

**Statement of Evidence:**

**K143**

The East Quarter Corner of Section 14, 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 established corner marked by a wood post with bearing trees:

12" Black Ash	N 38 1/2 E	46 links
6" Lynn	S 82 3/4 W	45 links

- 1914 County Surveyor's Records for a road survey note that an old stake and one B.T. were found and a new W. Oak stake was set by J.P. Soderstrum. He also established the following reference ties.

12" Elm	E	51.8
8" W. Oak	SW	77.3

- 1931 County Engineer's Notebook No. 146 contains a survey by H. G. Elletson where he ran the east-west quarter line of Section 14. Notes state: "found 1/4 cor. (old stake) and retied". Notes list the same ties as above.

- 1940 County Engineer's Notebook No. 134 contains survey of CAR 40 running south to north on section line. Corner is shown as an iron in road with fence lines east and west. Ties:

12" Elm Stump	E	50.5'
8" W. Oak	SW	78.8'

Stationing gives distances of 2697.6 feet to the SE corner and 2668.2 feet to the NE corner.

- 2002 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. searched for the corner and dug a hole with a backhoe, at the centerline of 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (running north and south) and fence line east, 12' X 12' down to natural ground. We were looking for the white oak stake set in 1914. We did not find the stake, but found two-10" lath stuck together (likely set by the Benton County Highway Department) and many large field stones. No positive evidence was found of the 1914 tie trees. The distance of 51.8 feet east did fall in a depression of a possible old stump, but no real evidence of an Elm was found. We measured 2700.50 feet to the SE corner and 2668.93 feet to the NE corner, which compared well with the 1940 distances. We established the corner using obliterated methods at the centerline of County Road 64 (running north and south) and a fence line to the east and evidence of former fence to the west. Landowner to the south states that a large red piece of metal was placed on the west side of the road at the location of the fence line to the west and two fence posts left along the 1/4 line. Westwood Professional Services, Inc. set a spike at the corner location as established above and on 10/10/02 the spike was replaced with a cast iron monument. Reference Job #20025051.

County Coordinates Obtained by GPS

NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)

N-119449.66

E-537525.06