

**Statement of Evidence:**

**K231**

The North Quarter Corner of Section 23, Township 36 North, Range 29 West, St. George Township, 4<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

1855 Original US General Land Office survey set a wood post at this location and bearing trees were recorded.

6" Blk Oak	N 15 E	23 links
8" Blk Oak	S 22 1/2 E	3 links

1950? MN/DOT alignment notes and map call for the corner being at the intersection of fence lines north/south/west. Alignment map shows corner 87.0 feet west of new centerline.

1972 County Highway records: 5/8" iron pipe is noted at the corner with the following reference ties.

4" Oak	SW	11.35
20" Oak	NNW	65.30
87.00 feet east of centerline of Highway 25		

2002 On May 13, 2002 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. searched for the corner and dug by hand in the area of the corner location as noted on old MN/DOT alignment maps (showing the corner as 87.00 feet west of the centerline). We found down and buried fence lines to the north/south and west. We established the corner location by recreating the old MN/DOT alignment from the maps and found that the location fell at the intersection of the fence lines. We found no evidence of the pipe or the tie trees noted in 1972 and question if the information is for this corner. We measured 5341.36 feet between the NW and NE corners of Section 23, which agrees within 2 feet of the original GLO measurements. The reestablished location falls 25.98 feet south and 75.60 feet west of the lost position. MN/DOT plans show an iron at the center of Section 14-using this reestablished 1/4 corner the computed center of Section 14 falls 36.7 feet west of MN/DOT's found center. This would tend to support the lost position. However, the MN/DOT plans also show a center of Section 23 and the south quarter corner of Section 23 based on occupation lines. Using reestablished corner position the north/south quarter line of Section 23 falls 2.9 feet east of the MN/DOT center of Section 23, which supports the reestablished position.

On May 20, 2002 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. set a cast iron monument at location as established above, accepting the MN/DOT information and fence line as evidence for the obliterated position of this corner.

Coordinates Obtained by GPS  
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)  
N-116668.058  
E-534788.642

2004 Note: Found record in 1931 County Engineer's Notebook No. 146 where H. G. Elletson ran the east-west quarter line of Section 14 and set the center of Section 14 midway between, measuring 5354.8 feet. Westwood measured 5353.86 feet for the east-west quarter line. This explains the found center of Section 14 by MN/DOT and that it had no relationship to the North 1/4 corner of Section 23, therefore confirming the position set in 2002.