

Statement of Evidence:

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Northeast Corner of Section 1, Township 38 North, Range 30 West, Graham Township, 4th Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

1849 Original US General Land Office survey established this corner and set a wood post for the corner location with the following bearing trees marked:

8" Black Oak	N 74 1/2 E	48 links
8" Poplar	N 77 W 20 links	
18" White Oak	S 16 W 42 links	
16" White Oak	S 10 E	59 links

A 16" W Oak line tree was noted South 23.37 chains and an 10" Poplar West 17.90 chains.

1914 Phil Randall, Morrison County Surveyor, notes in County Surveyor's Record Book A, page 165, (Morrison County) a survey of Section 36, 39-30. Survey notes a stake found at the corner location.

1988 Bruce Skipton, LS 17768, found a 1" solid pin, 3 feet long, down 6" on the centerline of County Road 60 (running north and south). He dug with a backhoe around found iron and found no other evidence of a corner marker. He set a cast iron monument over the found iron and filed a Certificate of Location (#191336).

1995 Comstock and Davis performed GPS work under contract with Benton County and Coordinates Obtained by GPS NAD 83 (1986 Adjustment) to a CIM:

N- 196443.249
E- 494045.741

2002 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. searched Benton County records and found no other record evidence on this corner.

2011 The Benton County Surveyor's Office found the 1988 CIM with no reference ties remaining. The distance east measures 28 feet long of GLO distance for the half mile and the distance west measures 29 feet long of GLO distance for the half mile. Through the course of perpetuating section corners and research of county records, it does not appear that a township land mark was ever set in conjunction with a county-wide project. The coordinates reported in 1995 appear to be in error, differing by 130 feet north-south and 16,000 feet east-west. The CIM is accepted as marking the obliterated corner position.

Coordinates Obtained by GPS
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N-196572.739
E-510081.792

Township Landmarks: Minnesota Statutes 381.13 required every county to have placed by a surveyor at the northeast corner of each congressional township a durable magnetic monument having a head not less than 3-1/2 inches in diameter and a length of 20 inches. We have not been able to find evidence that this was done in Benton County, but it was done in most counties in the late 1800's and is a possibility that it was also done in Benton County. Many of the counties used stone monuments instead of iron.