

Benton County Surveyor's Office
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Statement of Evidence:

L201

North Quarter Corner of Section 20, Township 36 North, Range 30 West, Minden Township, 4th Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

- 1852 Original U. S. General Land Office survey established this corner and a wood post was set for the corner and bearing trees were recorded.
10" Blk Oak S 57 W 40 links
- 1917 County Surveyor's Record Book 1, page 199, and County Surveyor's Record Book A, Map No. 44, shows a survey of Section 20 by N. Drolson. He did not find the corner and set a post with the following reference ties:
R. Oak N 15 E 228 links (150.48 feet)
R. Oak SE 337 links (222.42 feet)
A distance of 40.40 chains (2666.4 feet) is noted to the NW and NE corners of Section 20.
- 1962 Carley Engineering survey notes show I.M. at corner with distances of 2663.98 feet to the NE and NW corners. (Believe corner set and not found.)
- 1970 The following reference ties are noted in County records.
N & D 8" R. Oak NW 21.60
N & D 8" R. Oak NNE 24.53
Center W. Oak S 115.6
- 1995 On February 5, 1995 Kevin Festler, LS 22702, found a RR tie fence post and set a iron pipe with cap No. 16097 +/-1 foot east of the fence corner with fences running west and south. He filed a Certificate of Location (#230313). Ties check closely with 1970 ties.
- 2003 County Coordinates obtained by GPS to iron pipe. Measured 2662.17 feet to the NE corner. Carley Engineering notes give distances of 5431.0 feet to the North ¼ corner Section 17 and 5191.0 feet to the South ¼ corner Section 20. These measurements indicate the iron pipe is within 5 feet of the 1962 Carley location.
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 115946.828
E- 486825.801
- 2005 After establishing the NW corner of Section 20, found the iron pipe to be 77.94 feet south of the lost position. Searched area for 1917 tie trees, but found no evidence. Measured 5328.0 feet between section corners, making the split distance at 2664.00 feet, which checks well with the 1917 survey. The 1914 County Plat Book shows the same ownership on both sides of the section line. Analyzed occupation lines, but there is very little for occupation lines in the two sections and concluded that occupation would not be helpful in determining this corner's correct location. Believe the only valid evidence of this corner is that in 1917, Drolson's survey did not find the original corner and proceeded to set the corner lost. I do not believe that the fence corner relates to an obliterated corner position and determined to reset the corner at the lost position, as was done in 1917.
County Coordinates to Lost Position
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 116024.755
E- 486823.988
- 2005 Certificate of Location of Government Corner filed as Document Number 332044.