wishes the abstract corrected to show the areas as given by these new field notes. Please advise me if this is true. I shall hold them up until I hear from you. Field notes for League 250 failed to close by an excess in the northing of 1.7 varas and an excess in the easting of 5.9 varas; and this error is pro-rated between the different courses, the area computed as 4517.3 instead of 4515. If correction is found necessary, please advise me by certificate of correction as to where the corrections shall be made. In other words, if the courses and distances remain the same as in the field notes submitted, and you change the method of adjusting the balanced polygon, please advise me where the corrections are applied. How were the corners of Section 128 Blk A determined, particularly the SE corner? The area computes 472 acres, due to a divergence in the east and west boundaries which is not called for in the original field notes. Therefore, I would like to know your reasons for this. Is the inner or ell corner of #129 an original or recognized corner? If not, then should the west line of #128 run on a course of S 14° 52' East? counter 30651

Field notes for Surveys 130 thru 132 show unequal distribution of excess east and west; nor do they agree with Estes' work as shown on his sketch filed here June 19, 1924, a copy of which sketch is sent you herewith for your information.

It is true that the first mentioned surveys call for their corners to be co-incident with those of surveys to the southward in Blk 37 Tsp 2-N T&P lands; however, this call was intended to connect with the corners of the T&P surveys in their original position and not in the position as given by Estes, where an adjustment was made to throw the excess acreage in the alternate or school surveys. Therefore, I would like an explanation from you as to your reason for giving these different distances east and west to surveys in Blk A. Otherwise, corrected field notes should be submitted, pro-rating or dividing equally the excess in the three surveys: Hos 130-131-132.

I have examined the field notes submitted for the east and west parts of Section 134. I return them herewith.

You will note that the East part is patented and calls for a width east and west of 1031.2 varas; while this field note calls for 1095 varas. The result of this would be to extend the East part further West than allowed by the patent calls; correction to the original widths in the patent is required. The consequent increase in the West part will necessarily call for corrected field notes for it.

After a careful consideration of the matter, I must conclude that the south line of the full League #321 is a straight line and that the distance North and

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Also the east line of League #320 a part of which forms the west boundary of the Garza County subdivision of school League #321, must be determined by estending northward the west line of Blk 38. Accordingly, corrected field notes for the 3 subdivisions of school League 321 will be necessary. If you will prepare these corrected field notes, I shall take them up as soon as they can be reached after you submit them to this department.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner

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Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of recent date relative to the Wolcott lands in Martin County, Texas, please find enclosed herewith the plat on these lands as requested in your letter, also the field notes on all of Leagues 245, 252 and 253 and the notes on Survey 134, Blk. A, corrected as per your instructions. Please file the same and furnish to Mrs. Ida Wolcott of Midland, Texas, a statement on the W 200 acres of said Survey 134 for the purpose of patenting.

As per instructions she will probably ask for a patent on the E part of Survey 124 as shown by these field notes. Hoping this is satisfactory, I beg to remain,

Obediently yours,

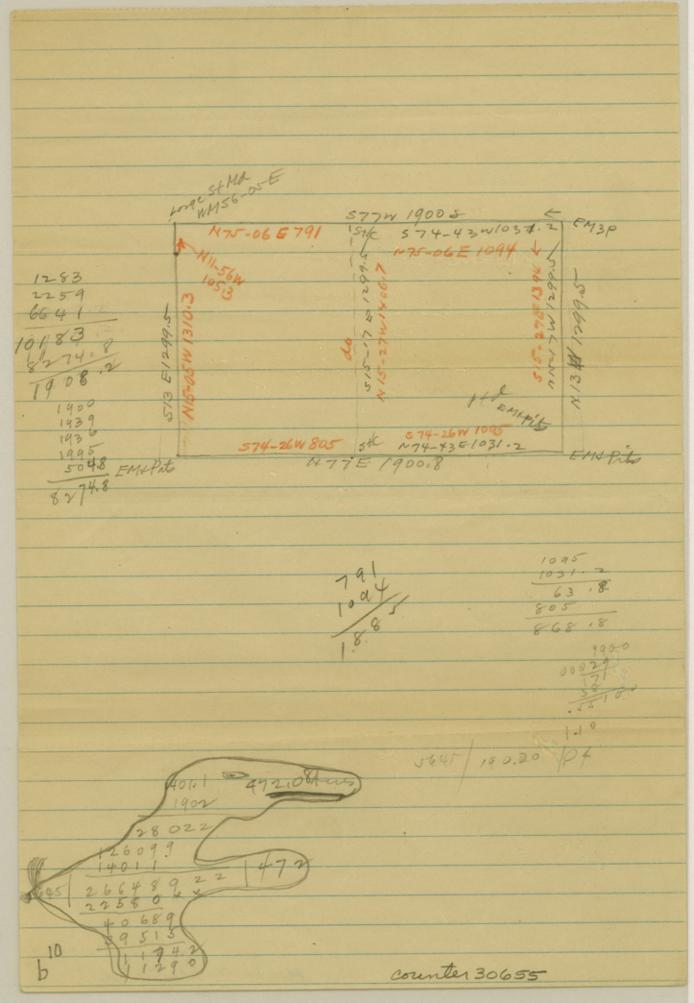
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Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The following is a report showing the facts as found on the ground relative to a survey of the Wolcott ranch lands situated in Martin County, Texas, which report is in connection with and support of said field notes mailed your office prior to this date.

First, the E line of League 245, 252, and 253, the line is placed on the ground by a judgement in the case of Jesse F. Cross et al. By said decree the E line of these leagues is located on and is a common line with the W line of Block 36, T & P Railroad Company lands.

The N line of leagues 253 and 254 and the W line of 254 is also a Court judgement line placed as the outcome of a suit of George W. Wolcott versus Birge-Forbes Company which lines are located now and have been located in accordance with said judgement.

The S line of League 245,246,247 and also the E line of Leagues 320, 322, and 325 located by a decree of the 53rd Judicial District in the case styled Edd Wilkinson et al vs. Jesse F Cross et al.

In locating the true W line of League 321, which is the E line of League 320, I find on the ground that the course and distance call from the SE corner of League 245 W to the NE corner of League 320 and in the same judgement the E line of League 320, 322,325 are said to be located upon coincident with the W line of Block 38, Tsp. 1 & 2 N, T & P RR lands, which judgement is at error.

The courts decree recites that the SE corner of League 325 is a stone mound from which a wind mill bears S 56°30'W, another wind mill bears S 69°49'E, D.O. S 5°35'E, which stone mound is located 6.4 varas W of a N-S fence and 5.4 varas S of a E-W fence near fence now where Scharbauer Cattle Company N Curtiss place and 10 B Holt estate and Frank Orson's pasture corner.

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Said stone mound was located and the wind mill S 56°30'W and the wind mill S 69°49' E are still there and the angle checks exactly. The one S 5°35' E is wither gone or the brush has grown so high it can not be seen.

Thence taking from this monument along the W side of N-S fence course N 15005' W at 5483 varas an old stone mound on W side of fence the NW corner of Survey 2 Tsp. 2 N B-38, T & P.

Thence continuing on same course at 7383varas an old stone mound 9.7 varas W of fence at 9285 varas an old stone mound 18 varas W of fence and in line with center of graded road to the E, which passes in front of the Woodward School house, and at 12487 varas an old stone mound 29 varas W of fence, which evidently was placed by the County Surveyor of Martin County, for the NW corner of 134, which is the last mark found on the line of lands that are covered by said judgement.

When this line N 15005' W is produced on N to a intersection with the S line of League xx 248 as located by said judgement, this line will fall 147.9 varas W of the present fence line and corner now claimed by the owners of League 320 as being the NE corner of 320 and said fence corner is 32 varas further W than the distance call for the Suurt in its judgement as being from the NE corner of League 320 to the SE corner of League 245, 15212 v varas.

So if the distance call from the SE corner of 245 will hold the NE corner of League 320 would be 179 varas E of the line herein above described as being that having been produced in accordance with the same judgement.

Therefore, by virtue of a physical error appearing in said judgement in order to disturb, replace or locate any vested right and improvements, the line as herein above mentioned being located almost parallel with the fence lines as they are now on the ground along the E line of League 325, 322 and 1/2 of the E line of 320, to the stone mound as mentioned herein above, which was placed as the NW corner of Survey 134, from that stone mound I turned and ran a course N 11°56' W 2583.7 varas to a fence corner for the NW corner of League 321, Garza County and the NE corner of League 320, Garza County School land.

This course as run along the W line of League 321 will create less disturbance than any other solution of this problem.

The last analysis of this discrepancy is, that either the distance call in the Courts decree from the SE 245 to the NE 320 or the E line of 325, 322, 320 being located upon and identical

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with the W line of Blk. 38, T & Pp will have to be rejected, so my solution was in accordance with the field notes which have been mailed you.

All of the rest of the lands are based upon the remaining evidences of the original survey and in accordance with monuments that have been placed and held more or less dignity and with the exception of the line along the W line of 321, all of the lines of the survey of the Wolcott lands are based either upon Courts judgement, and field notes, or both.

Hoping that you will file these notes for the Wolcotts, and that everything will be satisfactory, I am,

Obediently yours,

R. T. Bucy.

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4-7-30 Nov. 8, 1930 Mr. R. T. Bucy, Midland, Texas. Dear Sir: Your letter of Oct. 22nd., explains your procedure in establishing lines of League #321 and surveys adjoining it on the East and South in Martin County. I judge from your statements that in making this survey, you followed the boundary lines of surveys as recognized and accepted by the several land owners, with the thought in mind that if it were satisfactory to them, it would also be satisfactory to this department. This department desires to assist land owners whenever possible in properly locating and adjusting boundaries; but if the State is loser by such procedure, then of course, that plan could not be followed; in other words, the State's interests must be protected. If I were to accept the construction followed by you in this work, it would result in including in league #321, a strip of land approximately 77 varas wide and 2 mi. long properly belonging to the surveys to the Southward and giving to league 320, land in its NE corner which really belongs to league 321. This strip would be unsold public school land, and counter 30661

could be sold as such at any time in the future, even the your present set of field notes for league 321 include it. Accordingly, I make the following suggestions as to the location of surveys in question which will conform to the law:

You have correctly determined the position of the north line of league 321 extending S 75° 06' W from the SE corner of league 245; also the SW corner of said league 245. Therefore, the east line of league 321 should be determined by running S 75° 06' West 200 varas from the SW corner of league 245, turning 90° and then running S 14° 54' E 2500 varas for the SE corner of league 321. From this point, the South line of #321 should be established by running S 75° 06' W to an intersection with a projection Northward of the western boundary line of Block 38 Tsp 2-N T&P as determined by decree of court. The western line of this league 321 will be an extension northward of this same western boundary line of Blk 38.

The space between the T&P lands and league 321 will fall into surveys 130 thru 134. Survey 130 will take its position by running S 75° 06' W 500 varas for its NE corner; thence running S 14° 54' E until the T&P lands are reached, will give the east line. The excess East and West in Surveys 130-131 and 132 should be pro-rated between these 3 surveys, the SW corner of the latter being co-incident with the NW corner of Section 10 Blk 37 Tsp 2-N T&P Ry Co lands. Any excess to the Westward in an easterly and westerly direction should be pro-rated between surveys 133 and 134.

The result of this would be to make all these 5 surveys excessive in area; and the East part of 134 having been patented, will take its pro-rata part of

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this excess. That is to say, it will maintain the width in the patented field notes and will embrace the excess North and South which develops; consequently, this East portion of 134 will have a width of 1031.2 varas, its east and west lines being parallel. Corrected field notes for both the east and west parts are therefore required.

I note what you have to say in reference to the difficulty in getting owners of adjacent lands to agree on a construction which differs from that recognized on the ground by fence lines and private agreements. If it were possible, I would be glad to concur with you in this construction. But the State is not bound by such agreements and fence lines and our State courts would recognize them in any litigation. I am sure that you realize the difficulty that would arise if any oil development should take place in the vicinity of these surveys.

Very truly,

Commissioner

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Midland, Texas, June 9, 1930. Mr. J. H. Walker, Commissioner General Land Office. Austin, Texas. Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith you will please find a certified copy of the boundary agreement between George W. Wolkott, deceased, as owner of the Western part of League 321, and A. M. Woodward as owner of Surveys 133, 134, Block A, Public Free School Lands in Martin County, Texas; this certified copy being sent in accordance with your request some time ago. This boundary agreement is to be filed with the papers affected, asurvey which I have recently completed of the Wolcott lands, as it is referred to in the notes on this land, adjacent thereto. Thanking you for all past favors, I am, Yours truly.

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

This indenture made and entered into on this the third day of January, 1912, by, and between G. W. Wolcott of said County and State, as party of the first part, and A. M. Woodard of the County of Martin and State of Texas as party of the second part; witnesseth 1st.Party of the first part is the owner of what is known as the Rusk County School Land, the same being league No. 321 in Martin County, Texas, and said second party is the owner of Sections 133 and 134 lying directly South of the western end of said Rusk County School Land, these being surveys originally made for Simp Holloway. 2nd. The division fence between the parties hereto lies about two hundred and forty three feet north of the northest corner of said Section 133, which said corner is well marked as set out in the field notes thereof, and said fence is located about one hundred and ninety feet North of the Northeast corner of said Section 134 hereinbefore described, which said corner is well marked as set out in the field notes thereof, the field notes of both Sections being of record in the Surveyors records in Martin County, Texas, and said fence runs in practically a straight line near the North line of said Sections 133 and 134. 7

3rd. The said parties desire to permantly fix and locate the division line between them at the position of said line fence, located as hereinfebore described without regard to the true lines of said Sections of land and said Rusk County School Land, which said lines have been declared by decree of Court to be co-extensive with each other. It is therefore agreed by and between the parties hereto that the line between the Rusk County School Land and Sections 133 and 134 shall be and the same is held by the parties hereto to be the said fence hereinbefore particularly set out by distance from the Northest corner of Section 133 and the Northwest corner of Section 134 respectively, and do here and now agree that said fence shall from this time on be deemed and held to be the dividing line between the parties hereto, and to this end they each bind themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, No covenants of war-

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ranty that the foregoing are the true lines of said tracts of land are herein expressed or are to be implied by any statement herein. In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands on this third day of January 1912.

G. W. Wolcott

A. M. Woodard.

STATE OF TEXAS (
COUNTY OF MIDLAND)

Before me J. M. Caldwell, a Notary Public in and for Midland County, Texas, on this day personally appeared G. W. Wolcott and A. M. Woodard, each well known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he signed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of (SEAL) office on this the 30 day of March 1912.

J. M. Caldwell Notary Public,

Midland County, Texas.

Filed for record April 1, 1912 at 8 o'clock A. M. Recorded May 15, 1912 at 1 o'clock P. M.

H. Hamilton, Co. Clk. Martin Co. Tex.

By Ada Tom, Deputy.

COUNTY OF MARTIN. I, Jno. F. Epley, Clerka County Court, in and for Martin County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an agreement by and between G.W.Wolcott and A.M.Woodard, as the same appears of record in the deed records of Martin County, Texas, in Vol. 14, pages 136 et seq.,

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 6th day of June A. D. 1930.

CLERK COUNTY COURT, MARTIN COUNTY,

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