

General Land Office
Austin July 21st 1858

My Dear Sir

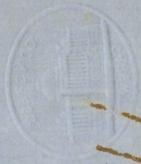
A survey was filed in this office by you made on the De Witt certificate of Wm C Swearingin on the Clear fork of the Brazos. There is no transfer on file, but from a pencil mark on the file, presume it belongs to our mutual friend Dr Steiner. The duplicate was obtained by the adm^r of Swearingin on the 7th July 1857. Since that time the original certificate has been returned, located in Caldwell and Bastrop Counties.

There has also been filed a regular transfer from Swearingin himself to Tho^s McDonald dated the 12th Decr 1838. From this it appears that the duplicate was illegally obtained the title not being in the representatives of Swearingin.

I write this that you may inform Dr. S. or whoever may own the claim, of its situation. The location being in the "Reserve" cannot now be covered by another certificate

Your friend truly
Robt. W. Elgin

Col. E. S. Robertson.



R. W. C. C. C.
July 20/53



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