

**Statement of Evidence:**

**F253**

East Quarter Corner of Section 25, Township 37 North, Range 31 West, Watab Township, 4<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

- 1849 Original US General Land Office survey set a wood post at this location and bearing trees were recorded.  
8" Poplar N 41 E 363 links  
8" Bur Oak N 10 E 730 links  
A line is noted: 16" Blk. Oak South 20.35 chains
- 1898 County Road Book, page 163, shows road surveyed by Felix Parrent, County Surveyor, south to north on town line. Survey starts 12.34 chains south of this corner and gives distance of 40.14 chains (2649.24 feet) to the NE corner.
- 1979 Paul Wellen's, LS 10461, records show he found a nail and disc and measured 2761.56 feet to the NE corner of Section 25 and 2591.34 feet to the SE corner of Section 25.
- 1990 Paul Wellen found a RR spike 2.0 feet east of the centerline of County Road 57. He removed it and set a cast iron monument and filed a Certificate of Location (#201473).
- 2003 Surveying & Engineering Professionals found a CIM. They measured 5352.91 feet between section corners and found the CIM to be at the lost position.
- 2004 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found a CIM. The CIM agrees with the one set by Wellen in 1990 and is 85 feet north of Wellen's 1979 position and 27 feet south of the 1898 position, although the 1898 time frame measurements have been found to be not very accurate.  
County Coordinates obtained by GPS to CIM.  
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- 2008 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found a CIM ~2 feet east of the centerline of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and agreeing with two of Wellen's 1990 ties. We measured 2676.51 feet to the NE corner and 2676.56 feet to the SE corner of the section. After locating longstanding occupation at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> corners north and south, we find them both to be fitting the lost position considerably well. CIM is accepted as marking the obliterated position for this corner. Coordinates obtained by GPS coincide with 2004 position.
- 2009 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. excavated two locations. Dug 8'x10'x5' deep area centered at Parrent distance south of the NE corner. Found five field stones in hole (various sizes) at various depths with no distinctive characteristics. In clay layer (4'+/-) found remnants of a barbed wire and wood post running north

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and south, but no sign of original post or other evidence. Fence remnants in line with traveled centerline. Second, we excavated an 8'x10'x5' deep area centered on the found cast iron monument and found nothing to speak of. Cast iron monument position at lost location is accepted as marking the corners location.

Set a ½"x24" iron pipe capped 19552 at this position.

County Coordinates obtained by GPS

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