

Statement of Evidence:

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Northeast Quarter Corner of Section 1, Township 36 North, Range 31 West, Sauk Rapids Township, 4th Principal Meridian, Benton County, Minnesota.

1849 Original US General Land Office survey established this corner and set a wood post at this location and bearing trees were recorded.
6" Black Oak S 33 W 681 links
A line tree was noted as a 12" Poplar West 28.90 chains.

1876 County Surveyor's Record Book 1, page, 233, shows a road survey by R. Cronk along the east line of Section 1 with a distance of 83.50 chains (5511.0 feet).

1917 County Records contain a survey subdividing Section 6, 36-30 by R.H. West, which notes a stake at this corner.

1938 County Engineers' Notebook No. 116 shows survey of SAR 1 running from south to north. Notes show corner being a spike in center of road and fence west and town road east. Ties:
Cor. FP NE 40.6'
TP NW 31.6'

1961-1968 reference ties:
PP SE 44.67
GP SW 54.45
TP NW 44.58

1977 County Surveyor's Record Book 1, page 239, notes the following reference ties.
Cor FP NE 41.5
Cor FP W 33.0
24" Oak SW 186.55
E end Culvert SE 65.90
W end culvert SW 60.12
12" Oak SW 178.98
1-S.F.H. NE 234.0

1977 County Highway notes a 1/2" iron pipe was set at the centerline of County Road 1 and a township road east for the alignment of SAP 05-601-04 with same ties as above.

1994 Kevin Festler, LS 22702, found a 1/2" iron pipe at the intersection of centerlines and he set a cast iron monument at the intersection of centerlines and filed a Certificate of Location (#226908).

1995 Comstock and Davis performed GPS work under contract with Benton County and Coordinates Obtained by GPS NAD 83 (1986 Adjustment) to a CIM:
N- 132147.588
E- 478510.214

2008 Westwood Professional Services, Inc. found a cast iron monument in the centerline of CR 1 and ~2 feet north of the centerline of township road to the east. CIM fits 1994 Festler ties and five of the remaining 1977 County Surveyor ties. CIM is accepted as marking the obliterated position for this corner.
County Coordinates obtained by GPS to CIM:
NAD 83 (1996 Adjustment)
N- 132147.850
E- 478509.703

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Township Landmarks: Minnesota Statutes 381.13 required every county to have placed by a surveyor at the northeast corner of each congressional township a durable magnetic monument having a head not less than 3-1/2 inches in diameter and a length of 20 inches. We have not been able to find evidence that this was done in Benton County, but it was done in most counties in the late 1800's and is a possibility that it was also done in Benton County. Many of the counties used stone monuments instead of iron.