

File 4746

Milam

**PRE-EMPTION.**

J. L. Draper

80 Acres.

Act May 26 1873.

According to within Sketch  
& statement filed 1/2/89

Correct on map of  
Bosque County Jan 28/89

at McKillop  
Court for purchase

Jan 31/89. Deed  
Patented Feb 4/89

W. S. 22 2000 Milam  
mkd ptd 9/89

Mgl. 20759

May 3/86  
7/77

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Dec 13, 88

\$5<sup>00</sup> Dep<sup>d</sup> 11/30/88

J. L. Draper Ret'd  
Meridian Dec 17/88

W. B. Ravidall  
Meridian

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PRE-EMPTION.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS,**

COUNTY OF BOSQUE.

Before me, Geo. W. Randal Clerk of the County Court of Bosque

County, this day personally appeared James S. Draper,

to me known, who after being by me duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says: that he is now a bona fide settler upon Eighty acres of Land, that he believes to be of

the public vacant lands of the State of Texas; that he is improving said land for a Homestead, and has no other; and further that he is a Single man

and makes this Affidavit for the purpose of obtaining a Home. Said Land is situated in Bosque County, about 5 miles West from Meridian, on the waters of Spring Creek:

beginning at N.W. cor. G. G. Gary, thence S30°E, S60°W, N30°W, & N60°E, for completion.

and more particularly described by the accompanying field notes.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court of Bosque County, at office, in the Town of Meridian, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1885.

Geo. W. Randal  
Clerk County Court, Bosque County, Texas.

By H. B. Alexander Deputy.

① File #746.  
Milam Preempt  
J. L. Draper  
Affidavit  
Filed Apr 22/86.  
D. W. Robinson  
Chief Clerk

M. Seckland, Stationer and Printer, Galveston.

By *Wm. H. Reynolds* Deputy

C. C. C. B. Co.

*Geoff. Ransaw*

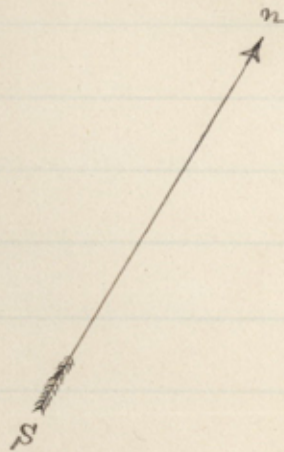
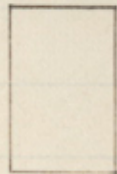
the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885

ISSUED

Affidavit for Pre-emption.

*Jas. L. Draper's*

*do.*



Scale 1000 us per inch "variation" 10°

I N. B. Randal Co Surveyor of Bexar Co Texas  
do hereby certify that the above Plot and field  
are true and correct, and that the survey was <sup>made</sup>  
made according to Law, and that the  
marks both natural and artificial are  
truly and correctly described. field notes  
are recorded in Book No. 6. page 310 of Bexar  
Co Surveyor records.

N. B. Randal  
Co Surveyor Bexar  
Co Texas

The State of Texas } Field notes of 80 acres of land  
County of Bosque } made for J. L. Isaper by virtue  
of his certificate of occupancy  
issued by the Co Clerk of Bosque Co Texas  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1885. said land is situated on  
the waters of Spring and Bar creeks about  
 $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles <sup>583</sup> west from Meridian.

Beginning at the NW cor  
of G. G. Gary 318 acre sur. Thence S 60° W 550 as  
a cor from where L. O. Mcd X to N 87° W 310 as  
do Mcd Y to S 44° W 42 as. Thence S 30° E 822 as  
a cor from which L. O. Mcd X to N 87° W 4 as  
do Mcd Y to N 40° E 21 as. Thence N 60° E 550 as  
a cor on west line of G. G. Gary survey. Thence  
N 30° W 822 as to the place of beginning  
Surveyed Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1885

Chain Carrier  
A. Isaper  
H. Johnson

N. Braubach  
Co Surveyor  
Bosque Co Tex

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Milam Receipt

J. L. Draper

Find notes

Find apie 27th

D. W. Robinson

Subject

According to Survey  
- on sk + explanation

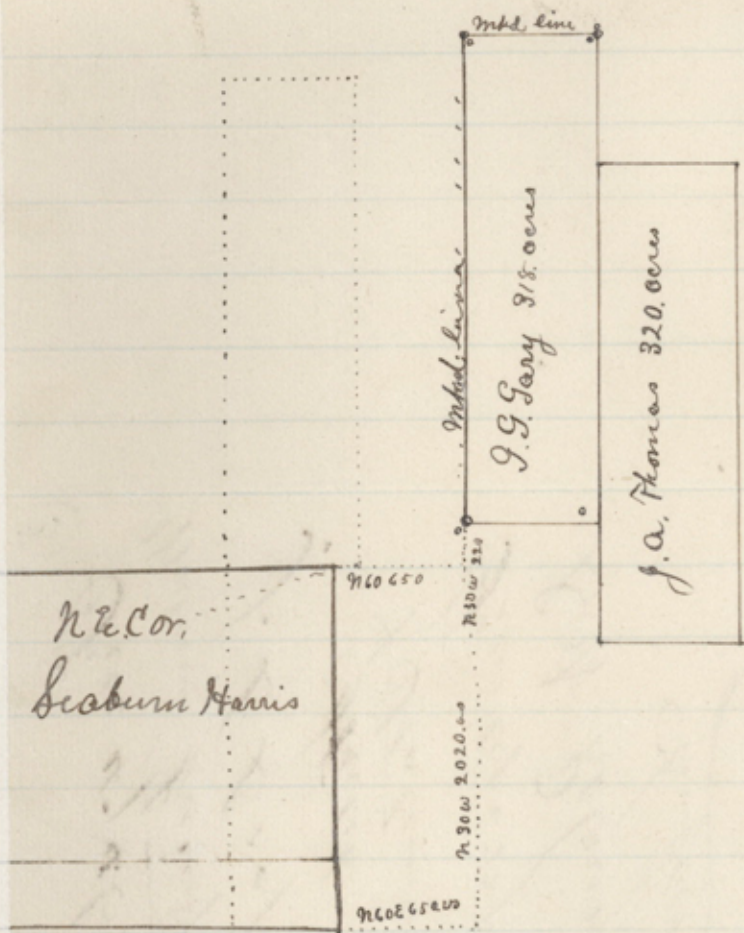
Correct on map of  
Bosque County Jan'y

28/89 Col. Hill

Calcutt July 4/89

J. M. Cunningham

May 3/86  
E. H. H.



Dotted line shows J.G. Gary sur. as plotted on Co Map and as field notes calls it; relative to S Harris sur Plot of J.G. Gary & J.A. Thomas shows the ~~land~~ survey as I find it on the ground by its own bearings, all rock corners found, at three of the corners and bearing trees to all of them.

West end north lines well marked  
By reference to the Plot above you will see that the J.G. Gary sur. should be, and is found to be N 60 E 650.00 instead of S 60 W from the Seaburn Harris S.E. Cor and that the field notes are correct otherwise;

N.B. Randal  
Co Sur B.C.P

③ Fee 4746.  
Milam Precinct  
J. L. Draper  
Shirley  
Statement  
Filed Apr 22/86  
Det Robinson  
Shirley



The State of Texas }  
 County of Bosque }

Before me,  
 the undersigned authority, this  
 day, personally appeared, J. L. Draper  
 well known to me, who after being  
 by me, duly sworn, on his oath  
 says, that he on the 30 day Oct  
 1885, filed his application for a  
 homestead preemption for 80 acres  
 of land in Bosque County Texas,  
 which is now on file in the  
 in the Surveyors office of Bosque  
 County Texas & copy of same with  
 field notes is also on file with  
 the Commissioners of the Gen. Land  
 office of Texas, that he has in  
 good faith resided upon, occupied and  
 improved the land so claimed by  
 him for a period of three con-  
 -secutive years from the date of the  
 application -

J. L. Draper  
 sworn to and subscribed before  
 this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1888.

W. H. Lockett,

Notary Public

Bosque Co. Tex.

Me, that J. T. Wright and Geo. E. Rath  
 do hereby corroborate the foregoing  
 affidavit

John E. Rath  
 J. T. Wright

sworn to and subscribed before  
 me this the 27 day of Nov 1888

W. H. Lockett, N.P.

Bosque Co. Tex.

The State of Texas }  
County of Bosque }

I W. H. Lockett,

a Notary Public in & for Bosque  
County Texas, do hereby certify that  
Jno. C. Rulk and J. T. Wright two  
credible & disinterested persons of  
Bosque County Texas, on this day  
appeared before me and acknowledged  
to me that they had signed, J. L. Draper's  
affidavit herein before made for  
the purposes therein expressed & to the  
effect that he J. L. Draper had lived  
on, improved & occupied said land  
in good faith for three consecutive  
years.

Given under my official  
signature & seal, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
Nov. 1888.

W. H. Lockett

Notary Public

Bosque County Tex.

(4) Price 47 1/2 c.  
Milam County  
J. L. Draper  
Cert of  
Occupancy  
From Nov 30/88.  
W. H. Lockett  
Notary

Copy of these  
years Occupancy  
J. L. Draper

4746 m. line  
4746 P. line

S. Frost

150  
Mrs. Rahl

557  
G. L. Draper

698  
actual 702

S. Shirley

1120  
F. Draper

G. S. Gary

1200  
A. Draper

698  
act. 702

464  
J. S. Raper

S. Harris

Notes. Red marks thus x  
indicate witness trees standing  
on the ground-

5-7  
Report and sketch of survey on the ground to determine the vacancy between the S Shirley S. Frost Ramsey surveys on the west and the Gory Gory survey on the East and also to establish the connections with the Seborn Harris Survey-

1<sup>st</sup> Commenced at S.E. cor. of the Gory Gory survey which corner is established by witness tree called for in original field notes now standing on the ground. 2<sup>d</sup> ran S 65° W on said Gory S. line & at 702 rods found pile of rock (field notes say 698 rods) at which corner found three Spain Oaks growing from the stool of original witness tree (as claimed by original owner of the Gory Gory)

3<sup>rd</sup> from this point continued S 65° W & at 650 rods was 220 rods N 30° W. by actual measurement from the N.E. cor. of said S Harris Survey - found the L.O. (T) (as called for in original field) notes in position but other tree gone. No doubt nor controversy about the witness tree in question.

From S.W. cor. G. Gory as above indicated ran west line said Gory & found it mostly an old hacked line to N.W. cor. at which we found pile of rock pointed out by Mr Gory himself as the corner put down in the original survey - witness tree called for gone - but both stumps in position

4<sup>th</sup> ran N 60° E - from N.W. cor. S Shirley Survey (witness tree P.O. (B) or found standing) & at 807 rods crossed S.E. cor. S. Frost (witness tree standing) 950 rods to N.E. cor. said Shirley

5<sup>th</sup> from said Shirley cor. put in the line call P. as per field notes.

6<sup>th</sup> from the N.W. Cor. of the G. Gary ran S 60° W  
55000. as called for in field notes of the J.L. Draper  
said distance going out a few rods before  
reaching the Paul East line  
we therefore certify that on the ground there  
is no conflict between the J.L. Draper & the  
Mrs Paul Pre-emption - neither between the J.L.  
Draper & the H. Draper P's and also that the  
distance S 60° W & S 30° E from the S.E. Cor.  
of the G. Gary Survey to N.E. Cor. of the S Harris  
is 135200 + 220000. instead of 368 S 60° W as  
Siddall makes it in the <sup>H.N.</sup> Browning field notes.  
See Siddall's field notes & it will show a great wrong against the  
State -

W.B. Kendall Esq. Co. Surveyor  
James N. Weeks  
Co. Surveyor  
P.C.T.

I certify that recently I have run the line above  
indicated i.e. the line N 30° W & N 60° W from the S.E. Cor.  
of the Seaborn Harris Survey. at 56000. N 60° E from a point  
which is 220000. N 30° W from the N.E. Cor. of the Seaborn  
Harris I found a pile of rocks at right course & distance  
from a Span. I took it for the S.W. Cor. of the G. Gary  
but in running N 30° W recently from this point, I missed  
the N.W. Cor. of the G. Gary as indicated by Mr Gary him-  
self by 97000. feet, I certify therefore that the corner  
found by me & indicated in my sketch of the Gatorwood  
& Draper Pre-emption is too far West by 100000 &  
that by making distance 650 (or near it) that all conflict  
of the J.L. Draper with the G. G. Gary is taken out.  
Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 88

H. M. Sillard  
Proc. Deputy for Co. Surveyor  
Bozeman Co. Tex

L.E. 1/4 A.S. Conaghan

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⑤ Fric 4746  
Miami Prompt

J. L. Draper  
Sketch

& Examination

Fric Jan 2/84  
R. A. Sherry

Chapel