

Sir

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FIELD NOTES OF THE BOUNDARY
between
ARKANSAS AND THE CHOCTAW INDIAN LANDS
(Including the Choctaw Treaty Line)

Resurveyed

by

Henry E. McKee

U. S. Surveyor

under his contract with the Commissioner of
the General Land Office, Dated March 12 1877

Resurvey of the Boundary line

Commenced April 16, 1877

Completed May 24, 1877

Survey of the Choctaw treaty line

Commenced June 2, 1877

Completed July 9, 1877

Chain: Links:

80

Set temporary stake where I ought to find Brown and Jones Second Mile corner.

Finding no evidence of corner, I remeasured my whole line and differ from first measure only one link. I then continued a random line South to

83

82

a point 14 links East to Brown and Jones Second Mile Mound of

This mound and trenches are quite distinct and the evidence of the decayed post were found in place in the centre of the mound, so as to identify it beyond doubt without the old bearing trees, which I do not find.

Having thoroughly satisfied myself as to the identity of the mound, I reestablished it by setting a cast iron Boundary Post in the precise position of the old one and raising a mound according to my instructions viz:

Set cast iron Post 5 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long 4" diam.
Section octagonal, each surface 1.66" and marked by raised letters and figures on the surface. Strictly in accordance with diagram of Post furnished with instructions

North side "2 miles" South Side "1877"

East side "Ark", west side "Choc"

sunk it $2\frac{1}{2}'$ below natural surface and
raised mound $1\frac{1}{2}'$ sloping to a base of 5'.
Dug a trench 3' long, 2' wide and $1\frac{1}{2}'$
deep on the boundary line $1\frac{1}{2}'$ from base
of the mound on the North side and a
like trench on the South side.

From this Post a

red oak 10" in D. bears S 38 W 33 lks

P. oak 8 " N 32 lks

R. oak 12 " N 32 E $117\frac{1}{2}$ lks

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Conclude Jones and Brown made a mis-
take of 4 chains in offset.

Third Mile

Chain: Links:

South $1^{\circ}40'$ West on a random line variation
 $8^{\circ}50'$ East.

79

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To a point 20 links East of Brown and Jones old Third Mile Mound on the boundary line.

Their mounds and trenches are very distinct and easily identified as built according to Brown and Jones instructions without the aid of bearing trees no trace of which could be found.

The remains of the old post were also found in place in the mound wholly decayed This mound is also identified by Frank Parle and Capt. Reynolds, old residents of this neighborhood, as the one erected by Brown and Jones for their Third Mile Corner.

Distance on Treaty Line from a point due East of One hundred and twentieth mile boundary corner to the left bank of Red River is 4 miles and 49.66 chains.

Distance on Treaty line from Initial point to the left bank of Red River is 124 miles and 3.01 chains.

Distance from North end of Choctaw boundary in Arkansas river to the left Bank of Red River is 124 miles 29.16 chains.

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See Letter of August 21, 1877

Gov't Land Office

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Brown and Jones line is easily followed; their blazes are yet very plain; and there is occasionally found an old tree blazed differently from their usual manner, which marks are supposed to have been made when the line was originally run.

The mile mounds are generally very plain and well preserved.

The course to many of the old bearing trees was evidently read from the needle with no allowance for variation.

Generally the land along this entire line is rocky rough and mountainous and not fit for cultivation, except in the valleys of the larger streams which are not extensive.

Many of the fields and other improvements mentioned by Brown and Jones have since been abandoned and some new ones have been made. The mt. region abound in valuable pine timber, most of which is, however inaccessible to market, at least for the present.

The inhabitants of this country claim for it great mineral wealth but nothing of that character worthy of mention came to my notice. The country is generally supplied with pure water and seems healthy. (P.133)

FIELD NOTES OF RETRACEMENTS

We hereby certify that we assisted A. H. Jones and
H. M. C. Brown, U. S. Surveyors in resurveying, measuring and
remarking the Eastern Boundary Line of the Choctaw and Chick-
asaw Country, and that the said line has been in all respects
to the best of our knowledge and belief well and faithfully
surveyed and the Boundary Monuments planted according to the
instructions furnished by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Transit and Compassman.....J. M. Fairbanks
Sup't of Monuments.....Wm T. Brown
Chairman.....George W. Kise
"R. W. Johnson
"Eli Ward
"Chas. Kirkley
Flagman.....A. J. Ward
Axman.....James Hatchet
Axman.....Elijah Barnett
Axman.....David Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named persons
this 12th day of April 1858. Camp in the vicinity of Red Riv-
er, Sevier County, State of Arkansas.

Signed

A. H. Jones

U. S. Sur.

FIELD NOTES OF RETRACEMENTS

Field notes of the retracement of the boundary line between the Choctaw Nation and the state of Arkansas, from the 35th mile monument, South to Red River, as resurveyed in the year 1858, by Alfred H. Jones under this and Henry C. M. Brown's contract of the 13th day of October A.D. 1857, entered into with Charles E. Mix, acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs in behalf of the United States and under special instructions of the 8th January 1858. The Commissioner on the part of the state of Arkansas, for this part of the aforesaid Boundary line, was David F. Shall, who acted by appointment from Gov. Elias N. Conway, under commission bearing date 20th February 1858.

GENERAL EXPLANATIONS

In compliance with the request of David F. Shall Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, who commenced his official duties from the 35th mile corner.

We do further certify that the said old Boundary Line as originally surveyed by Jas. S. Conway in the months of November and December 1825, was found and conclusively identified by the old marks and corners, that ample evidence to establish its identity was discovered on each and every mile, except where the line runs across Walnut Prairie and Grassy Lake, on the 117th, 118th and 119th miles, a distance of two miles destitute of timber and that this said distance as run across open country is identical with the old line, and (P.44) correctly closed with the old blazed line and old bearing trees discovered in the timber South of said prairie and Lake.

We further certify that the said old Boundary line was rigidly followed, remarked and resurveyed, and that all mounds erected and mile posts established are placed precisely upon said old Boundary.

In establishing each mile great care has been taken to erect the mounds in the most durable manner. In 120 miles there has been built 44 stone monuments: the earth mounds are built of tenacious soil not liable to be destroyed and look as if they would endure for ages.

The posts are all selected from the most durable timbers

the woods afford. After their decay the monuments, and natural localities specified in the foregoing field notes, are sufficiently numerous, together with the Sectional and Township Connections to preserve the identity of each particular mile, without reference to the posts. The crossing of creeks, roads, the base and summit of mountains, their ascent and descent are carefully noted by measurement. The old line was run with considerable accuracy and directness, only small deflections occurring such as might reasonably be expected in a line run by a common surveyor's compass. It has been tested by a good Transit Instrument and great care taken to ascertain its correctness on the most dangerous mountain regions, where an error would be most likely to occur by local attraction and other causes. In no (P.45) instance can we report a serious deflection either to the East or West from the course upon which it was run.

The fundamental error exists in the erroneous variation upon which it was commenced, which is fully explained at the beginning of these and not necessary here to recapitulate.

Among the old timber the line was generally easy to trace, but through the smaller and younger growth and across the frequent clearings, it was not traceable. Its disappearance in these particular spots is owing entirely to the destruction of the old trees.

In the use of the Transit and Compass Instruments, with which this line has been resurveyed, all the readings of courses,

whether to Bearing trees or other objects, are given from the magnetic meridian, except in re-stating the courses of Conway's old bearing trees, in which particular cases an allowance of 8° East variation is made, in order to correspond with the old notes: that allowance having been originally made.

The reason for taking the bearings by the Magnetic Meridian, was to avoid possibility of error that might occur in the reading of the (vernier) plates, and in adding or subtracting the variation from the different courses.

The above statement is believed to be sufficient to satisfy the Commissioner and the Executive Authority of the state of Arkansas in connection (p.46) with the foregoing field notes.

Given near Red River in the Southwest Corner of Sevier County State of Arkansas this 12th day of April A.D. 1858

A. H. Jones

H. M. C. Brown

U. S. Surveyors

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I, David F. Shall Commissioner of the State of Arkansas, acting by appointment from Gov. Elias N. Conway, under commission of February 20th 1858, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages, one (1) to forty two (42) are the true and correct field notes as copied by me from the original, of the resurvey and retracement of the Boundary line between the State of Arkansas and the Choctaw Nation, from the 35th mile station south to Red River, as re-traced by A. H. Jones and H. M. C. Brown, U. S. Surveyors, under their contract of Oct. 13th 1857 with Chas. E. Mix acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs and instructions from him of Oct. 13th 1857 and January 8th 1858.

I further certify that all that portion of the line which was resurveyed under my supervision as such commissioner was executed with fidelity and accuracy that it is remarked in a permanent manner by conspicuous blazes: that it is perpetuated by durable posts, mounds of earth, monuments of stone and bearing trees at the mile posts and the Sectional and Township intersections (P.47) and that in short the contract and instructions aforesaid have been complied with.

I further certify that from the time of my arrival at the Camp of the Surveyors, their operations in the field passed under my scrutiny: that every mile of the Boundary examined by me was found to be re-established precisely where it was originally run in the year 1825 by Jas. S. Conway, U. S. Surveyor:

that this was fully verified and ascertained to be so by either old mile corners, old line trees, or old blazes, which were found in abundance on each and every mile throughout to Red River, except where it crosses Walnut Prairie and Grassy Lake on the 117th, 118th, and 119th miles: that the line across said prairie and lake was established by extending it from the old line of blazes on the North to those on the South side of said Prairie and Lake the old corners and line trees of Conway's which were found both to the north and south of Prairie and Lake, fully identifying the line and fixing the fact of its accuracy as established through those places.

The permanent object of my appointment was to see and be satisfied that the original boundary lines as surveyed by Jas. S. Conway in the year 1825, and always recognized as the only true boundary line between the state of Arkansas and the Choctaw Nation, was accurately retraced and reestablished, in accordance with the instructions given to the contracting surveyors under date of January 8th 1858, by Chas. E. Mix Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with this object, accordingly constantly in view, my inspection of the work (P.48) as it progressed, was directed mainly to that point. This object having been attained to my full satisfaction, I therefore so certify.

Signed at Camp near Red River, Sevier County State of Arkansas this 13th day of April A.D. 1858.

David F. Shall

Commissioner of Arkansas of

Bdy, between Arkansas and
the Choctaw Nation

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Department of the Interior

Washington, Oct. 3^o 1857

Sir:

I am about to cause the boundaries of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Country as established by the 1st Art. of the treaty of June 22^o 1855 (a copy of which is enclosed) to be run, and marked in a substantial manner.

As the Eastern boundary of this Indian Country bears an intimate relation to the Western boundary of your state, the two boundaries evidently intended to be identical, I deem it proper to acquaint you of the intention of this department that you may take such steps, toward an inspection of the running of the line in question, as you may deem for the interest of the state of Arkansas.

I am sir, respectfully,

Your ob Sev't,

J. Thompson

Secretary

To Hon.

Elias N. Conway

Gov. of Ark.

Ordinance No. 894

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND ANNEXING CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, TO THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Fort Smith Arkansas.:

Whereas the County Court of Sebastian County for the Fort Smith District did on the 27th day of May 1909 make an order to annex and authorizing the annexation of certain contiguous territory adjacent and contiguous to the city of Fort Smith, in Sebastian County, Arkansas;

This order and decree having been appealed to the Circuit Court of the Fort Smith district of Sebastian County Arkansas, and was by that court in all things confirmed and decreed that the judgment of the County Court as first made in said matter be of full force and effect, which Circuit Court decree was made and entered of record on the 2nd day of November, 1909. And,

It is also ordered by the County Court that all territory as herein ordered by the Circuit Court be annexed and made a part of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, which contiguous territory lies and is situated between the present city limits of the said City of Fort Smith, Arkansas and the following boundary lines, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection point of the south line of Section 20, Twp. 8 N, Range 32 W, Sebastian County, Arkansas, and on the said line between Arkansas and Oklahoma; thence East to the S.E. corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21 thence South to the NW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28; thence East to the SW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27; thence South to the South line of section 27. Thence East to the SE corner of Section 27; thence North to the NE corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22; thence North to the NE corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14; thence East to the SW corner of Section 12; thence North to the NE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11; thence thence west to the SW corner of the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11 all in Twp. 8 North, Range 32 West, Sebastian County Arkansas; thence North to the NE corner of the West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 Twp. 9 North Range 32 West said County and State; thence west to center of Section 35; thence South to the south line of Section 34; thence west along the south line County and state, to the center channel of the Arkansas River; thence South along the center channel of the Arkansas River to its intersection with the Roteau River to the middle of Mill Creek; thence southeasterly along the middle of Mill Creek to its intersection with the State line between Arkansas and Oklahoma; thence South to point of beginning.

Section II That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and approved December 6, 1909.

Attest: D.B. Sparks, City Clerk

W.J. Johnson, Mayor

Act 87

"An Act to extend the western boundary line of Sebastian County, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Section

1. Extends western boundary line of Sebastian County.
2. Lands embraced in territory made a part of the Fort Smith District.
3. Act in force from passage.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas:

Section 1. That the western boundary line of Sebastian County, Arkansas be an the same is hereby extended so as to embrace all that tract of land ceded to the State of Arkansas by Act of the National Congress and approved by the President of the United States on February 11, 1905, and more particularly described in said Act as follows; namely:

That strip of land in the Indian Territory lying and being situated between the Arkansas state line adjacent to the City of Ft. Smith Arkansas, and and the Arkansas and Poteau Rivers, described as follows, namely: Beginning at a point on the south bank of the Arkansas River one hundred paces east of Old Fort Smith, where the western boundary line of the State of Arkansas crosses the said river, and running southwesterly along the south bank of the Arkansas River to the mouth of the Poteau; thence at right angles with the Poteau River to the center of the current of the said river; thence southerly up the middle of the current of the Poteau River (except where the Arkansas State line intersects the Poteau River) to a point in the middle of the current of the Poteau River opposite the mouth of Mill Creek, and where it is intersected by the middle of the current of Mill Creek; thence up the middle of Mill Creek to the Arkansas State line; the- thence northerly along the Arkansas State line to the point of beginning.

Section 2. That all the lands embraced and described in section 1 of this act are hereby declared to be and are made a part of the Fort Smith District of Sebastian County, Arkansas, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Section 3. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 14, 1905.

Department of the Interior

Office of Indian Affairs

November 7th 1857

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 24th ultimo, upon the subject of the contemplated survey of the Eastern boundary of the Choctaw country as described in the 1st article of the Choctaw treaty of January 20th 1825 which by a subsequent treaty with the Cherokees of May 6th 1828, was established at the Western boundary of the State of Arkansas, and in reply to the various inquiries you have presented, I would remark that the apparent discrepancy between the treaties of 1825 and 1855, in relation to the initial point of the Eastern line of the Choctaw country, near "Fort Smith" now "Old Fort Smith", will be satisfactorily remedied by the gentlemen who are entrusted with the execution of these surveys, as their instructions require them to repair the original monument at the Initial Point near Old Fort Smith, before proceeding with the survey of the boundary mentioned, and consequently the recent treaty of 1855 has been so construed as to confirm the original initial point as specified in the treaty of 1825 and therefore the western line of Arkansas as established by the Cherokee treaty of 1828 will not be disturbed by the contemplated surveys, if the line was correctly run at first.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a contract executed on the 13th ultimo with Messrs. Alfred H. Jones and Henry M. C. Brown for the survey of certain boundaries therein mentioned, also a copy of the instructions issued to them, by this office, of the same date, and I would respectfully suggest, that in case, the gentlemen whom you may designate to represent the State of Arkansas should require any additional information, he can procure same from said Jones and Brown, or Daniel Major Esq. who has been appointed Astronomer for the purpose of determining such astronomical points as may be required for the completion of the surveys.

Mr. Brown informs me that the expedition will probably be in Fort Smith between the first and twentieth of December next, where they will be pleased to communicate with the representative of your state upon all matters connected with the boundaries to which you refer.

Very respectfully,

Your obdt Serv't

J. W. Denver

Commissioner

His Excellency

Elias N. Conway

Governor

Little Rock,

Arkansas

Ultima Thule, Apl. 3rd 1858

His Excellency

Gov. Elias N. Conway

Dear Sir:

I regret to have to inform you that I was not able to join Messrs: Jones' and Brown's surveying party until they had reached the Mountain Fork of Little River, on the 62nd mile. This was owing in the first place to sickness, in the second to Mr. Williams' breaking of camp, and in the 3rd to high water.

From the 62nd to the 94th mile--the latter being the point to which the old boundary line has been re-traced--I have been careful to see that the original line as surveyed in 1825 by Downs, has been followed. In some instances the old corners had been destroyed, not a vestige remaining and here and there the old blazes had disappeared, for short intervals on account of the destruction of the timbers by wind and fire, but on no mile that has been re-surveyed have we failed, thus far, to find satisfactory evidence to prove that we were upon the old line and had reestablished it. We find also that it is practically a straight one, the small deflection only amounting to what the slight variation of the needle would cause.

The great care observed by Mr. Brown the surveyor, and Mr. Jones and Fairbanks his gentlemanly assistants, in searching for, identifying and adhereing rigidly to the old line makes my duties very easy.

The only delay that has occurred in the progress of the re-tracement has been on account of the disappearance or obliteration of distinguishing marks in the vicinity and passage through the early border settlements and this has taken place only three times, since leaving Ward's at the 35th mile, once on the 62nd mile after crossing the Mountain Fork, whence the boundary runs between the farms of Nichols on the Arkansas side and Zwigg on the Choctaw side. Here there was a heated controversy, and great caution was observed and much time spent in determining its exact location.

Again it happened on the 68th mile at Mason's, but here the settlement was only on the Arkansas side and there was no dispute. Lastly at this place--Mrs. McKean's "on the 92nd and 93rd miles the entire effacement of the line by its passing through fields and sparsely timbered woods caused some anxiety which however was entirely removed, after the line was permanently fixed by the confirmatory tradition of the neighborhood.

If no serious accident occurs, or insurpassable obstacle intervenes, the survey will be closed at Red River by the 15th of this month.

I rec'd notice from Mr. Williams of his having left with you credit of deposit on my account as covered for \$48.99.

Very Respectfully your friend,

Daniel F. Shall

Bdy Comm. for Ark.

Fort Smith Ark. Jany 22-'58

His Excellency

Elias N. Conway

Governor of Arkansas

Sir:

I have been informed officially by Mr. Jones, U. S. Surveyor of the receipt by him of instructions from the Department of the Interior, which modify those originally given by the adoption of a new construction of the treaty of 1855 between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.

These new instructions direct him to retrace the line run by Mr. Downes in 1824, without regard to the true meridian running through a point one hundred paces East of old Fort Smith.

I have no instructions from the Executive of Arkansas except a verbal message delivered by Mr. Palbott special messenger from Washington as coming from K. H. Johnson Esq. your private Secretary, that the new instructions from the Department of the Interior, would not change my duties as Commissioner. I wrote on the 19th Inst. immediately after receiving Mr. Jones information to Governor Tandy Walker of the Choctaw Nation requesting that the Choctaw Commissioners should meet me here for conference upon these new instructions, especially as they would follow an agreement entered into on the 10th Jany 1858 between them and myself, by which the initial point of the boundary was fixed, and its direction declared to be a due south line from that point to Red River.

I enclose the written agreement herewith. I also enclose 9 letters from Governor Tandy Walker in answer to my letter of 19th Inst. by which he informs me that there are no commissioners now in office. Those who wrote me on the 9th Jany, having discharged their duty, their report having been favorably received, have ceased to hold office by Expiration of Commission.

I very respectfully request that you will deliver me from the duties of Boundary Commissioner. I am indebted for this honourable appointment to your kindness and good feelings for me rather than to my merit. I am grateful for the honour and for your confidence. I could not retire from it without very urgent cause, and the cause has been produced by the late instructions from Washington.

It is hardly necessary that I should remain here mostly to certify that an old line of blazed trees have been followed. Many a better woodsman than myself can be found, therefore I am out of position. Moreover and especially I wish to be relieved because as I have never regarded myself as a mere blind agent to carry out instructions, nor as deprived by your appointment of my individual right to judge form opinions and to act upon them. So--I cannot conscientiously take part in any action based upon the interpretation given by the Sec'y of the Interior to the Choctaw and Chickasaw treaty of 1855. I cannot destroy my personal and professional reputation by subscribing to surveys which I have ascertained to be inaccurate.

No opinion--no instruction emanating from the Department of the Interior can ever in my opinion transmute a line inaccurately run into a line running strictly in compliance with the terms of a treaty. The simple fact is this--The line defining the Eastern Choctaws boundary in the treaty of Jan'y 20th 1825 has never been run that line of course exists, although it has never been blaze marked nor run and its southern point on Red River referred to in the treaty of May 6th 1828 also exists although there is no mark made to indicate it. Mr. Downs did not run the Choctaw line in accordance with the Treaty of 1825--he did not run a due South line. Therefore his line is not the line of the treaty of 1855--these two treaties defining the line in identical terms. It is my duty to superintend and see that the line is run in accordance with the treaty--therefore--I cannot subscribe nor certify to Mr. Down's line which is no more in accordance with the treaty than if he had commenced at the initial point on the Arkansas River and had run a South East or a Southwest line. Whether Mr. Down's line takes off territory from the State of Arkansas or takes away lands belonging to the Choctaws is no question for me--no point in my argument. I can only satisfy myself to superintending and seeing that the true line is run.

Mr. Major, the United States Astronomer and myself have made and compared very carefully astronomical observations for the strict determination of a true meridian--of these observations and of all other acts connected with my duty as

Commissioner I shall have the honour to make a full report to you at an early date.

For the reason that I wish you not to be embarrassed nor amazed by the absence of a representative of the state, I will accompany Mr. Jones the surveyor to see that he follow his last instructions disclaiming any endorsement by this of the line he may run, and I will continue with him until you appoint my successor in office. I earnestly request that you will make this appointment at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Yr. Obt. Servt.

Q. D. Williams

Boundary Commissioner

ORDINANCE NO. 1540.

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PURCHASE LAND BETWEEN THE POTEAU RIVER AND THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD, COMMONLY KNOWN AS COKE HILL, FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS:

That the sum of \$10,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the parks and playgrounds fund, for the purchase of land lying between the Poteau River and the Missouri Pacific Railroad, commonly known as Coke Hill, for a public park; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to draw warrants therefor payable out of the parks and playgrounds fund, to the proper parties, upon the approval of the titles and delivery of good and sufficient deeds to said land.

Passed and adopted this the 14 day of Sept.
1929.

Fagan Bourland.
MAYOR

ATTEST: Geo J Carnall.
CITY CLERK

Ordinance
Appropriating \$10,000⁰⁰
to Purchase Coke Hill

FIELD NOTES OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY
OF THE CHOCTAW LANDS IN THE
TERRITORY OF ARKANSAS

Surveyed by

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1825

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IN THE TERRITORY OF ARKANSAS

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1825

Chain: Link: Ft. Smith 2nd Nov. 1825

This day started the line forming the Eastern boundary of the Choctaw lands in the Territory of Arkansas.

Beginning at the most easterly part of Fort Smith, thence east one hundred paces to a stake, from which a Red oak 28" in diameter bears N. 77 E 157 links, thence North.

7 16 A Black walnut 10 ins in diameter

25 30 To the bank of the Arkansas river which runs a few degrees east of north, where set a stake from which a Cottonwood tree marked thus (C. T. L.) 12 ins in dia. bear S 50 W 23 links and another Cottonwood tree marked thus (U. S. L.) 16 ins. in diameter. S 7 E 62 links. From thence returned to the corner established one hundred paces East of Fort Smith, thence due south.

25 85 A Hackberry 10 in. in diameter

52 50 Set a stake corner for miles 1 and 2 from which a Black walnut marked thus (U.S.L.) 12 in. in diameter bears S 32 E 12 links and a Red oak 24 in. in diameter marked thus

Chains: Link: (1 M.C.T.L.) bears N 3L W 47 links. The land of this mile first 20 chains rich river bottom ballance rolling upland soil good. Timber Oak, Hickory, Elm, etc.

Nov. 3, 1825 This day arranged the camp equipage and provisions for packing and removing camp 1 mile.

Nov. 4, 1825

South on the 2nd mile

4	00	A black oak 28 in. in diam.
35	50	To the river Poteau runs a few degrees west of North
61	75	Left the Poteau, runs north and comes from the South west.
73	50	To Mill Creek 75 links wide runs West
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 2 and 3 from which a Spanish oak marked thus (2m. C.T.L.) 20 inches in diameter bears N L8 W 68 links and a Burr Oak marked thus (2m. U.S.L.) 16 in. in diameter bears S 32 E 31 links Land rolling soil 2nd rate Timber <u>Oak, Hickory and some</u> walnut.

South on the 3rd mile

20	59	A Post oak 30 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 3 and 4 from which a post oak marked thus (3m. (T.L.) 12 ins. in

Chain: Link: diameter bears S 86 W 5 links and a Ditto marked thus (3m. U.S.L.) 12 in. in diameter bears N 32 E 28 links--Land rolling, thin soil. Timber post oak

South on 4th mile

31 13 A post oak 9 inches in diameter
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 4 and 5 from which a post oak 9 ins. in diameter marked thus (4m. C.T.L.) bears N 38 W 63 links and a ditto 8 ins. in diameter marked thus (4m. U.S.L.) bears S 53 E 6 links. Land rolling, soil thin, timber post oak.

South on 5th mile

45 80 A Hickory 12 inches in diameter
80 00 Set a stake for miles 5 and 6 from which a Post oak marked thus (5m. U.S.L.) 9 in. in diameter bears S 55 E 42 links and a ditto 11 inches in diameter marked thus (5m. C.T.L.) bears N. 25 W 39 Links.

Land and Timber the same as last mile

South on the Sixth Mile

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 6 and 7 from which a post oak marked thus (6m. U.S.L.) 7 in. in diameter bear N. 31 E. 25 links and a Ditto 8 in. in diameter marked thus (6m. C.T.L.) bears S 22 W 24 links. Lands rolling, thin soil, timber Oak and Hickory.

Chain: Link: Nov. 5th, 1825

South on the 7th mile

22 65 A Post 14 inches in diameter
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 7 and 8 from which
a Post oak 11 ins. in diameter bears S 43 E 60
links and a ditto 14 inches in diameter bears
N 46 W 65 Links. Land gently rolling, thin soil
Timber oak and Hickory.

South on the 8th mile

21 50 A brook 15 links wide runs west.
48 86 A Post oak 24 ins. in diameter
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 8 and 9 from which
a Post oak 12 inches in diameter bears S 56 W
75 links and a ditto 16 ins. in diameter bears
N 52 E. 13 Links.
Land at part of good soil. Timber oak, hickory,
elm and ash and other part thin soil Timber Oak.

South on the 9th mile

00 50 Entered Prairie----E and W
45 00 Left the prairie----E and W
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 9 and 10 from which
a Post oak 10 ins. in diameter bears S 71 W 22
Links and A Burr oak 16 ins. in diameter bears
N 62 E 70 links
Land level. 2nd rate soil
N $\frac{1}{2}$ Prairie S $\frac{1}{2}$ Timber of Oak, Hickory, Elm and Ash.

Chain: Link: South on the 10th mile

52 35 A Post oak 12 inches in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 10 and 11 from which
P. Oak 16 ins. in diameter N 23 E 37 links and a
ditto 15 ins. in diameter bears S 9 W 62 Links.
Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber Oak.

South on the 11th mile

57 34 A Post Oak 14 inches in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 11 and 12 from which
a Post oak 8 ins. in diameter bears S 62 E 74 links
Land rolling, thin soil. Timber oak and hickory.

South on the 12th mile

41 10 A Post oak 14 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 12 and 13 from which
a Post oak 16 inches in diameter bears N 43 E 19
links and a D (ditto) 10 ins. in diameter bears
S 35 W 41 links.

Land hilly and poor. Timber Oak and Hickory

Nov. 6th, 1825

South on the 13th mile

39 86 A post oak 16 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 13 and 14 from which
Black Jack 9 inches in dia. bears N 6----23 links
and a D (ditto) 8 in. in diameter bears N 83 W
12 links. Land hilly, stony, poor. Timber: oak
and Black Jack.

South on the 14th mile

Chain: Link: South on the 14th mile

31 25 A post oak 7 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 14 and 15 from
which a Post oak 17 inches in diameter bears
N 34 W 39 Links and a D 20 ins. in diameter
bears S 27 E 34 Links. Land rolling, soil
thin. Tim. Oak, Hickory, and ash.

South on the 15th mile

44 78 A Post oak 15 ins. in diameter

74 50 A brook 15 links wide runs N.W.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 15 and 16 from
which an elm tree 7 ins. in diameter bears S
36 W 38 links and a D (ditto) 11 ins. in dia-
meter bears N 49 E 61 links. Land same as
last mile.

South on 16th mile

36 17 A Red Oak 9 ins. in diameter

61 42 A creek 100 links wide runs west called Gaines
fork of the Poteau

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 16 and 17 from which
a Red Oak 6 ins. in diameter bears N 79 West 13
links and a D 12 ins. in diameter bears S 72 east
16 Links. Land $N\frac{1}{2}$ rolling and Poor, $S\frac{1}{2}$ level good
soil. Timber Oak and Hickory some Elm and Walnut
with cane on the creek.

Chain: Link: Nov. 7th, 1825

South on the 17th mile

44	26	A Post oak 15 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake for the corner of miles 17 and 18 from which a P. oak 14 ins. in diameter bears S 48 E 39 links and a ditto 16 ins. in diameter N 55 W 28 links--Lands hilly, stony and poor. Timber Oak some pine.

South on the 18th mile

56	18	A Post Oak 8 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 18 and 19 from which a sweet gum bears S 80 W 52 links. No oth- er tree near. Land rolling and poor South half brushy barren.

South on 19th mile

32	89	A post oak 15 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake for the corner of miles 19 and 20 from which a post oak 7 ins. in diameter bears S 75 E 38 Links and a B. oak 14 ins. in diameter bears N 45 W 20 Links. Land gently rolling, thin soil Timber Oak and Hickory. Very brushy.

South on 20th mile

45	55	A Post oak 9 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake for the corner of miles 19 and 20 from which a post oak 7 ins. in diameter bears S 75 E 38 Links and a B. oak 14 ins. in diameter bears N 45 W 20 Links. Land gently rolling thin soil Timber oak and Hickory. Very brushy.

Chain: Link: South on 20th mile

45 55 A post oak 9 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake for the corner of miles 20 and 21
from which a Post oak 7 ins. in diameter bears
S 78 W 13 Links and a D. 16 ins. in diameter
bears N 63 E 42 links. Land rolling and poor
Timber Oak

South on 21st mile

30 03 A B. oak 9 ins. in diameter

78 50 A Brook 20 links wide runs W

80 00 Set a stake for the corner of miles 21 and 22
from which a Black locust 11 ins. in diameter
bears N 88 E 18 links and a post oak 10 ins.
in diameter bears S 85 W 20 links. Land most-
ly level, good soil, thinly timbered with oak
and Hickory some brushy Frairie.

South on 22nd mile

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 22 and 23 from
which a B. oak 7 inches in diameter bears N 14
E 15 links and a P oak 15 ins. in diam. bears
S 40 W 42 links. Land level brushy and briery
(sic) soil good. Timber Oak and Hickory and
some Elm.

Nov. 8th, 1825

South on the 23rd mile

33 27 A Pine 16 inches in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 23 and 24 from

Chain: Link: which a Pine 12 ins. in diameter S 71 E 40 links and a Post oak 8 ins. in diam. bears N 66 W 37 links. Land mountainous, stony and poor. Timber Oak and Pine

South on the 24th mile

65	18	A Pine 10 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 24 and 25 from which a P. oak 20 ins. in diam. bears S 46 W 17 links and a D. 11 ins. in diam. bears N 50 E 49 links. Land same as last mile.

Nov. 9th, 1825

Spent this day in hunting pack horses that had run away.

Nov. 10th, 1825

South on the 25th mile

53	50	To the top of a perpendicular bluff 30 ft. high
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 25 and 26 from which a pine 7 in. in diam. bears S 88 W 18 links and a D. 6 ins. in diameter bears N 88 E 5 links. Land and timber same as last mile.

South on 26th mile

45	52	A Pine 5 ins. in diameter.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 26 and 27 from which a P. oak 20 ins. in diam. bears S 60 W 28 links and a D 12 ins. in diameter bears N 26 E 49 links. Land same as last mile.

Chain	Link:	South on the 27th mile
50	04	A Pin Oak 14 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 27 and 28
		from which an Elm 8 ins. in diam. bears S 70 E
		74 links is other tree near. Land N $\frac{1}{2}$ rolling
		and poor S $\frac{1}{2}$ level good soil. Tim. oak, hickory
		and elm.

Nov. 11, 1825

		South on the 28th mile
34	00	A creek 50 links wide runs west.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 28 and 29 from which
		a Black Gum 14 ins. in diam bears S 43 E 84 links
		and a pine 22 ins. in diam. bears N 50 W 18 links
		Land mostly level, good soil. Timber Oak, Hick-
		ory Elm and very Brushy.

		South on the 29th mile
35	28	A Post oak 13 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 29 and 30 from
		which an Elm 9 ins. in diam bears N 25 E 13 links
		and a Hickory 5 ins. in diam. bears S 35 W 13
		links, Land same as above. Timber same with ce-
		dars.

		South on the 30th mile
28	62	A P. oak 16 in. in Diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 30 and 31 from
		which a pine 18 ins. in diam. bears S 75 W 29
		links. Land stony and poor. Timber oak, pine

Chain: Link: and some cedar.

Nov. 12th, 1825

South on the 31st mile

34	84	A P. Oak 8 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 31 and 32 from which a B. oak 15 ins. in diam. bears N 8 W 23 links and a Oak 12 ins. in diam bears S 34 " 20 Lks. Land mountainous, stony and Poor. Timber oak and pine.

South on the 32nd mile

31	72	A pine 14 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 32 and 33 from which a P. oak 10 ins. in diam. bears S 48 W 8 Links. Land same as last mile.

South on the 33rd mile

50	80	A Pine 15 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 33 and 34 from which a Pine 24 ins. in diam. bears S 85 E 34 Links and a D 22 ins. in Diam. bears S 59 W 54 links. Land Tim. similar to the last mile.

Nov. 13th, 1825

This day it is required all hands to remove
camp across the mountain.

Nov. 14th, 1825

South on the 34th mile

Chain: Link:

37 21 A P. oak 12 ins. in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 34 and 34 from
which a Pine 8 ins. in Diam bears S 62 W 39
Links and a D 10 ins. in diam. bears N 65 E 14
links. Land rolling, Stony and poor. Tim.
oak and pine.

South on 35th mile

28 00 A Pine 11 ins. in diam.
47 39 A creek 30 links wide runs west.
75 50 A creek 150 links wide rund West, Supposed to be
the Foteau
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 35 and 36 from which
an Elm 14 ins. in Diam bears S 63 E 19 Links.
Land mostly rolling, stony and poor, Timber Oak
and Pine 20 chains on S encl. rich creek bottom
Timber Oak, Hickory, Elm and etc.

South on the 36th mile

10 00 To a lake 150 links wide bears NE and SW
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 36 and 37 from
which A S. gum 12 inches in diameter bears N 27
E 54 links and a D 16 inches in diameter bears
S 32 W 40 links. Land mostly rich bottom. Tim
oak, Hickory, Elm and Ash and some under brush.

Nov. 15th, 1825

South on the 37th mile

14 50 A creek 20 links wide runs S.W.

Chain: Link:

33 75 A. Burr Oak 24 ins. in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 37 and 38 from
which a Pine 11 ins. in diam. bears N 56 E 40
links and a Ditto 14 ins. in Diam. bears S 64
W 22 links. Land N $\frac{1}{2}$ good soil Tim. Oak, Hick-
ory, Elm. S $\frac{1}{2}$ hilly stony and poor Timber Oak
and pine.

South on the 38th mile

58 69 A P. Oak 14 ins. in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 38 and 39 from
which a pine 14 ins. in Diam. bears N 88 W 32
links and a D. 18 ins. in diam. bears N 65 E 81
links. Land hilly, stony and poor Tim. Oak and
pine very crushy.

South on 39th mile

35 66 A pine 14 inches in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 39 and 40 from
which a B. oak 8 ins. in diam. bears N 54 E 30
links and a P. oak 7 ins. in diam bears N 31 W
30 Lk. Land high stony poor hills Timber Oak
and pine.

South on 40th mile

38 36 A P. Oak 10 inches in diam
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 40 and 41 from which
a B. oak 12 inches in Diam. bears N 53 W 40 lks
and a D 11 ins. in diam. bears S 71 E 17 lks.
Land and Timber similar to last described.

Chain: Link: South on 41st mile

40 83 A Pine 16 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 41 and 42 from
which a B. Walnut 9 in. in diam. bears S 60 W
42 links and a Hickory 7 ins. in diam bears
N 72 E 20 links--Land and Timber similar to the
last except the last 10 chains, which is rich
bottom, Timber Oak, Elm, Hickory.

Nov. 16th, 1825

South on the 42nd mile

10 00 A creek 20 links wide runs S. E.

43 00 Same creek 50 links runs west

47 39 A pine 12 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 42 and 43 from
which a Black Jack 7 ins. in Diam. bears N 61
E 33 links and a D. 10 ins. in diam. bears S 47
W 26 links--Land N $\frac{1}{2}$ rich creek bottom, S $\frac{1}{2}$ poor
stony pine ridges. Timb. oak, Hickory and Elm.

South on the 43rd mile

36 67 A pine 15 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 43 and 44 from
which a P. oak 13 ins. in diam. bears S 61 W 38
links and a D. 16 ins. in diam N. 88 E 37 links
Land hilly, stoney (sic) and poor Timber Oak
and Pine.

South on the 44th mile

29 00 A creek 75 links wide runs west supposed to be
Rocky ford of Poteau

47 91 A pine 15 ins. in diam

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 44 and 45 from
which a P. oak 12 ins. in diam. bears S 58 W 28
lks. and a pine 30 ins. in diam bears N 79 E 21
lks. Land and Timber same as last described

South on the 45th mile

32 24 A P Oak 15 ins. in diam

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 45 and 46 from
which a pine 20 ins. in diam. bears S 35 E 32
links and a P. oak 10 ins. in diameter bears
N 19 W 31 links. Land high hills, stony,
brushy and poor; timber oak and pine.

Nov. 17, 1825

South on the 46th mile

33 50 A Spring branch runs N.E.

35 73 A B. oak 12 ins. in diam.

39 00 The same spring branch runs N.W.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 46 and 47 from
which a W oak 7 ins. in diam. bears N 58 W 23 lks.
and a D. 12 ins. in diam bears S 73 E 24 links
Land mountainous, brushy, stony and poor. Tim-
ber oak and pine.

South on the 47th mile

43 00 A Pine 11 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 47 and 48 from

Chain: Link: which a B. oak 14 ins. in diam. bears N 50 E 8 links and a Pine 8 ins. in Diam. bears S 53 W 24 links--Land and Timber same as last described.

South on the 48th mile

14	31	A creek 50 links wide runs west
43	17	A Hickory 18 inches in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 48 and 49 from which a Hickory 7 in. in diam bears N 52 E 32 links and a Sasafras 8 in. in diam. bears S 38 W 35 links. Land mountainous, stony and poor Timber Oak, Hickory, and some Pine

November 18th, 1825

South on the 49th mile

38	31	A B. oak 10 inches in diam.
50	00	A creek 10 links wide runs E. Supposed to be a branch of the Washita river.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 49 and 50 from which a R. oak 10 inches in diam. bears S 65 W. 27 links and a ditto 9 inches in diam. bears N 46 E 19 links--Land and Timber same as last described with addition of Beech timber.

South on the 50th mile

40	50	A W. oak 13 inches in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 50 and 51 from which a B. oak 9 ins. in diameter bears N 64 E 36 links and a pine 8 inches in diam. bears S 51 W 24 lks. Land mountainous, stony, brushy and poor.

Chain: Link: Tim. Oak, Hickory, Pine and some Chinquapin

South on 51st mile

30 61 A W. oak 16 inches in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 51 and 52 from
which a P. oak 10 in. in diam. bears N 41 E 80
Links and a D 11 inches in diam. bears S 55
W 6 links--Lands hilly, stony, brushy and poor.
Timber Oak Hickory, and Pine.

South on 52nd mile

41 42 A Black gum 11 inches in diam.

52 75 A creek 75 links wide runs E called the Mountain
Fork of Little River.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 52 and 53 from which
a B. oak 24 inches in diam. bears S 68 E 16 lks.
and a W. oak 14 inches in diam. bears S. 50 W 59
links--Land hilly, brushy, stony and poor. Timb.
Oak, Hickory and Pine. Some rich bottom on the
creek.

Nov. 19, 1825

South on the 53rd mile

52 84 A. Burr oak 17 in. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 53 and 54 from
which a B. oak 14 in. in diam. bears S 27 W 21
links and a pine 28 inches in diam. bears N 63
E 48--Land quite rolling, stony, brushy, and
poor. Timb. oak and pine.

Chain: Link: South on the 54th mile

32 24 A Black Gum 16 inches in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 54 and 55 from which a B. Oak 18 inches in diameter bears S 59 E 39 links and a B. Gum 14 in. diam. bears N 40 W 83 links. Land mountainous, stony, brushy and poor. Timb. Oak, pine and Chinquipan

South on the 55th mile

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 55 and 56 from which a B. oak 15 inches in diam. bears N. 22 E. 45 links and a P. oak 11 ins. in diam. bears S 52 W 37 links. Land mountainous, stony and poor. Timber oak, Hickory, Pine and Chinquipin.

Nov. 20th, 1825

This day came to a caney creek bottoms and lay by to recruit the pack horses, also for the purpose of drying some buffalo meat which the hunter killed yesterday.

Nov. 21st, 1825

This day it required all hands to move across the mountain.

Nov. 22nd, 1825

30 41 A Hickory 12 in. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 56 and 57 from which a P. oak 12 ins. in diam. bears N 40

Chain: Link: W. 18 links, and a D 10 ins. diam. bears
S 57 E 19 links--Land mountainous, stony and
poor. Timb. oak and Hickory, Pine and Chinquipin.

Nov. 23rd, 1825

This day lay by for the purpose of hunting one
of the hands who got lost yesterday in hunting
cane or grass for the pack horses--hand came in
in the afternoon.

Nov. 24th, 1825

South on the 57th mile

10	00	A brook 15 links wide runs S. W.
42	67	A Pine 15 inches in diameter
69	00	A Brook 10 links wide runs S. W.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 57 and 58 from which a B. oak 10 ins. in diam. bears N 65 W 18 links and a D 14 ins. diam. bears S 65 E 52 links Lands mountainous stony, poor. Timber oak, Hick- ory, Pine, and Chinquipin.

South on the 58th mile

31	75	A B. oak 10 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 58 and 59 from which a pine 18 ins. in diam. bears N 65 E 25 links and a W. oak 8 ins. in diam. bears S 52 W 4 Links. Lands quite rolling and stony. Timber, Oak, Pine, and Hickory.

South on the 59th mile

Chain: Link:

10	00	A creek 20 links wide bears S. E.
45	60	A B. Oak 12 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 59 and 60 from which a P. oak 11 ins. in diam bears S 88E 37 links and a pine 16 ins. in diam. bears S 83 W 5 links. Land rolling, stony, and poor. Tim- ber oak, Hickory, and Pine.

South on the 60th mile

48	28	A pine 14 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 60 and 61 from which a Pine 36 inches in diam bears East 44 links and D 15 ins. in diameter bears N 65 W 31 links. Land rolling, stony and poor. Timber Oak and pine very brushy

South on the 61st mile

42	90	A Pine 24 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 61 and 62 from which a pine 30 ins. in diameter bears S 33 E 34 links and a D 20 inches in diameter bears N 17 W 19 links. Land rolling soil sandy and poor. Timber Oak and pine--very brushy and briary.

Nov. 25th, 1826

South on 62nd mile

43	87	A Post oak 16 ins. in diam.
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Chain: Link:

47	00	An Indian trace or road bears NE and SW
58	39	A creek 200 links wide runs west called Mountain Fork of Little River
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 62 and 63 from which a pine 7 ins. in diameter bears N 42 E 25 links and a Post oak 8 ins. in diam. bears S 81 W 23 links...Land rolling, thin soil. Timber Oak and Pine, on south side of creek is a rich cane bottom 10 or 15 chains wide.

South on 63rd mile

35	00	A pine 16 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 63 and 64 from which a B. oak 12 ins. in diameter bears S 65 W 24 links and a pine 11 ins. in diam. bears N 81 W 49 links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber Oak and Pine very brushy with haw bushes.

South on 64th mile

36	03	A pine 11 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 64 and 65 from which a W. oak 12 ins. in diam. bears S 42 E 40 links and a P. Oak 8 inches in diameter bears N 54 W 40 links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber oak and pine.

South on the 65th mile

6	25	A creek 75 links wide runs. N. W.
36	23	A pine 15 inches in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 65 and 66 from

Chain: Link: which a pine 12 ins. in diameter bears S 45 W 32 links and a D 22 inches in diam. bears N 45 E 36 links. Land hilly stony brushy and poor. Timber oak and pine.

South on the 66th mile

19	55	A creek 15 links wide runs N. W.
44	19	A pine 16" in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 66 and 67 from which a pine 10 ins. in diameter bears N 73 E 17 links and a P. oak 8 ins. in diameter bears S 52 W 42 Links. Land and timber similar to last described.

Nov. 26th, 1825

South on the 67th mile

36	05	A W. oak 11 inches in diam.
70	00	A brook 10 links wide runs E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 67 and 68 from which a white oak 10 ins. in diam. bears N 88 W 57 links and a Hickory 16 ins. in diam bears S 82 E 23 links. Land rolling, thin soil, Timber oak hickory dogwood and pine.

South on the 68th mile

28	93	A pine 7 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 68 and 69 from which a pine 16 inches in diameter bears N 49 E 36 and a P. oak 14 ins. in diam. bears S 51 W 29 links. Land rolling, stony and brushy.

Chain: Link: Soil thin. Timber Oak Hickory dogwood and pine.

South on the 69th mile

42	87	A sweet gum 24 ins. in diam.
48	00	A creek 100 links wide comes from the N. E and runs south.
50	50	Left the creek; runs S. E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 69 and 70 from which a W. oak 9 ins. in diam. bears N 42 E 24 links and a B. oak 9 ins. in diam. bears S 52 W 41 links. Land rolling stony brushy and poor Timber ash Hickory, Dogwood and Pine.

South on the 70th mile

28	34	A creek 100 links wide runs S.W.
47	08	A pine 18 inches in diameter.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 70 and 71 from which a F. oak 12 ins. in diameter bears S 64 E 59 links and a pine 9 ins. in diam. bears S 86 W 21 links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber Oak and pine.

Sunday Nov. 27, 1825

South on 71st mile

45	32	A pine 24 inches in diameter
58	00	A brook 15 links wide runs N.W.
66	25	The same brook runs N.E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 71 and 72 from which a pine 18 ins. in diam bears N 52 E 19 links and a B oak 12 ins. in diam. bears 31 W 36 links. Land hilly brushy stony and poor.

Chain: Link: Timber oak and pine

South on 72nd mile

37	54	A pine 10 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 72 and 73 from which a pine 14 ins. in diameter bears N 46 E 26 links and a P. oak 12 ins. in diam. bears S 29 W 37 links. Land and timber same as last de- scribed.

South on 73rd mile

43	34	A Hickory 6 ins. in diameter
74	10	A brook 10 links wide runs W.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 73 and 74 from which a W. oak 8 ins. in diameter bears N 42 E 18 links and a Hickory 11 ins. in diam. bears S 45 W 20 links. Land and Timber same as last described--very brushy.

South on the 74th mile

48	77	A W. oak 14 ins. in diameter
75	75	A brook 10 links wide runs west.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 74 and 75 from which a W. oak 14 ins. in diam. bears S 60 W 52 links and a P. oak 20 ins. in diameter bears N 50 E 31 links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber Oak and Pine.

South on the 75th mile

37	50	A B. oak 15 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 75 and 76 from which a pine 14 ins. in diam. bears N 45 E 39 links and a Ditto 14 ins. in diam bears S 53 W 60

Chain: Link: links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber
Oak, Hickory, and Pine

South on the 76th mile

37	39	A B. oak 16 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 76 and 77 from which a pine 15 ins. in diam. bears N 23 E 19 links and a W. oak 9 inches in diameter bears S 55 W 23 links. Land rolling, stony brushy. Soil thin Timber oak and pine.

Monday Nov. 28th, 1825

South on the 77th mile

35	00	A B. oak 14 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 77 and 78 from which a pine 14 ins. in diam. bears S 73 E 41 links and a Ditto 7 ins. in diam. bears N 80 W 7 links. Land rolling stony and poor. Tim- ber oak and pine.

South on the 78th mile

42	34	A B. oak 20 ins. in diameter
63	90	A brook 10 links wide runs W.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 78 and 79 from which a P. oak 14 ins. in diam. bears N 66 E 31 links and a Pine 7 ins. in diam. bears S 76 W 9 Links. Land rolling, poor soil Tim- ber ash and Pine.

South on 79th mile

30	50	A creek 60 links wide runs. S. E.
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Chain: Link:

40	35	A Hickory 8 inches in diameter
50	00	A Spring Branch runs East
79	10	A Brook 10 links wide runs East
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 79 and 80 from which a W oak 16 ins. in diam. bears N 71 W 31 links and a D 14 ins. in diam. bears N 78 E 16 links. Land hilly, stony and poor. Timber oak Hickory and Pine.

South on 80th mile

41	01	A W. oak 8 ins. in diam.
54	00	A brook 12 links wide runs E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 80 and 81 from which a B. oak 15 ins. in diam bears S 75 E 30 links and a D. 24 inches in draw. bears S 83 W 18 links. Land and Timber same as last description.

South on 81st mile

36	15	A pine 8 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 81 and 82 from which a W. oak 9 ins. in diam bears N 68 W 36 links and a ditto 17 ins. in diam. bears S 77 E 37 Land hilly, stony, and poor. Timber Ash, Hickory and Pine.

South on 82nd mile

26	00	A creek 50 links wide runs S. E.
53	67	A W. oak 16 ins. in diameter

Chain: Link:

57 50 A Brook 10 links wide runs East
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 82 and 83 from
which a W. oak 22 ins. in diam. bears N 55 East
74 links and a pine 12 ins. in diam. bears S 46
W 47 links. Land hilly, stony, and poor.
Timber oak, Hickory and Pine.

South on 83rd mile

43 27 A B. Oak 16 ins. in diameter
58 50 A Brook 20 links wide runs N. E.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 83 and 84 from
which a pine 10 ins. in diam. bears S 53 E
36 links and a ditto 20 ins. in diam. bears
N. 31 W 21 links. Land very hilly, stony and
poor and brushy. Timber Oak, Hickory and Pine.

South on 84th mile

50 58 A Pine 16 ins. in diameter
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 84 and 85 from
which a Pine 15 ins. in diam. bears S 87 E 46
lks. and a B. Oak 16 ins. in diameter bears N.
87 W 10 links. Land gently undulating 2nd rate
soil. Timber Oak, Hickory, Dogwood and pine with
brush and Grape vines.

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South on 85th mile

Chain: Link:

43	43	A B. Oak 18 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 85 and 86 from which a W. oak 18 ins. in diameter bears S 74 E 43 Links and a D 42 ins. in diam bears N 70 W 59 links. Land gently rolling thin soil, but fit for cultivation. Timber Oak, Hickory, Dog- wood and Pine.

South on 86th mile

15	10	A creek 25 links wide runs East
38	09	A pine 20 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 86 and 87 from which a B. oak 18 ins. in diam. bears S 77 W 10 links and a D 15 ins. in diam. bears N 67 E 40 links. Land and Timber similar to last descrip- tion.

South on 87th mile

2	85	A creek 25 links wide runs S. W.
23	50	The same creek 30 links wide runs S. E.
34	50	The same creek 30 links wide runs S. W.
36	20	A Hickory 10 ins. in diam.
66	00	The same creek 30 links wide runs S. E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 87 and 88 from which a pine 8 ins. in diam. bears N 82 E 53 links and a B. oak 15 ins. in diam. bears N 88 W 36 links. Land rolling mostly thin soil. Tim- ber Oak Hickory and dogwood. Some good bottom land on the creek.

Chain: Link: South on 88th mile

45 79 A pine 11 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 88 and 89 from which
a W. oak 30 ins. in diameter bears S 41 W 24 lks.
and a D. 11 ins. in diam. bears N 35 E 24 lks.
Land hilly stony and poor. Timber oak Hickory
and Pine

 South on 89th mile

51 87 A P. oak 18 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 89 and 90 from
which a Pine 16 ins. in diameter bears S 88 W 44
links and a D. 14 ins. in diam. bears N 89 E 41
links. Land rolling, soil thin but fit for cul-
tivation. Timber oak Hickory and Pine.

 Dec. 1st 1825

 South on 90th mile

24 98 A Hickory 7 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 90 and 91 from
which a pine 7 ins. in diam. bears S 42 E 17
lks. and a B. oak 24 ins. in diam. bears N 47
W 20 links. Land and timber similar to last
description.

 South on 91st mile

46 57 A Black Jack 10 ins. in diam.

59 42 A Brook 12 links wide runs S. W.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 91 and 92 from
which a pine 30 ins. in diam bears N 65 W 79

Chain: Link: links and a D. 9 ins. in diam bears S 38 E 8
links. Land and Timber same as last mile.

South on 92nd mile

48	37	A B. Oak 18 ins. in diam.
55		A waggon (sic) road bears E and W
74	92	A creek 75 links wide runs S. E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 92 and 93 from which a mulberry 9 ins. in diam. bears N 33 E 33 Land mostly rolling 2nd rate soil. Timber Oak, Hickory, Dogwood and Pine. Some rich cane bot- tom on the Creek

South on 93rd mile

3	71	An outlet from the Creek 15 links wide runs S. E.
26	75	A creek 20 links wide runs S. E.
28	50	The same creek runs S.W.
41	37	A Spanish Oak 40 ins. in diameter
50	50	The same creek runs S. E.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 93 and 94 from which a Hickory 12 ins. in diam. bears S 89 E 26 and a D. 10 ins. in diam. bears West 21 links. Land level good soil, mostly cane bottom creek Timber Oak, Hickory, Dogwood, Elm and Ash

South on 94th mile

38	69	A B. oak 18 inches in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 94 and 95 from which a B. oak 15 ins. in diam bears N 40 W 39 links and a D. 16 ins. in diam. bears S 70 E 34 Land rolling mostly good soil Timber oak, Hick-

Chain: Link: ory, Dogwood, Gum and Pine--on middle part is
some rock Pine land

South on 95th mile

47 95 A P. oak 6 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 95 and 96 from
which a P. oak 15 ins. in diam. bears S 87 W 43
lks. and a B. oak 15 ins. in diam. bears S 72
E 55 links. Land rolling soil thin. Timber Oak
Hickory and Pine Undergrowth of Briars Vines and
Brush

Dec. 2nd, 1825

South on 96th mile

37 10 A pine 20 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 96 and 97 from
which a B. oak 16 ins. in diam. bears N 80 E 51
links and a Ditto 20 ins. in diam. bears S 78
W 38 lks. Land mostly level soil thin. Tim-
ber Oak, Pine and Dogwood very brushy and briary.

South on 97th mile

43 25 A pine 18 ins. in diameter

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 97 and 98 from
which a P oak 16 ins. in diam. bears S 45 E 47
lks. and a D 8 ins. in diameter bears N 75 W 19
Land mostly level and wet. Soil thin. Timber
Oak Pine and Dogwood

South on 98th mile

38 65 A B. oak 15 inches in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner miles 98 and 99 from

Chain: Link: which a W. oak 9 ins. in diam. bears S 82 E 40
lks. and a B. Gum 10 ins. in diam bears N 65
W 17 lks. Land mostly level good soil Timber
Oak, Hickory Gum, Dogwood and some Pine.

South on 99th mile

46	17	A B. oak 15 ins. in diam.
72	50	Entered the bottom of Little River bears S.E and N.W.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 99 and 100 from which a W. oak 48 ins. in diam. bears N 26 E 17 and a D 36 ins. in diameter bears S 23 W 29 lks. Land generally undulating mostly good soil. Timber Oak, Gum, Dogwood and Pine undergrowth of bushes and briars.

South on 100th mile

29	25	An outlet from the river 20 links wide runs S.E.
43	88	An Elm 17 ins. in diam.
59	35	To the north bank of Little River 400 lks. wide runs east.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 100 and 101 from which a S. Gum 11 ins. in diameter bears N 71 E 40 links and a D. 12 ins. in diameter bears S 75 W 82 links. Land on the north side of river rich cane bottom subject to inundation On the south side level wet bottom. Timb. Oak Elm, Gum, Holly.

Chain: Link: Dec. 3rd, 1825

This day lay by for the Pack horses to recruit having crossed Little River where there is good cane.

Dec. 4, 1825

29	00	Left the bottom of Little River bears E and W
35	75	The wagon road leading from Hempstead to Miller Court House bears E and W
47	41	A Post oak 8 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 101 and 102 from which a B. Jack 9 ins. in diameter bears S 70 W 57 links and a ditto 12 ins. in diam bears N 42 E 110 links. Land wet bottom, balance rolling, 2nd rate upland Timber Oak, Hickory, and B. Jack.

South on 102nd mile

15	25	A road bears S.W. and N.E.
21	31	A B. oak 18 ins. in diameter
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 102 and 103 from which a willow oak 15 ins in diam. bears N 70 E 15 links and a D. 14 ins. in diam. bears N 8 W 32 lks. Land rolling, thin soil, but fit for cultivation. Timber Oak, Hickory and Black Jack

South on 103rd mile

78	20	A P. oak 11 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 103 and 104 from which a Post oak 18 ins. in diam. bears S 50 E

Chain: Link: E 30 links and a D. 30 ins. in diam. bears N 67
W 16. Land rolling stony thin soil. Timber
Oak, Hickory and Pine

South on the 104th mile

45 20 A Pine 20 ins. in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for mile 104 and 105 from
which a Pine 16 ins. in diameter bears N 60 E 47
links and a ditto 30 ins. in diameter bears S 40
W 25 Links. Land rolling, soil thin. Timb.
Oak and Pine.

South on the 105th mile

31 66 A B. oak 18 ins. in diam.
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 105 and 106 from
which a B. oak 16 ins. in diam. bears N 80 W 58
links and a P. oak 10 ins. in diam. bears N 89
E 30. Land and timber same as last mile.

South on the 106th mile

17 00 A creek of standing water 20 links wide bears E
and W.
52 53 Intersected a line of the public survey 12 chains
64 Link west of corner of sections 35 and 36
Township 10 South Range 33 West of the 5th Prime
Meridian
65 75 A pine 16 ins. in diameter
80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 106 and 107 from
which a pine 15 ins. in diam bears N 40 E 48
links and a black oak 10 ins. in diameter bears
S 25 W 30 links. Land middle part inundated

Chain: Link: Cane cotton on the creek ballance rolling thin
soil. Timber Oak, Hickory and Pine

South on the 107th mile

39 00 A pine 24 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 107 and 108 from
which a B. Oak 11 ins. in diam. bears N 67 W 20
and a Ditto 7 ins. in diam. bears S 42 E 14.
Land level soil thin, but fit for cultivation.
Timber Oak, Hickory and Pine

South on the 108th mile

50 57 A B. oak 17 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 108 and 109 from
which a Pine 16 ins. in diam. bears S 27 E 41
links and a B. oak 10 ins. in diam. bears N 45
W 6 links. Land gently rolling soil thin Timber
Oak, Hickory, Pine and some Dogwood.

South on the 109th mile

39 67 A pine 17 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 109 and 110 from
which a B. oak 17 ins. in diameter bears N 43
W 59 lks. and a ditto 40 ins. in diam. bears S
36 E 20 links. Land gently undulating, soil 2nd
rate, Timber Oak, Hickory and Pine.

South on the 116th mile

41 14 A pine 15 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 110 and 111 from
which a Pine 16 ins. in diameter bears N 53 W 30
links and a B. Gum 15 ins. in diam. bears S 50

Chain: Link: E 19 links. Land gently rolling soil thin. Timber

South on the 111th mile

36 66 A pine 18 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 111 and 112 from which a P. oak 24 ins. in diam. bears S 52 W 38 Land and Timber similar to last mile.

South on the 112th mile

36 37 A Post oak 17 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 112 and 117 from which a B. Jack 15 ins. in diameter bears N 41 E 26 links and a Ditto 12 ins. in diam. bears S 65 W 61 lks. Land rolling, tolerable good soil. Timber Oak and Hickory. and Black Jack

South on the 113th mile

48 84 A post oak 18 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 113 and 114 from which a P. oak bears S 41 E 44 links and an Elm 10 ins. in diam. bears N 50 W 39 links. Land gently rolling, good soil Timber Oak, Hickory Black Jack. Some rich cane land on south end.

South on the 114th mile

29 90 A Hickory 17 ins. in diam.

80 00 Set a stake corner for miles 114 and 115 from which an ash 11 ins. in diameter bears N 32 E 13 links and a Burr Oak 24 ins. in diam bears S 38 E 44. Land rolling good soil. Timber Oak, Hickory, Ash Undergrowth cane

Chain: Link: South on the 115th mile

49	55	A B. oak 36 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 115 and 116 from which a B. oak 30 ins. in diameter bears N 43 W 38 lks. and a D 15 inches in diam. bears S 44 E 51 lks. Land gently rolling good soil. Timber Oak Hickory and Ash

South on the 116th mile

28	00	Entered bottom of Red River bears E and W
45	00	A Hackberry 7 ins. in diam.
65	00	Entered Prairie bears S.E. by N.W.
80	00	Raised a mound in which let a stake corner for miles 116 and 117. Land to the bottom rolling good soil. Timber Oak, Hickory, Ash. Bottom wet, soil rich, past timber

South on the 117th mile

60	80	A small road leads S.E. and N.W.
73	25	A lake bears S.E. and N.W.
80	00	A point inaccessible in the Lake. Land level, wet prairie, rich soil.

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South on 118th mile

62	00	Left the lake bears S.E. and N.W.
70	00	Left the Prairie bears S.E. and N.W.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 118 and 119 from

Chain: Link: which an Elm 8 ins. in diameter bears S 21 E 15 lks. and a ditto 9 ins. in diam. bears S 72 W 9 links. Land of this mile mostly under water in the Lake. Last 10 chains rich bottom. Timber: Hickory, Elm Walnut, and Hackberry.

South on the 119th mile

40	57	A Hackberry 7 ins. in diam.
80	00	Set a stake corner for miles 119 and 120 from which an elm of 17 ins. in diam. bears S 42 W 32 lks. and a Post Oak 26 ins. in diam. bears N 32 E 32 lks. Land level rich bottom. Timber oak, Hickory, Elm, Walnut and Hackberry.

South on the 120th mile

17	25	A Lake bears E and W
23	50	Left Lake bears E and W
40	87	The North bank of Red River runs E and W where set a stake corner for fract-mile 120 from which a Cottonwood 8 ins. in diam. bears S 47 W 13 lks. and a D. 8 ins. in diam. bears S 30 E 28 links

There ends the line forming the eastern boundary of the Choctaw lands in the Terr. of Arkansas. The land on the fract. mile is rich cane bottom. Timber-Oak, Hickory, Elm, Ash, Cottonwood, etc.

12-Dec. 1825

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Department of the Interior.
Office of
INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, D.C. Sept 8th 1868

Sir.

In accordance with the request contained in your communication of the 3^d instant, I herewith send you a copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Acting Secretary of the Interior made on the 29th of June 1867, in reference to the establishment of the eastern boundary line of the Choctaw Country.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
Charles E. M.
Acting Commissioner

P. P. Pitchlynn Esq.
Present.