

Statement of Evidence

A051

North Quarter Corner of Section 5, Township 38 North, Range 28 West, Granite Ledge 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.

8" Sugar N 50 E 14 links
8" Sugar S 28 W 6 links

Line trees are noted 12" Sugar, East, 17.84 chains and 8" W. Birch, West, 16.51 chains

1915 County Surveyor's Record Book 2, page 318, and Record Book A, Map No. 4, show a survey of Section 5 by J.P Soderstrum. The survey shows he corrected the corner to a true line and equal distance (lost position). He found no evidence of old maple BTs, but he did find an old elm blazed on 4 sides. He notes a distance of 40.04 chains (2642.64 feet) to the NE and NW corners of Sec 5. He made the following reference ties to the corner:

12" Elm N 11-30 W 38 links (blazed)
20" Elm S 49-30 W 20 links

1919 Nels Peterson, Morrison County Surveyor, notes he set a concrete monument at all government corners along the south line of Lakin Township in Morrison County.

2003 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found a concrete monument with an iron pin in the center. Same as other concrete monuments found as set by Peterson in 1919. Measured 2643.11 feet to the NE corner and 2641.73 feet to the NW corner of Section 5. Found the concrete monument to be 6.75 feet south and 0.70 feet west of the lost position.

County Coordinates obtained by GPS to concrete monument
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 196092.824
E- 549288.850

2010 Benton County Surveyor's Office found a rebar in a 10" x 10" concrete monument. The coordinates of the monument match the coordinates of Westwood and the measurements to the NE corner and the NW corner of Section 5 are the same as what Westwood measured. The monument is accepted as the Obliterated Quarter corner.