

Statement of Evidence:

M243

East Quarter Corner of Section 24, Township 36 North, Range 31 West, Sauk Rapids 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.
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| 4" Black Oak | N 2 W | 381 links |
| 2" Black Oak | N 1 1/2 E | 379 links |
- A line tree is noted as a 6" Blk Oak North 17.93 chains.
- 1929 County Engineer's Notebook No. 55 contains a survey for SAR No. 1 by H. G. Elletson running south. Ties to PI located 10.8 feet south of corner:
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| TP | SW | 82.9' |
| TP | NW | 70.6' |
- Stationing gives a distance of 2645.0 feet to the SE corner. Notes show corner determined from distance on McGregor survey.
- 1966 County Engineer's Notebook No. 282 contains survey for CSAH No. 1, which shows PI spike at 2650.9 feet north of the SE corner on fence line east.
- 1972 William Lunser, LS 9394, found a 3/4" iron pipe in center of north-south road and north of a fence line east and filed a Certificate of Location (#133434). He notes a distance of 2671.00 feet to the SE corner of Section 24.
- 1996 Wayne Claassen, LS 7112, found a 3/4" pipe in the centerline of a road. He filed a Certificate of Location (#244905).
- 2003 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found an iron pipe in north-south road per previous Certificates. Measured 2671.53 feet to the SE corner and 2621.91 feet to the NE corner. The lost position of the corner is 24.8 feet south of the iron pipe, which would more closely agree with the 1929 position, being 23.1 feet south of the iron pipe, and the fence line east. It appears the iron pipe position has been used for surveys in the area for at least the past 30 years, but is not in agreement with the old highway information.

County Coordinates obtained by GPS to iron pipe

NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)

N- 113300.646

E- 478761.302

This corner is noted on the following recorded plats:

AUTUMN RIDGE 2003 Linda Brown

NOTE: CORNER POSITION IS QUESTIONABLE!

- 2009 The Benton County Surveyor's Office excavated a 10-foot east-west by 18-foot north-south by 9-foot deep hole to below old road bed. A 10-inch by 12-inch by 8-inch egg-shaped field stone was found down 7 feet below the existing road surface. The found stone falls approximately 3 feet north of an old down fence to the east, fitting the 1966 distance within 5 feet to the south. The field stone was planted with the long dimension of the stone running north-south. No other corner evidence was found during excavation. A 1/2-inch by 14-inch iron capped 19552 was set over the stone at the road surface.

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County Coordinates obtained by GPS to iron pipe set over stone. (Do not use - Not the local point of control)
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 113285.220
E- 478763.832

In 1929, the corner was set half way between section corners north and south in the centerline of the road according to the information in Field Book 55. This position falls about 9 feet south of the found stone with the distance between section corners fitting within 3.3 feet. Mr. Elletson typically chained very consistently and it is unusual to measure 9 feet of difference to his measurement.

The 3/4-inch iron pipe found first in 1972 is of unknown origin falling 15.6 feet north of the found stone, 18.6 feet north of the fence to the east, 20 feet north of the 1966 position based on distance and 25 feet north of the 1929 position based on distance. For the last 30 years, this iron has been used for platting and surveys in the area, even though it does not agree with the older highway information or long-standing occupation lines in the area.

It is apparent that the 3/4-inch iron pipe monument found in 1972 was set without considering early records and physical evidence. The monument has been used by surveyors for boundary surveys and platting since then. The coordinates established in 2003 were verified and the monument found in 1972 is considered a **local point of control**.

2010 The Benton County Surveyor's Office found the 3/4" iron pipe as found first in 1972 and a 1/2" iron pipe capped 19552 over the found stone. Reference ties were established as shown for the 3/4" iron pipe since it is accepted as the local point of control. The 2003 coordinates were verified.