

Benton County Surveyor's Office
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Statement of Evidence:

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Northeast Corner of Section 5, Township 37 North, Range 29 West, Gilmanton Township, 4th Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

- 1849 Original US General Land Office survey set a wood post at this location and bearing trees were recorded.
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| 12" Maple | N 16 ½ W | 30 links |
| 16" W Birch | N 29 E | 25 links |
| 8" Sugar | S 67 ½ W | 22 links |
| 6" Sugar | S 39 E | 33 links |
- 1902 County Surveyor's Record Book A, John Whilt notes a stone on Map No. 36 for Section 33, 38-29. He also notes a distance of 40.50 chains (2673.00 feet) to the East ¼ corner of Sec 32 in Alberta Township and a distance of 40.75 ½ chains (2689.83 feet) to the North ¼ corner Sec 4.
- 1914 County Engineers' Notebook No. 7, pages 7 to 10 contains a road survey by M.J. Cleveland where survey ran west to east along town line. Notes show found stone monument with tie:
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| Corner Post | North | 26.6' |
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- Stationing gives distances of 2552 feet to the North ¼ corner of Section 5 and 2689 feet to the North ¼ corner of Section 4.
- 1955 County Surveyor's Record Book 1, page 469 notes a stone and hub with the following reference ties
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| 7" Triple Elm | N | 43.85 |
| 30" Elm | SW | 83.1 |
- (Older record on same page shows stone monument with post 26 links north.)
- 1997 Paul Wellen, LS 10461, found a ½" iron at the corner at a distance of 2698.69 feet west of the North ¼ corner of Section 4. William Lunser, LS 9394, notes per Doc. No. 283112 a distance of 2754.89 feet to the East ¼ corner Section 5.
- 2003 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found a RR spike that measured 2698.57 feet west of the North ¼ corner of Section 4 and 2651.54 feet from the North ¼ corner of Section 5. In 1902, the North ¼ corner of Section 4 was set lost. We measured 2690.07 feet between the North ¼ and NE corners of Section 4, which agrees well with the 1902 distance of 2689.83 feet. This indicates that this corner could be as much as 8.5 feet east of the RR spike. 1914 stationing appears to be 100 feet short to the west. Corner needs further checking.
- County Coordinates Obtained by GPS to RR spike (*Do not use as corner*)
- NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 164289.132
E- 521664.004
- 2006 The Benton County Surveyor's Office excavated the corner position and found a 2-inch square wood hub down 2 feet. No other corner evidence was found. The wood hub falls about 1.5 feet west of a 1914 position based proportioned distances between found stones at the north quarters of Sections 4 and 5. The hub is consistent with other hubs found set by the highway department at section corners to mark their locations during road construction. The hub is accepted as marking the obliterated corner position and GPS coordinates were observed.
- County Coordinates Obtained by GPS
- NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 164286.277
E- 521667.325
- 2008 A 1/2" x 14" iron pipe capped 19552 is set to mark the position in initial overlay of County Road 84.
- 2009 A PK Nail with Benton County Washer as set after the final overlay of the County Road 84 project.
- 2011 The Benton County Surveyor's Office found the PK Nail with Benton County washer and verified the 2006 coordinates.