

*Affidavit of Caleb A. Ensign regarding position of
section lines with reference to lines of Manzanita
Colony (M.R. 53-28, M.R. 53-44, L.S. 1-58)*

I, Caleb A. Ensign, hereby certify that I am a Licensed Land Surveyor, of the State of California (authorized Nov. 10, 1891), and that I have been a practicing surveyor and Civil Engineer in the County of Los Angeles, California, beginning Sept. 1887, (residing in the City of Los Angeles from said date to Jan. 1921)

And, that, in the year 1893, I was employed by the Manzanita Colony, a corporation, to make a survey and subdivision of lands of said colony in Sections Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25) in Twsp. Eight (8) North, Range Sixteen (16) West, together with a portion of Section Thirty (30), of Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, S. B. M., in the said County of Los Angeles;-

That as preliminary to establishing the Subdivision desired by said corporation, I led my party with certain representatives of the corporation, among whom I recollect were Elihu Smead, Pres., E. A. Silvey, and O. L. Livesy, as owners, or in possession of lands, and Rev. Mr. Haskins, their selling agent, to the original one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Section corner between Sections Thirty (30), and Thirty-one (31), Township Eight (8), North, Range Fifteen (15) West, a short post or stake of Juniper marked one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) S. (Sec.) on a mound of earth, further described and referred to in the official field notes and plats of the U. S. Surveys, and by me in my official map filed as page 27 in Book 3, of Records of Surveys, (known as Licensed Surveyor's Maps) in the Records of the said County. That when the situation of the said quarter section corner was observed by said Smead as not agreeing with his tentative divisions of land and locations of streets, and that by references to it his home place and Block One (1) as already laid out and surveyed by J. C. McClure, C.E., for him, would be set further S. and on the more broken foot hills, differing considerably from the lines fixed by W. H. Norway, U. S. Deputy Surveyor for certain near by surveys, who had extended

For Q.T. Decree covering position of Sec. Corners in
Sec. 16-T.8N.-R.16W. See E. 25-292, Jdg. Bk. 1005-75.

his lines to cover said Section Twenty-five (25),- he, said Smead, turned to me and vehemently and hotly said, "I'll be damned if I'll pay for any such surveying as this." I quietly replied that "I presumed you would like to know where the original lines of the Norris Survey lay, but if you own or control all the lands included you can lay out your subdivisions, and place your streets as you like", or words to that effect;

That thereupon Mr. Haskins (who had brought me to the field to establish the subdivision), and I drew aside leaving Mr. Smead and his associates to discuss the matter; and I fully explained to Mr. Haskins my views ~~to him~~ that none of the lines of the contemplated Plat of the Colony lands necessarily must coincide with the original lines of the Government Subdivisions, if the Colony owned both sides of the first lines, and to the full extent included by the boundary of the total tract of their subdivisions; and that I must ever strenuously contend that the Norway lines were false, as I had fully proved at great loss to myself as the U. S. Deputy Surveyor of Township Seven (7) North, Range Fifteen (15) West; That I fully recognized the convenience of making the County road already laid out and partly improved on the Norway line, which he had so conspicuously marked, as the line between Sections Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25), the main street; I explained this survey of Section Twenty-five (25) was not what he (Norway) was commissioned to do for the Government; that his work had already been rejected or suspended by the Commissioner of the U. S. General Land Office, Washington: We could use such road as the base line for the Tract, and subdivisions as planned by Mr. Smead, from which we could work each way and mark our lots and Blocks, regularly in even measurements regardless of the lines of the Sections as established by the surveys of Ralph W. Norris in 1855: I doubly charged Mr. Haskins it would eventually devolve upon the corporation owners to obtain additional titles to overlapping strips

land as the Department would insist upon the lines as established by said Norris as determining the rights of ownership and possession at the time of the issuance of the U. S. Patents; and that as to form and particulars of subdivision, I did not wish to dictate, but to caution the owners as to their responsibilities;

That Mr. Haskins alone returned to the Corporation owners and promoters to confer upon the matter, and he shortly reported to me that I could proceed with the Subdivision by making the County Road as laid on the Norway staked (marked for the Section line), to be the Main Street, and base line of the survey from which the Lots and Blocks should be laid off with even distances North and South, as suggested:

That, also subsequently, more than once when making the surveys, I cautioned Mr. E. A. Silvey (who was candid enough to hear my opinion) about the titles to the overlapping strips of the Lots that must result in a final adjustment of the lines run respectively by Norris (1855) for original Sections, and by Norway (1886) purporting to be true retracements, that he (Mr. Silvey) at the time, as I understood, only held a possessory right under a Timber Claim, and other filings in the Section Twenty-four (24), when he should obtain his patents would find it easy enough for him and Mr. Smead to cover the strip between Sections Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25), allowing Mr. Smead to hold as part of Section Twenty-five (25) to the Road, but such concession by him would in no wise authorize him, said Silvey, to make a similar overlap on Section Thirteen (13) (on his north boundary): I reminded him that he could not acquire such addition to Section Twenty-four (24) by adverse possession of unpatented lands of the United States;- that tho the Norway lines for Section Twenty-five (25) appeared to be run officially, they had not been directed or authorized under any of his contracts with the Government, which were given for specific

surveys under the official title of U. S. Deputy Surveyor, and tho verified by his oath and approved by the Land Department, they could not avail as retracements of the Norris lines, if falsely and fraudulently run and sworn to, as I ^{was} ~~had~~ sure evidence could be shown referring to facts of the U. S. Survey of the Township Seven (7) North, Range Fifteen (15) West; and it would not add anything to his interest, that I would now establish the Manzana Subdivisions on the plan presented to me; but that for whatever overlaps the Manzana Tract should make in the original Sections, Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) he, Silvey, or the Corporation must acquire good right and title for the Colony people, to make good and sufficient deeds for their northern tier of lots;

That upon Mr. Haskins report, as stated in above paragraph, I proceeded to run and establish the lines of subdivisions of the Manzana Colony Lands as intended to be shown in the Book 53, on page 44, of Miscellaneous Records of said Los Angeles County, except Block One (1), which was subdivided by J. C. McClure, C. E., referring to said Norway's corners marked for the Co-boundary between Sections Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25) as the initial or base line from which to project the Lots and Blocks in regular order and distances without regard to closing the corners of the Tract boundaries exactly on Norway's Corners common to Sections Twenty-five (25) and Thirteen (13)!

That Mr. O. L. Livesey representing interests in the S. W. one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, however desired that such one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Section be run conformably to the U. S. Subdivisions in that Township by R. W. Norris, which was done as said Record (M.R. Book 53, page 44) shows by accepting the corner for the N. E. corner said one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) Section, as planted by C. S. Compton, C.E.,

(Later City Engineer for Los Angeles), for a corner of Almendro Tract

That upon determining the field surveys and planting the corners described on said Record, I made a Map of the same for said Record and lest the figures placed on the Map for Sections Twenty-four (24,) and Twenty-five (25,) as prepared by me, should misrepresent the extent and ^{lines} times of the true Section boundaries, I drew certain lines in red, to show the locus of the true lines as run by R. W. Norris, and placed a cautionary note on the Map, to call attention to, and explain the conflict which might arise in declaring title to certain Lots as delineated on said Map:

That I do not now recollect that I had any part in the preparation of the Map recorded at page 28, said Book 53, of Mis. Records where my name appears as one of the Surveyors; that I did not work conjointly with Mr. J. C. McClure, who ran the Lot divisions of Block Numbered I; that the Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West is shown thereon according to Mr. Smead's preliminary plan of subdivisions, and was never so staked I believe:

That having on the map I returned to Mr. Smead for record inadvertently numbered Block XLV (14), to be XV, and omitted to place the number XV on the certain reserve or interest of Mrs. O. L. Livesey the South Block as run in Section Thirty (30), in Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, aforesaid, I remade the Map as a Record of Survey, or Licensed Surveyor's Map, making due corrections on the face of the Map with explanatory Notes: (See L.S. Maps P. 58 B. One(1));

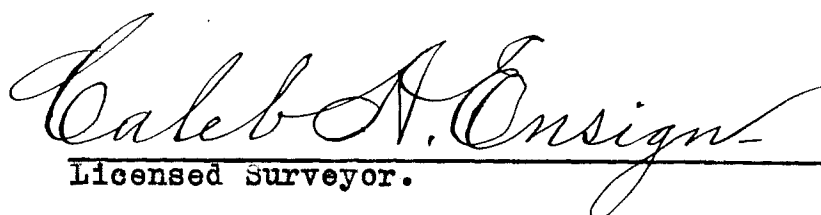
That the affidavit of Elihu Smead as later made on the foot-margin of said Map record, on said page 44 of the Book 53, Mis. Records

amend the Map and record, is true as to my errors in the Platting thereof, but is error as to its intent to eradicate my averments that the Norway survey and field marks did not correctly retrace the legal and patent lines of the U. S. Subdivisions, (Norris Survey), as is fully proved now by reference to the official restorations of the corners common to Sections Twenty-five (25) and Thirty-six (36), in said Township Eight (8) North, Range Sixteen (16) West, by Deputy Surveyor Pearson in his supplementary Surveys of said Township in 1901, duly accepted by the U. S. Surveyor General for the State of California, and by the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, as shown by Maps on file in the U. S. Land Office in the City of Los Angeles:

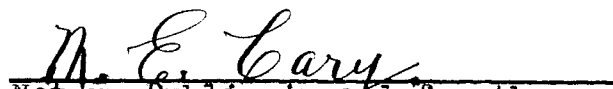
That to aid and caution settlers and surveyors and to substantiate certain restorations of corners and lines of resurvey made by myself, I made and filed my Licensed Surveyor's Map page (or sheet) 27, of Book 3, of Records of Survey in the office of the Recorder of said Los Angeles County, showing the corners of the original surveys of said U. S. Dep. Sur. R. W. Norris, found extant in said Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, at the dates given; Said corners were discovered and identified by good evidences thereof of the material elements of the monuments, or of the official "Witnesses" of original survey; except as to the N. W. Corner post of the Township, which was adopted as a true corner, on the oral testimony of a settler that the County Surveyor of Kern County had officially restored the original corner (i.e. - had planted the post I found present in the place of the old one, - destroying its visible remains): In quite recent surveys by A. G. Johnson and myself, and V. J. Rowan, it is proved that the post I adopted then was not planted by identity of the corner constructed by Norris, but evidently had been located by reference to the said false corners of the Norway Survey (Cor. 13,

18, 24, 30) three (3) miles south. It is a matter of chagrin to me that I so readily accepted the testimony given me, and added marks to perpetuate it as such corner, without due proof by field work, which I could not make at the time. Fortunately, however, this false corner was not used as a connection for other surveys, the pasture fences were built according to it: -

And that restorations of certain Township and Rancho boundaries for Township Eight (8), of Ranges Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17) West have been made jointly by myself and V. J. Rowan; and in accordance to the exterior surveys adopted by us, that I have restored a part of the Sections in said Townships, including the restoration of Sections Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), and of Seventeen (17), Township Eight (8), North of Range Sixteen (16) West, and planted permanent corners therefor as shown and described on Licensed Surveyor's Maps, pages 5 and 6, in Book 9, of the said Records of Survey, said County: The original corner Sections Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15) West, as re-planted by me, (L.S. Map 27 B.3) was fully identified by the old and newer "witnesses" as an important controlling corner for my late restoration corners.


Licensed Surveyor.

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me
this 29th day of October 1921


Notary Public in and for the
County of Los Angeles, State of
California.

Los Angeles Cal.
May 2^d 1896.

H. F. Gordon Esq.
City

Dear Sir: There are three plats of 'Manzana', on the Books in the County Recorder's office, Los Angeles, Cal.

1. The earliest of record is at page 28, in Book 53 of the Miscellaneous Records; the second at page 44 of the same Book; and the third is Map 58 of Licensed Surveyor's Plat Book 1.

2. I was employed in the summer 1892, to make a survey and subdivision of these lands. A preliminary survey was made setting only temporary 'hubs' along certain lines to check the premises into 10 acre lots, also some notes were taken of the "Park Tract" in S. part of Sec. 25. Then the more permanent field marks and complete survey was deferred till some results of attempts to sell these lands should be known. At the instance of Dr. Hastings, 'Colonizing Agent', acting for the owners I made a plat, showing the scheme of the subdivisions to be known as 'Manzana Colony Lands', covering Secs. 24 and 25, in T. 8 N., R. 16 W., S. 13. M. and the S. W.

1/4 of Sec. 30, T. 8 N., R. 15 W.; ²also including Sec. 23 said T. 8 N., R. 16 W., already planted to trees, and platted as the 'Fruit Growers Mutual Soc. Lands', ³together with the outlines of several claims in Sec. 26 &c. the whole map being entitled, 'MANZANA.' From such plat a lithograph map was published.

During the winter following my initial ^{work} J. C. McClure C.E. was employed to complete the survey of the Park Tract (Block I) and stake out the same into its final allotments, some sales of these parcels having been effected. A new Lithograph Map was printed comprising the same lands as before on which appeared the names of C. A. Ensign and J. C. McClure, as the surveyors and the date, April. 1893.

On May 6th following, a mutilated copy of this latter Map was filed for record by Mr. Smead as at p. 28 B. 53 aforesaid: I am told this was done without consulting with his Associates in the "Colony Scheme" and that it was precipitated to avoid the necessary action of the Company on the Act of March 9 which took effect 2 days later. This may have only had foundation in some ones surmise. The "request" for record appears to be ~~that~~ only of Mr. Smead personally, and not that of the Corporation, which I believe then existed.

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A few weeks ^{later} I was asked to complete the survey and permanently mark certain lines of subdivision and reference, and make a plat for record which should define the situation of the lines adopted which were not changed as to the ~~limits~~ ^{subdivisions} in the Range 16.

The reasons found for such proceeding, were:

^a Mr. Smead had not been authorized to file a map of such extent, by including as it did the 'Home place' of Mr. Silvey, which he positively withheld from sale, and subdivision; Mr. Silvey would not as ^{dedicate} a certain street therein; and ² by including unpatented lands of the United States which appearing thus to be offered for sale by consent of claimant and preemptor might call his acts and rights in question.

^b The title of the Map now of record misnamed what it included because the former figures therein had not been changed to agree with the portions of the ^{print} ruled or cut off.

^c There were no points of beginning or lines of coincidence shown to define the subdivisions, the descriptions being but vaguely suggested by the Section number set at its central ^{points}, with the dimensions of two sides of ~~single~~ squares of 10 A. added, to scale of the map stated. The 14 Sec. in Range 15 N., had no Sec. Number, and was represented as a full 160 Acres.

^d The Alencastro Tract partly lying in Sec. 30 aforesaid had lately been surveyed and subdivided, according to

the U. S. Survey and plats, and again raised the questions involved in the false lines of the Norway Surveys.

3. I was again employed as already stated and carefully set the permanent monuments of the subdivisional lines of the Blocks, and ^{center lines of} Streets, in July 1893, with stones and by cement points run deeply into the ground. The post ^{set in the Norway Surveys} standing in the Center of the County road and marked for Corner to Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 in said T. 8 N., R. 16 W. was made the initial point, running thence N. to the similar N. W. Corner of Sec. 24 in the Center line of a County road ^{running E. & W.} also, and prolonging this line also in the reversed course to the South was made a meridian from which the squares of 10 chs. each were laid off regularly and with good precision without regard to the ~~in~~ exact distances and courses to the ^{other} Norway Corners. The East line of the Subdivisions of the Section 25 (Norway) was the closing line of the exact 8th range of lots, which passed beyond to the E. of the true Range line.

The lines of the E. & W. Streets in Sect. 25 were produced E. to the N. boundary of the Alameda Tract and the intersections marked permanently therein with stones and mortar, which became points of reference but not ^{subdivision} corners of the lots in Sec. 30.

but not till after I had completed the field work. After some reflection, I was instructed to make the Subdivisional lines of the fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 30, T. 8 N. R. 15 W. conform to the Alemendra Tract lines and to agree to the U. S. survey in its boundaries: rather so much of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 30 as lay between the E. line of so called Sec. 25, as above described, and the W. line of the Alemendra Tract was to ^{be} laid off on the latter line as its Meridian, in regular squares progressing West to close with the fractional lots to ~~adjoin~~ ^{for} the line assumed for the E. bdy. of Sec. 25; taking ^{for} the initial point, the U. S. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. Cor. still extant between Secs. 30 & 31, and the ^{true} Sec. line ^{for} the base. This occasions double Corners along the So called E. line of Sec. 25, and an offset in the division lines and streets to the South from those in Sec. 25.

4. My views of the error of the Norway survey and the confusion of title likely to result in attempting to hold to the same are well known. It really was no matter to me where the Lot lines of these Subdivisions be laid - whether coinciding with or conforming to and indicating the Government survey boundaries or not. But I am ~~xxx~~ unwilling knowingly to define any line falsely. While I am unable to precisely point ^{out} where the original Cor. to Secs. 23, 24, 25 & 26 was established

or as yet to locate that point which the Courts would adopt for the restoration of the original Corner, which could be found only upon an extended and tedious survey, I believe I have no right to designate the Norway post some chains distant from the authentic corner, as such corner to the misleading of anyone.

The eventual acquisition of the land to that corner by adverse possession will not make the post a Section Corner "according to the U. S. surveys". I take it that a boundary made is immovable; that encroachments ripening into title demand new description as long as the place of the old boundary can be distinguished from the new. If I misname a corner or line the Abstractor and insurer of titles is misled. I have no right to call any monument ^{in the Manzanita Tracts} a "Sect. Corner" that differs in locality from that fixed by the survey of Dep. Norris, ^{Contracts} 1853-4. If it be said that I am paid ^{for} doing the work by the owners and managers, and paid for making such Maps as they want, to make any deceptive, unjust, and fraudulent designation of boundaries, is to be willing ^{at the behest of others.} to rob and defraud. I therefore ^{consequently} could do no less than point to Norway's post as such, and for want of the exact location of the original lines, by reason of the absence of all identifiable monuments on the area of this plat, give a close approximation to

the true line by some statement, or line or both conspicuously set forth. If new title boundaries have been acquired let the rights be asserted upon the true facts and grounds thereof. There is no doubt as to the considerable error of the Norway lines, This was affirmed by the Survey of the Alemeandro Tract by C.E. Compton C.E., now City Engr. Los Angeles City: by the partial or proximate Survey of said Sec. 30. by Carter Surveyor at Lancaster; and by J. C. McClure, C.E. who replanted the 1/4 Sec. Cor. between Secs. 30 & 31. Why should true designations be called in question? The true facts should ^{"Right wrongs no man."} not be objected to. If I am called in question as for such designations of the Section boundaries, then must the views of Mr. Silvey of Mr. Livesey, & Dr. Haskins having good information of the facts at the time be called in question and stigmatized.

15. But as to defects in the Maps at page 44 of Book 53 Mis. Rec. I confess to some very aggravating errors having been made in my office. I make no attempt to shirk responsibility for them tho' occurring at the hand of my assistant. It was intended ^{to} keep the same Block numbers in the proprietors plat as on the first of record, or rather that they

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should be identical with those in L. S. Plat. & Book.
 I was called away ^{just} before the completion of the Maps,
 the record copy of which Dr. Haskins was anxious to
 have at a given date. I examined the copy critically
 and noted the amendments and additions to be made
 on a slip for my assistant's guidance, and gave my
 signature to the map. It was however delivered to
 Mr. Haskins before the Block numbers were perfected.
 The number intended to be XIV was made to XV and S. part
 of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, intended to be XV was left without a No.
 It would seem that my draughtsman would have seen
 these omissions, and likewise that Mr. Silvey, Mr. Live-
 sey or Dr. Haskins would have noticed the defective
 numbering and called attention to it: but I suppose
 it is evidence of their confidence in me that they were
 not critical. I notice also an omission in the
 memorandum signed by me - respecting the
 figures of dimensions. I intended to certify that
 the widths of streets are given in feet, all other distances
 are given in chains but by the suppression of the words
 overlined it is made worse than the entire omission
 of the explanation of the figures not followed with the
 denomination of measures.

⑧ 6. Now I come to your question *How shall*

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~~we remedy the errors occasioned.~~ To answer this well it will first be necessary to know what errors have followed the mistakes of the plats. To the correction of these should be added ~~the~~ proper provision for the prevention of further errors in deeds if that can be ascertained. But that being done the existence of the several plats on the record must be kept before those writing up deeds.

I suggest a new plat of what was intended to be Block XIV and the fractional part of Sec. 30, to be filed amendatory to so much of the plat as it now stands at page 44.

It is probable that reference to the Map 58 L. S. Plat Book No. 1, is good description, but as that copy is not acknowledged by the Mangana Co., I will make a new Map with further explanations which may be executed also by the Company officers, and placed in the L. S. Plat Books. It is now conceded that such a proceeding makes a good record - and complies with the law.

Still another record can be made; a proper ^{full} copy can be made and filed with the "unrecorded maps". Reference to these promiscuous ^{maps} is not very pleasant however, and as the L. S. Plat Book is available when Licensed Surveyors

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are employed it is unnecessary in this case.

The Secretary of the Company should have the original ^{that have been} copies transcribed in the Recorder's Books, to insure identity of the parcels sold on the record referred to.

So far however as to making copies of the plat, without showing the true lines as near as may be, or by giving the name of true lines to those far out of place I have already given my sense of duty. I do not see how I can justly omit to mark a fact that so distinctly qualifies the descriptions of the lots of the Tract.

Very Respectfully

C. A. Ensign,
Licensed Surveyor.

Memoranda.

Oct. 31, 1921-

Since subscribing to the foregoing affidavit, written from memory and reference to the Records of the Recorder's office, this letter composed, to be addressed to H. I. Gordon an Attorney, about three years subsequent to my surveys of the Manzanita Tract, - has come to hand from among miscellaneous papers preserved in my office. - Mr. Gordon was Attorney for the Manzanita Colony Corporation, (or for Mr. Smead,) and at the beginning of my work for the Corporation seemed to counsel adversely to my opinion that Deputy Norway's Retracement and corners of the South bdy. of T. 8 N., R. 15 W. were not valid on the ground, as I understood, that the return of the survey had been accepted, approved and paid for by the U. S. Land Dept., and with the view that the Government was competent to make it supersede the former surveys by R. W. Norris, and to modify the Norris section boundaries and areas. I contended that the Hon. Com^r of the G. L. O. at Washington, never intended to approve a line varying from that run by R. W. Norris in 1855, as did the one ^{now} run by Norway, and by him falsely sworn to, especially as his corner set and marked for the S. W. Cor. of the township as being identical with that of Norris for the S. W. Cor. of T. 8 N., R. 15 W. which he described as relocated by reference to the Field Notes of Norris survey - when in fact the post so marked by Norway, was planted N. 38°-20' E. ^{40.825 ft.} 6.97 Chains from the "sit^{us}" of the true corner as established by Norris as shown by his "witness tree". (See the final survey of T. 7 N., R. 15 W. S. 1/2 M. filed in U. S. Land office, Los Angeles.)

It appears to me now that it was that Mr. Gordon was the representative of the Smead family - (including Mrs. Smead's sister, Miss Pierce and perhaps some interest of the brother Mr. Pierce) - but that having met Mr. Gordon and conferring with him personally, he desired me rather to address Mr. Smead directly - as is shown by the notation in pencil on the corner of the letter as I now find it. The letter was not closed - and never sent - I have now signed it as making statements in part supplementing my affidavit, perhaps slightly correcting dates. -

Oct 24, 1904

3. By some scraps of Composition I find with the Letter to Mr. L. I conclude I addressed Mr. Daniel a day or two later. It does not appear by anything found of record, that the suggestions, (I suppose coming from some of the people of the Corporation) for a new plat for Correction of Records was made. At the time it was acceptable to use Licensed Surveyors' Maps as Maps of Subdivision for deeds. The defect of my ^{L.S.} Map, Book 1, p. 58, as to assent of the proprietors was largely helped by the facts of the Mis. Rec. p. 44, B. 53. This is a matter long past - and belongs to the Abstract Department rather than explanations proposed at this date. -

4. My affidavit - or rather my memory failed as to the earlier preliminary work of setting some outlines by temporary "hubs", at the outset in 1892, - and as to the earlier Map "Mangana" including the Edson Orchards separately known as "Fruit Growers' Mutual Soc. Lands", a Lithograph copy of which was cut down, as I state at page 2 of the Letter to Mr. Gordon, to become the Mis. Rec. B. 53 - 28. This item seems about ^{the} only thing relevant or explanatory to add to my sworn statements - which I have not tho't necessary to remake for the purposes intended in filing it for reference.

5. Of persons living who were familiar with my controversies in regard to variance of the Norris and Norway surveys in the Antelope ^{Valley}, I can name O. Le Liversy, for many years a Deputy Clerk of the Courts of Los Angeles County; and J. B. Lippincott, well known Civil Engineer, & Chas. F. Edson of Los Angeles - who have specially verified the differences of the Corners of Norris, and Norway for the S.W. Cor. T. 8 N. R. 16 W. - soon after my relocation of the ^{true} Corner in 1890. -

C. A. Orsigh
Licensed Surveyor