

25 & 36-16-1W
30 & 31-16-1E

COUNTY

906.5' ? —



46.503
(3069.20')

35.24
(2325.84')

16.10
(1062.60')

906.5'?

Set Stone

58.5' 8.0'
11.263 Chains
74.3' 5.0'

Boundary of Tract to North West Cor. of Section 31.
19.14 Chains

Stone

From South Stone on West
16.10 Chains

Stone

Thereof 7 Chains; Thence North Parallel with the West line of said Section 3.815
Chains to the North Boundary line of same. Thence East on said line 43.99
Chains to place of Beginning - Containing - 50. Acres. More or Less

ELIZABETH GENTRY

A part of the North Half of Section Thirty One (31) Township Sixteen (16) North of Range One (1) East.
Described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section, 11.915 Chains South of
the North East Corner thereof and running thence South on Section line 11.263 Chains. Thence West
Parallel with North line of said Section 44.53 Chains to the West Boundary line of same. Thence North
on said line 11.263 Chains to a stone which marks the South West Corner of the Alice L. Merritt tract.
Thence East Parallel with the North line of said Section 31. 44.26 Chains to the Place of Beginning
Containing 50 Acres More or Less

Set Stone

44.53 Chains

Set Stone

11.263 Chains

Stone of
Corner of
Section 31. to North East

Set Stone

81.67 A
22.5 A

81.895 Acres More or Less

MARY F. TODD

A part of the North Half of Section Thirty One in Township Sixteen (16)
North of Range One (1) East. Described as follows, to wit: Beginning at
the East Half Mile Stone of said Section and running thence with Section bearing
44.925 Chains, West, to the West Half Mile Stone of said Section. Thence North
on West line of said Section 19.14 Chains to a point [which is 23.178 Chains, South of the
North West Cor. of said Section] Thence, East Parallel with North North line of said
Section 44.53 Chains to a point [which is South of the North East Cor. of said Sec.
23.178 Chains, on East Section line] Thence South on East line of said Section
17.38 Chains to place of beginning Containing 81.67 More or Less.

Also a part of the South Half of said Section 31. Twp. and Range aforesaid. Described as follows
to wit: Beginning at East Half Mile Stone of said Section 31. and running thence South
Four and a half (4½) Rods. Thence West Eight (8) Rods. Thence North Four and a half (4½) Rods
Thence East Eight (8) Rods to place of beginning. Containing 8 Acres or 225 Acres

From West Half Mile to East Half Mile Stone Section 31. 44.925 Chains

Stone

From W. Half Mile Stone 24.705 Chains to Cen. N. S.E. ¼ Sec 31.

Cen. N. of S.E. ¼ Sec 31. 20.22 Chains to E. ½ Mile Stone

8 Rods

East Half mile stone Section 31.

Amanda J Jackson

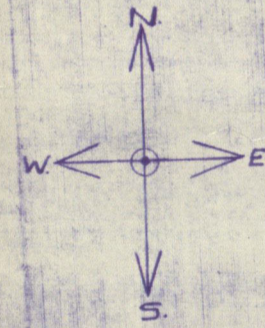
A part of the South Half of Section Thirtyone (31)
Township Sixteen (16) North of Range One (1) East.
Described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Center
North of the South East Quarter of Section 31. Twp 16. N. R.
1. E. and running thence South with Section bearing
16.04 Chains; Thence West with Section bearing
24.81 Chains; Thence North with Section bearing
16.10 Chains. Thence East with Section bearing
24.705 Chains to place of beginning. Containing
39.77 Acres, More or Less.

1637.46'

24.81 Chains

Stone

16.04 Chains



Amanda J. Jackson

The North East Quarter of the
North East Quarter of Section
Seventeen (17) Township Seventeen
(17) North of Range Two (2) West Con-
-taining Forty (40) Acres More or Less

THE PARTITION OF THE JAMES W TODD ESTATE

LEWIS W. BORDERS
ISAAC FOSTER
RAY WHYTE
PARTITIONED BY COMMISSIONERS

SURVEYED FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH NINETEEN
SEVENTEEN. BY Ray Whyte SURVEYOR OF HENDRICKS COUNTY

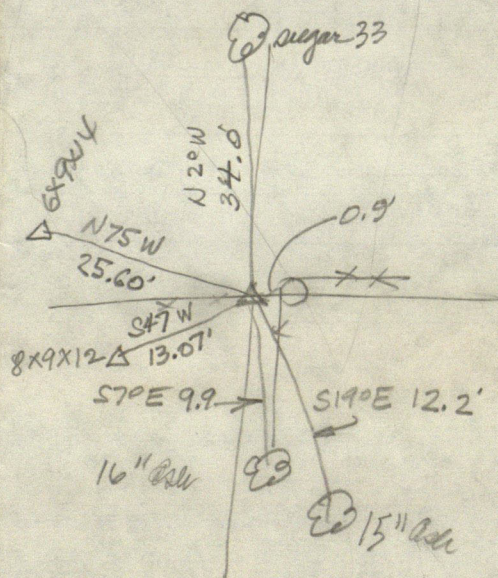
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WALNUT 16" (16" UP ON TRUNK)			
			PORCH (12" UP)

CONCRETE CULVERT

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TILE GARAGE	TILE GARAGE	TILE GARAGE	PORCH

NE cor. 31-16-1E

5'x2'x15" replace all
stone



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~~419.19~~

N 22°E 36.61' N 72°E 78.10' S 89 1/2°E 73.71' S 63°W 13.75' N 15°E 149.88' N 30°E 168.43'
N 52°E 99.72' S 81°E 15.76' 372.80' 372.80'

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0.55' 1.52'
2,643.69' to E. qtr. cor. stone Sec. 25 179°10'45"
2 inches Shallow drill hole in stone

4 inches Limestone 5x7x16
14 inches Slight dent in top of stone

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N 14 W 52.90 N 22 E 57.00 S 40 E 23.775 S 38 W 24.50 S 68 W 9.0 N 44 W 24.055
N 50 E 25.905 N 83 E 121.10 S 25 W 20.005 N 64 W 37.90 N 5 E 213.67 S 87 E 81.725
S 12 E 68.255 S 34 W 41.89 S 84 W 191.835 N 52 W 26.15 N 23 E 159.82 (slope) S 50 E 24.19
S 11 E 15.68 S 62 W 36.40 Reference Stone 5x11x14" set by Shartle 29 March 1949 West 10.60 feet
N 25 W 42.705 S 52 E 110.06 S 31 E 148.465 S 43 W 24.70 S 77 W 77.43 N 68 W 45.38
N 57 W 177.47 (slope) N 17 E 73.96 S 75 E 62.61 (slope) S 8 E 105.31 S 38 W 46.86
N 41 3/4 W 129.25 N 10 3/4 E 82.45 N 57 1/4 E 44.45 N 63 3/4 E 224.85 S 85 1/4 E 185.19
S 44 1/2 W 22.52 N 10 W 78.40 24.35 N 83 E 39.68 S 70 E 125.83 S 9 E 127.13 14.95
N 8 E 158.60 N 65 E 260.89 N 79 1/4 E 261.94 S 59 1/2 E 23.94 S 44 E 27.59 S 35 W 24.57
N 78 W 20.86 N 16 3/4 E 205.10 N 45 1/2 E 23.75 N 64 3/4 E 130.21 S 5 3/4 E 116.51
S 4 W 116.28 S 22 1/4 W 237.23 N 56 W 68.53 N 39 W 88.28 N 47 E 20.74 15.21 S 54 W 151.79
N 22 E 36.61 N 72 E 78.10 S 89 1/2 E 73.71 S 63 W 13.75 N 15 E 149.88 N 30 E 168.43
N 52 E 99.72 S 81 E 15.76 14.50 N 68 E 19.41 S 58 E 19.43 372.80 372.80 N 57 E 17.04
S 45 E 20.33 S 88 W 11.30 N 12 E 73.13 S 88 E 12.65 N 22 W 53.71 N 15 E 59.03 N 79 E 89.06
S 88 E 85.27 S 76 W 53.33 N 75 W 25.60 N 2 W 34.0 0.9 S 19 E 12.2 S 7 E 9.9 S 47 W 13.07

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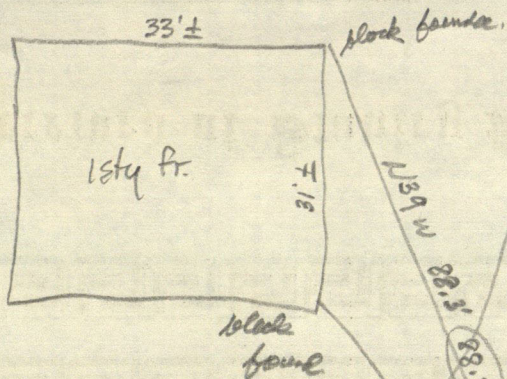
2 inches Shallow drill hole in stone 25 inches Hole in stone 12.5 inches Stone 7x14x14"

12 inches Stone 9 inches Stone with + 4 inches Limestone 5x7x16 6 inches

Stone 5x12x15" set to replace old stone 14 inches Slight dent in top of stone

35.5 inches Blue granite stone 5.5 inches Dent in top of gray stone 18 inches

Dark gray stone 6x12x22" Gray stone 15 inches Dark gray stone



gray stone 11" deep

38°

distances circled are 60°

block founde

88.3'

88.28'

156'

68.53'

20'

68.54'

stone 4" deep

20.74'

20.74'

147°E

15.21'

15.21'

cap nailed to woodgate post

N 27m. 31-16-1E

554W

151.82'

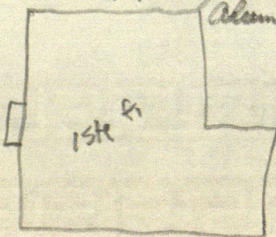
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alum siding

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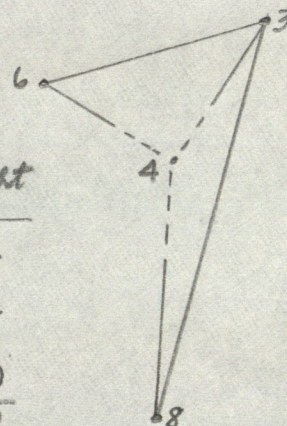


Adjust figure 8-3-6-4:

Let 10 = 6,000.00000, 1,000.00000

10-8 = 2,634.80200

Let 8 = 8,634.80200, 1,000.00000



Route	Length	Weight
8-4	2637.801'	1.44
8-3-4	3316.109'	1.14
8-3-6-4	3795.769'	1.00
		<u>3.58</u>

weight mean of coordinates
of 4 = $\frac{11,272.23674}{1,040.79211}$

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COMPASS RULE:

N ADJ=11,611.2515 } 3
E ADJ=1,052.7034 }

N ADJ=11,272.2367 } 4
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N ADJ=11,611.2393 } 3
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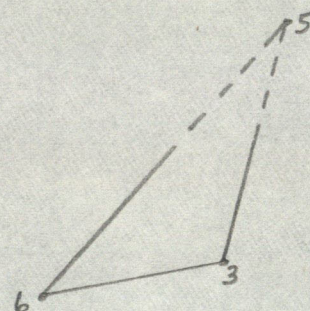
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Adjust traverse 6-5-3:

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P 6

6	1	4.092503	***
	2	87.100003	***
	3	64.342503	***
	4	113.264303	***
	5	15.013803	***

3	6	244.342503	***
	7	97.201503	***
	4	182.004203	***
	8	181.005303	***
	5	6.123503	***
	2	90.563503	***

P 1

6	1	11431.25960	***
	2	674.09220	***

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	15.013803	***
	2327.34500	***

5	13679.01571	***
	1277.52175	***

	106.123503	***
	2080.05000	***

Closure on 3	11611.17018	***
	1052.52651	***

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3	11611.24540	***
	1052.69045	***

Error of Closure	65.211304	***
	0.18038	***

$$\Sigma HD = 4407.395$$

$$\frac{1}{24,434}$$

COMPASS RULE:

$$\begin{matrix} N \text{ ADJ} = 13,679.0554 \\ E \text{ ADJ} = 1,277.6083 \end{matrix} \left] 5 \right.$$

$$\begin{matrix} N \text{ ADJ} = 11,611.2454 \\ E \text{ ADJ} = 1,052.6905 \end{matrix} \left] 3 \right.$$

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3	11611.24540	***
	1052.69045	***

5-3	186.122778	***
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	1277.60830	***

12-5	135.222572	***
	332.82354	***

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	1052.69045	***

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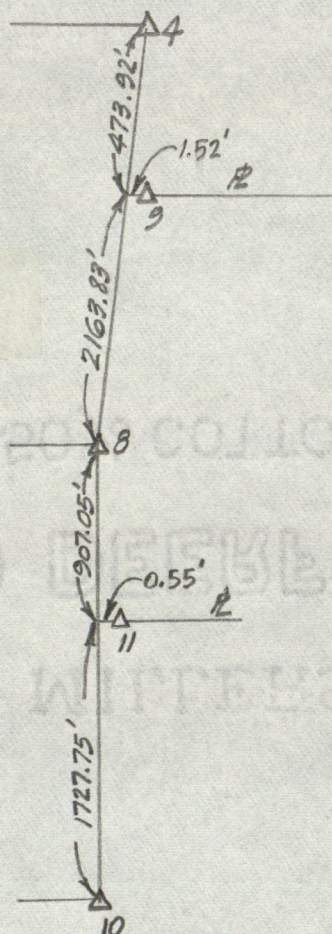
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2-STY. LOG HOUSE 1-STY. FRAME AND BRICK HOUSE POLE BARN 1-STY. FRAME HOUSE
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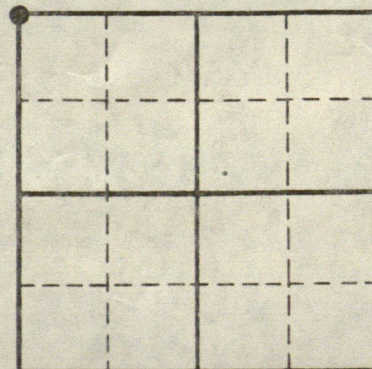
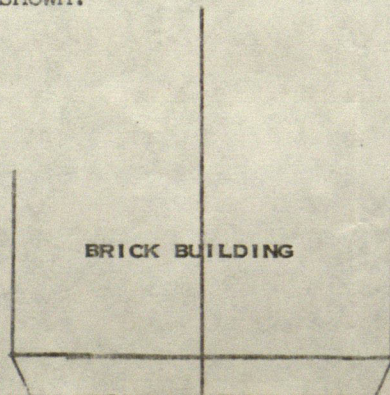
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Found: ☒ Set: ☐ Depth: 3 or 4 inches

Description: brass plug in concrete

Bearings to reference objects are magnetic unless a contrary mode is shown.

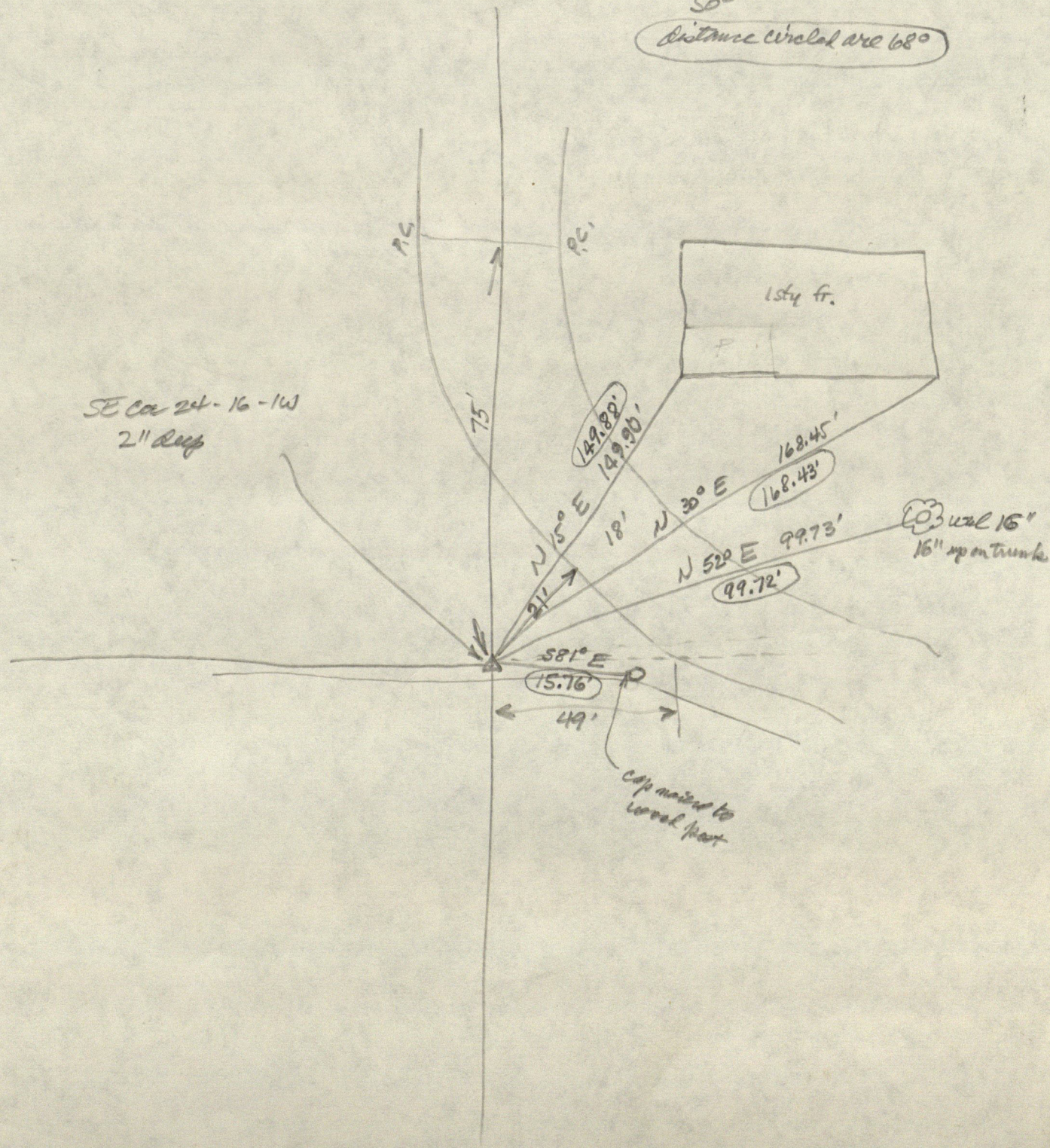


1894

15.5.5
also present

500
distance circled are 68°

SE Cor 24-16-1W
2" deep



DESIGNATION OF MARKER

Sec. 24 T 16 R 1W

Marker found: yes ☒ no ☐

Type of marker: stone 14" deep

Description:

Depth and Marking

References set: yes ☒ no ☐

Sketch References below.

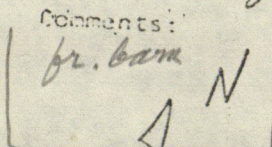
Date: August 10-31-89
1971

Set by:

Lewis Engineering

Comments:

fr. barn



corner found 1' up

N 38° W 111.99' cross mark top

N 75° W 58.20' corner corner post

cross mark top Post
corner corner post

stone 14" 1.0' down

S 80° W 106.73'

400 N

reger

This surely is the NW cor. 19-16-1E

P

lot fr. ho

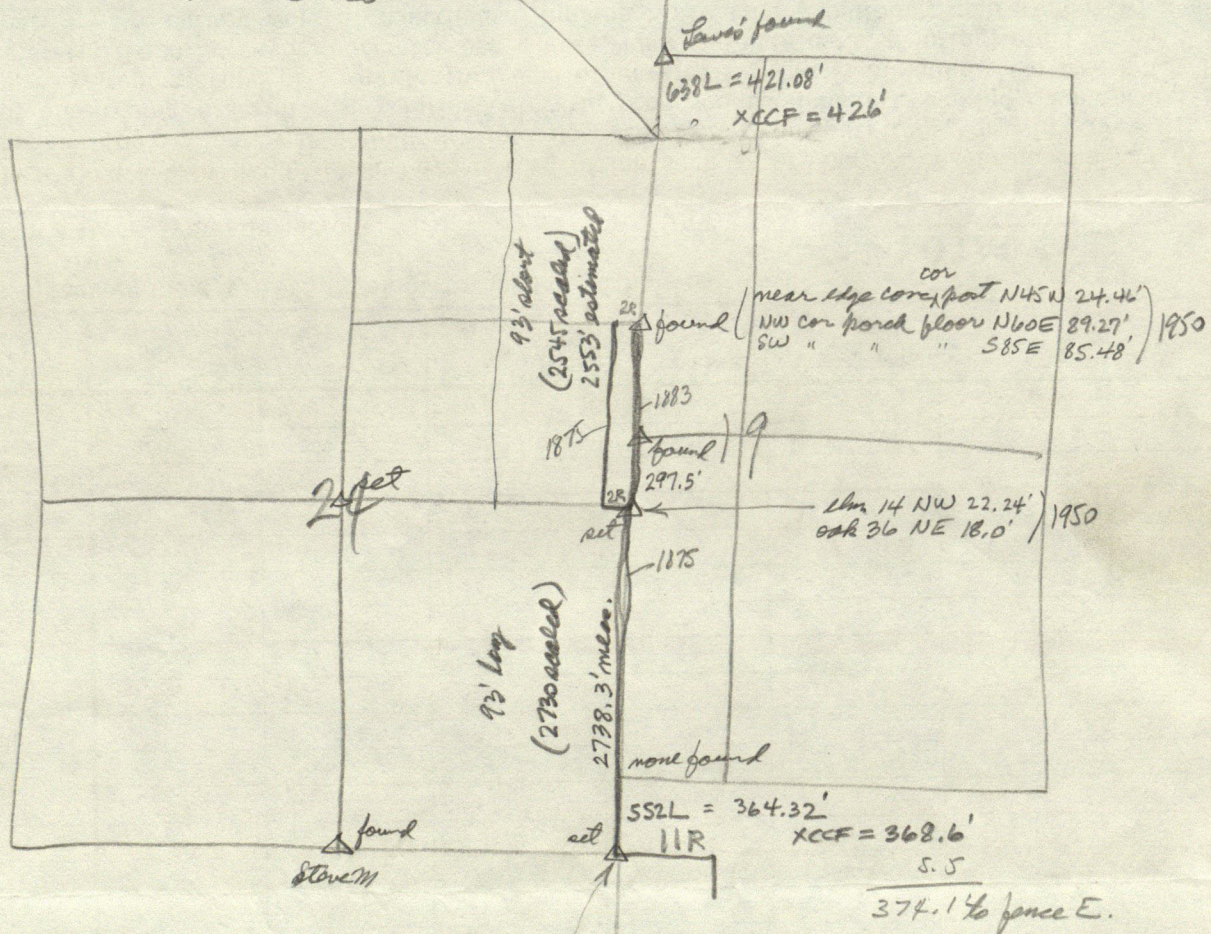
S 41° W 109.53'

for cor. found.

cross mark top post
corner corner post

CCF for govt. runway
 of T16N, R.1E. = 1.0117

16X24 w/it lay stone 10X20
 N79W 23L
 Carpenter C-226



165
 16.5
 181.5

SHEET _____ OF _____

At

8 }

16x20 W oak 30 N 66 1/2 W 70
maple 8 S 38 W 35 1/2
C-263

4x12x20
W oak 36 N 22 1/2 E 104
" " N 31 1/2 W 33 1/2
C-263
Hedley

15x20 good
Beech 10 S 75 W 75
W oak 28 N 36 1/2 W 103 1/2
C-263

18P16L = 307.56'
C-263 XCCF = 309'
57R4L = 943.14'
XCCF = 948'

13P16L 4y R.R. 6/210 (1852) = 225.00
15P13L = 256.41' C-264
XCCF = 257.7'

Branch 14 S 57 W 13 1/2 C-16
W oak 28 S 55 E 60

Branch 18 N 12 W 70 1/4
10x10 " 26 S 22 W 83 1/2

8x2x16
B wood 12 S 85 W 56

85 RPL
85 R 8L

13R13 1/2 L = 223.41
then XCCF = 224 1/2'

15" naming
Beech 15 N 51 W 20
" 14 S 5 E 16 1/2
C-111

W oak 26 N 26 W 12
Beech 12 S 16 E 44

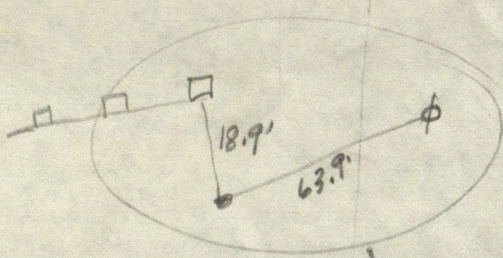
10x12x20 in branch

15x18

C-19

78R
78R

76R



E² SE⁴

Branch 10 S 82 1/2 E 35
Sag 12 N 53 E 42

6x12x24 B. W oak 14 S 70 E 26
JWT

107P5L
C-19

8x12x16
stone S 27 1/2
N 19
" WFF

WFF
21.5730

19.23

no stone

15.81

8.923 ch
JWT
(588.92')

37.29'
(244.11)

Trotter
11-12-1896

12.65

8x10x14
stone N 44 1/2 W 21
" S 44 1/2 E 21
B. W oak 15 N 83 1/4 W 52
JWT

6x12x22
stone S 40 1/2 W 11 1/4 L
" N 40 1/2 E 56 1/4
Hedley N 36 1/2 W 53 L
JWT

10x12x17
stone N 62 W 30 L
" S 9 E 26 L
JWT

6x20x14 maple N 11 1/2 W 100 L
stone N 25 1/2 W 33 1/2
WFF

14.415 ch WFF
Reloc
18x24x41
Beech 16x17x24 N 22
" 7x18x24 S 18
Trotter

W 1/2 mi.
15x18
Sag 20 N 40 1/2 E 27 1/2
" 12 N 57 1/2 E 20 1/2
C-46

1043.46
1049

38.22 ch to 1/4 mi. stone

Caylon's
 3 PILL
 (S to 76)
 W 3 N 1/2 W 62 1/2 }
 W 1/2 3 S 4 1/2 E 74 }
 C-60

1
 Beech 15 S 20 1/2 E 73 }
 Hick 18 N 75 1/2 E 86 }
 C-60

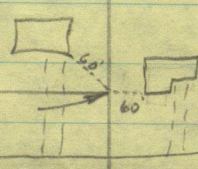
495'

Con N Con 10x12x14 (stone 12x22 E 15')
 " 10x12x14 W 15')
 Dotted

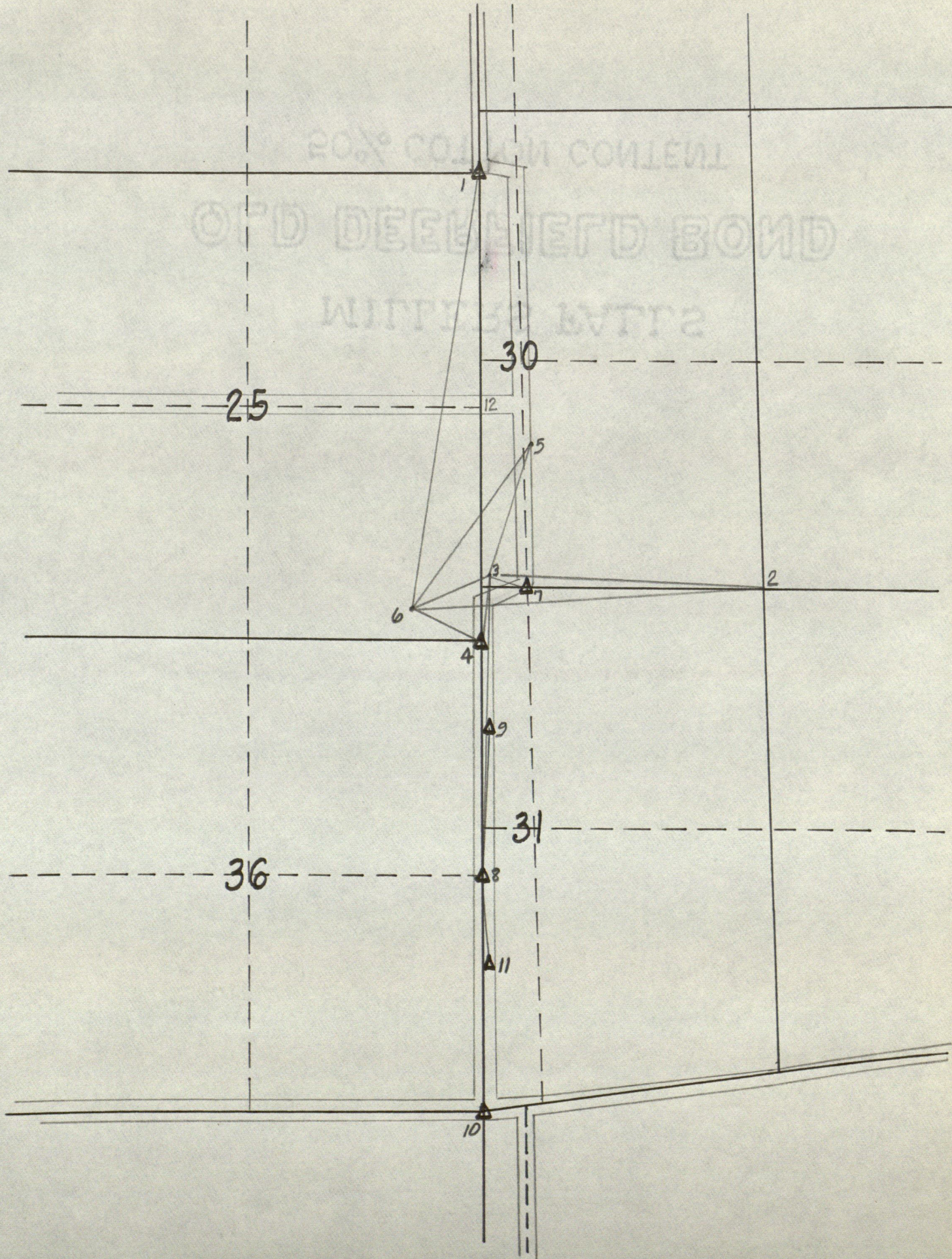
12x18 C-60

20R
 B
 20R

550' ±



20% COLD IN CONTENT
OF DEEP FELD BOND
MILITARY BATTLES



County (2nd P.M. Survey)

- 1 stone found at NE cor. 25-16-1W
- 2 approx. fence cor. near the NE cor. 31-16-1E
- 3 temp. point NE of NW cor. 31-16-1E
- 4 stone found at NE cor. 36-16-1W
- 5 temp. point near E.C.R. 300E in SE 4 30-16-1E
- 6 " " in meadow about 400' NW of 4
- 7 stone found at N. qtr. cor. 31-16-1E
- 8 " " " E. " " 36-16-1W
- 9 " " 11.915 ch. S. of the NW cor. 31-16-1E according to Ray W. Lytle (1917).
- 10 " " at SE cor. 36-16-1W
- 11 " " 16.10 ch. S. of W. qtr. cor. 31-16-1E " " " " (").
- 12 midpoint of 4-1 where to begin the search for the E. qtr. cor. of 25-16-1W

25

30

40

337 = 222.42'

4.60
= 303.60'

40

31

36

40

40

140

5.00

40

3.60

431

25

SR.

10R.

S1°53'W 1341.25'

S84°37'W 221.85'

S2°20'W 296.15'

473.91

21163.9

$$\begin{array}{r} 2643 \\ 26392 \\ \hline 3.9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 512 \\ 29 \\ \hline 1.4 \end{array}$$

2640.05'

2637.8 mean

John O. Kain's Acc.
of Todd Rd.

36

2635.7'

2634.9 mean

$$\begin{array}{r} 38.1 \\ 35.7 \\ \hline 2.4 \end{array}$$

241'

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HISTORIC LANDMARK FOUND

Before selling federal lands to individuals the government had to survey Indiana into tracts called congressional townships composed of 36 sections (mile squares) each, and the sections into quarter sections (160-acre parcels). In the hardwood forest that became Hendricks County, the corners of those divisions were marked with wooden posts set by U. S. deputy surveyors from 1819 to 1821. Bearings and distances from each corner to two nearby trees were taken down to help in restoring the corner if the post should disappear. After almost 170 years the posts are gone and the bearing trees have nearly all vanished. Pioneer county surveyors, who divided the quarter sections into smaller parcels, found the posts rotting and replaced them with field stones planted in the ground for permanency. Nowadays, descriptions found in deeds, abstracts of title, mortgages, and other legal documents still depend on those ancient landmarks for location. But roads have been built over many of the corner stones thus covering them and making them hard to find for surveying purposes, excepting for the operators of bulldozers, backhoes, and trenchers who unknowingly come upon and tear out many of those priceless monuments every year.

To help solve the severe problem of corner loss, the 1965 General Assembly passed the Perpetual Corner Records Act which required Indiana's county surveyors to find and document the positions of a certain percentage of the corner stones in their respective counties annually. The Surveyor of

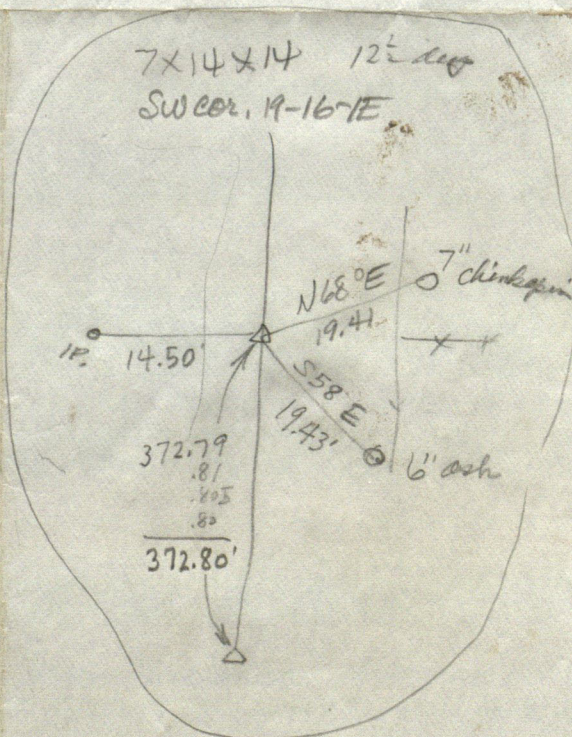
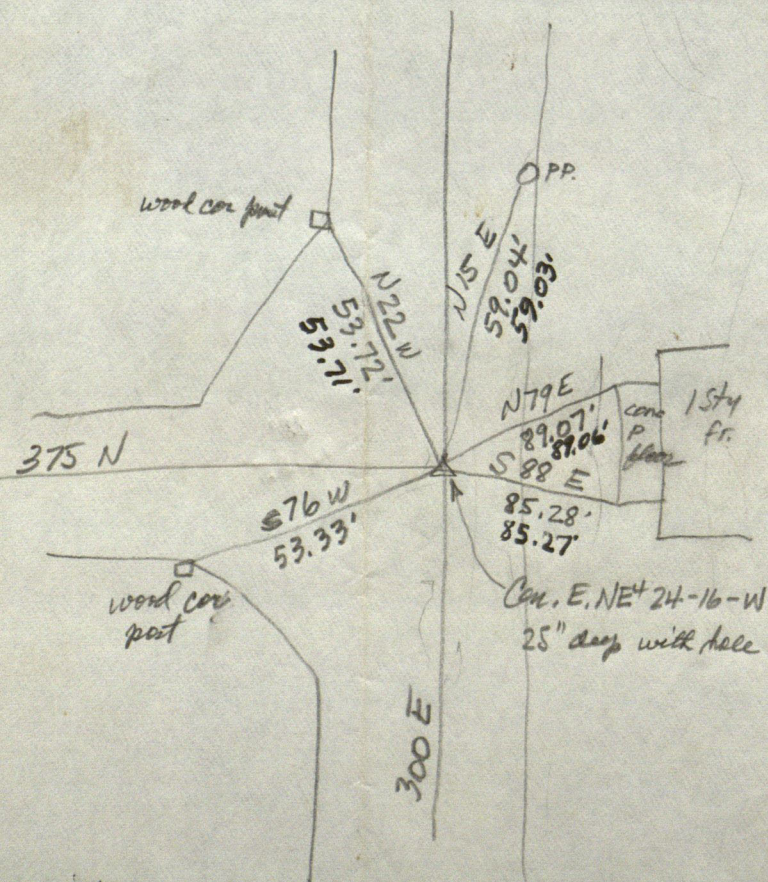
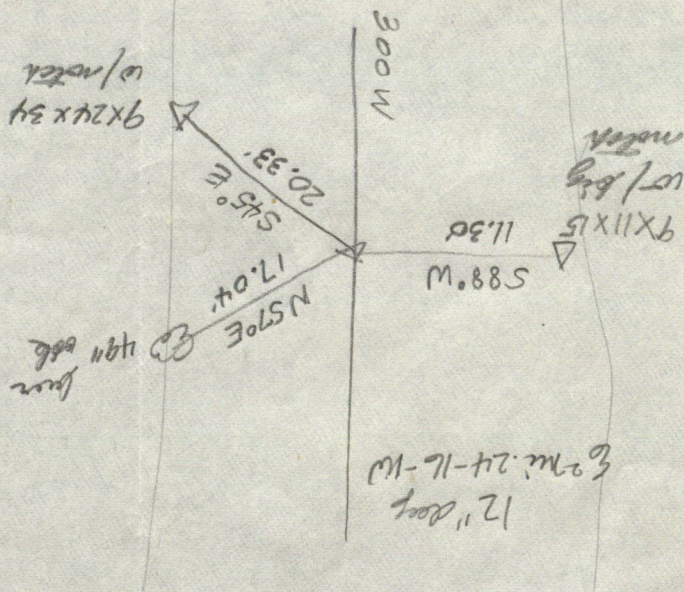
Hendricks County has been active in that program, during which memorable incidents have occurred. For instance, last summer he uncovered an important section corner stone by reproducing the direction and distance that was recorded September 8, 1849, from a white oak by county surveyor Job Hadley during his substitution a large stone for the government post. The tree was then 15 inches in diameter but today it is monstrous. It furnished the only means of finding the buried stone; without it the exact corner location might have remained unknown forever.

The Second Principal Meridian, which passes north-south through Hendricks County and is popularly called "the meridian," is the backbone for nearly all property boundary locations in Indiana and Illinois. The meridian is intersected by the congressional line between Townships 15 and 16 North in Hendricks County at the corner of County Road 100 North (10th Street) and County Road 300 East. On or about August 6, 1819, long before those roads became an idea, a hard-working government deputy surveyor dug a hole and set his post marking the precise and only place on the earth's surface that answers to the description of the intersection just given. Not until the 1890's did county surveyor John W. Trotter permanently monument the corner with a stone that measured 6 by 12 by 22 inches. So far as has been determined, county surveyor John O. Kain in 1908 was the last to find and use the stone until recently.

For many decades surveyors needing the corner as a starting point for property surveys in that vicinity have dug repeatedly without discovering its hiding place. But on January 24, 1989, present county surveyor Alton J. Huntsman came across the elusive monument at long last and put to rest the frustrating mystery as a part of the corner stone program required by law. The top of the dark gray stone was found 18 inches below the road surface

of 10th Street. Mr. Huntsman acknowledges the valuable contribution that Garrick Walton and Wes Morelock of his office made to this remarkable recovery. It was they who, working through the lunch hour, struck the blow that exposed the stone to light for the first time in 80 years. Stanley M. Shartle, county surveyor 1950-1954, who began surveying in Hendricks County 52 years ago, assisted as a consultant. The Hendricks County Highway Department helped the Huntsman crew temporarily patch the hole dug in the highway until permanent repairs can be made.

According to Shartle the find is historically important because only two of the 17 congressional township corners in the county are older than this one, and they were set but days earlier. Moreover, it is one of only four township corners in the county that can boast of marking the venerable meridian. Even the point commemorated by the time-honored meridian monument in Pittsboro is younger. Shartle further says, "Trotter's stone, while a latecomer itself, holds on to a surveyed position that typifies man's earliest works in the county excepting Indian artifacts and heirlooms made elsewhere and imported during the county's development. Old houses, mills, bridges, and other structures of great antiquity, while justifiably significant to historians, came after many of those precious corner stones. With local exceptions, the original surveys are the real geneses of all counties. I wonder why the public does not venerate them more than it does."



NE cor 36-16-1W
blue granite stone 35 1/2" deep

46°

(not circled are 60°)

88 24 50
205.01 B
.01
205.01 B
hor. 204.93

cap nailed to wood
cor. post

282°
N 78° W
20.86'
20.86'

205.10'

N 45° E
23.75'
23.75'

cap nailed to
wood gate post

meil 4' E & 4' N
& 4' SE.

brick
chimney

41°

38°
lately frame

B = 0.17'

N 29° 48' E

90 21 38
130.04 B
.04
130.04 B
hor. 130.04

Pole barn
50' ±

89° 54' 20"
237.06 B
.06
237.06 B
hor. 237.06

S 22° 14' W
237.23'

58 1/2° W
208° 32'
528° 32' W
28'
1st 4 Fr. 20'
48'
517° 07' W
197° 07'

cor. of
foundation

S 4° W 116.30'
116.28'

116.53
S 5° 3/4' E 116.51'

conc. culv.

90 38 18
473.95
.93
.94
473.94
hor. 473.91

W^m mi. 31-16-1E
 Small stone 11" deep
 (nail 2'E & 2'N)

dent in top
 Gray 5 1/2" deep
 nail 2'W & 2'S

6^m mi. 36-16-10

Sledge heading R.R. apt in Pt

45°

(circled distances are 68°)

Cap nailed to wood cor. post

90 30 20
 260.73
 .73
 260.728

50' ±

1 STORY FRAME
 BRICK
 HOUSE

90' ±

B = 0.17'

37' ±

90 31 57
 261.78
 .78
 261.788
 hor. 261.778

Cap nailed to wood cor. post

Cap nailed to p.

158.62'
 159.60'

N 65° E
 260.89'

N 79 1/4° E
 261.94'

23.94'
 24.94'
 27.54'
 27.54'

S 35 W
 24.57'
 24.57'

1/2 P.

nail & cap in
RR tie post

dark gray 15" deep

45°

circled distances are 60°

board fence

PK. 4.01'

0.55'

14.95'

4.00' PK

24.35'
24.35'
• 1P fence

N 83 E

39.69' 39.68'
• 1P fence

125.83'
25.85'
57° E

1727.75' N of SW cor.
31-16-1E (0.55 E. of
rec. line)

SAE

Conc. founda.

nails 4' E & 4' NW

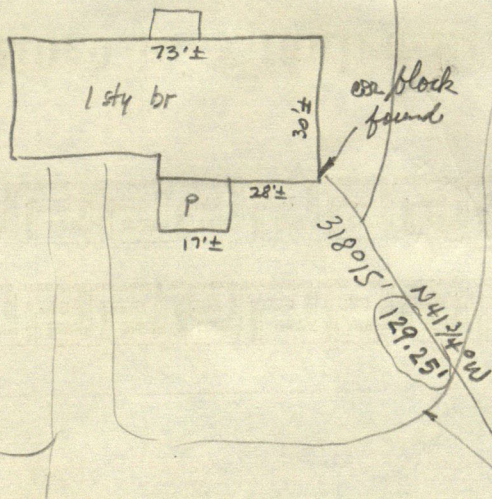
2 sty log
hs

127.15'
127.13'

NAIL & CAP
N
T.P.

SE cor. 36-16-1W
 dark gray stone
 18" deep 6x12x22±

89 03 50
 129.10
 .10
 .10
 129.108
 hor. 129.08

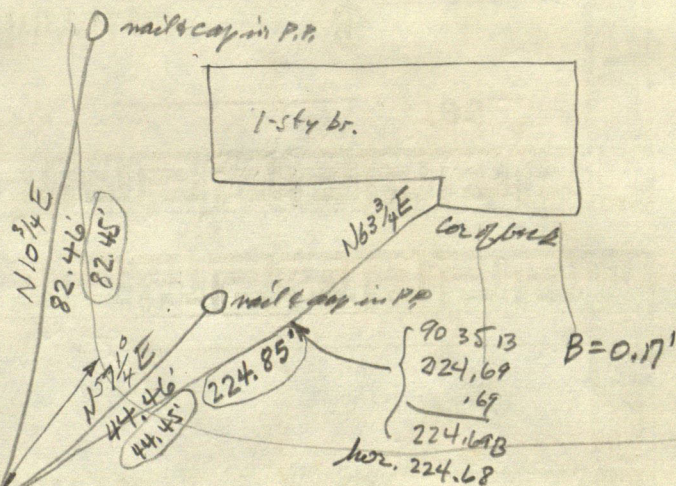


1-24-89

440

circled meas. are 68°

mail 3'S & 3'E & 8' NW



22.52'
 S44 1/2 W
 22.52'
 224 1/2
 A7

nail cap
 in tel pole

S85 1/4 E
 94 3/4
 185.22'
 185.19'

con. cor
 post