

The original plats of Sumpter show the bearing of this line as $N8^{\circ} 16'E$. An Oregon State Highway survey of around 1959, indicate the bearing should be $N8^{\circ} 21'E$. James Hanley, County Surveyor, told me that by his solar observation the bearing is nearer the $N8^{\circ} 21'E$, Around 1966, Mr. Woodwell told me he had taken a polaris observation and had determined that the $N8^{\circ} 16'E$ was correct. For the purpose of these surveys I chose to use the $N8^{\circ} 16'E$ as the bearing of the base line so that I could make a direct correlation to the original survey plats of 1889 to 1903.

Note 2. The original plat of Sumter (original spelling), which was recorded in 1889 and was revised in 1895, is situated in the $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, T9S, R37E, WM. The revised plat presumably show the forty lines (See Exhibits II & III and shown as heavy dash lines on my map), but no bearings or distances are indicated. C. M. Foster, the surveyor and plattor, identifies the $\frac{1}{4}$ corner and east $1/16$ th corner between Sections 29 and 32 and makes a tie from the sixteenth corner to the NE corner of Block 6. It is apparent that the forty laid out for the Revised Sumter Townsite was done from only the south quarter corner of Section 29. Computed directions and distances are near cardinal and 20 chains respectfully. The $1/16$ th corners as shown do not correspond to their true locations.

Other than the tie mentioned above there are no bearings or angles at all on the plats, and the distances are all shown as even feet with an occassional $\frac{1}{2}$ foot. The same was mostly true for Sumpter Heights McEwen's Addition, Sunnyside-Parkinson's Addition, South Sumpter Ellis' Addition, Mill Addition and Riverside Addition. Eventually, the streets were given bearings by the Sumpter Townsite Syndicate's additions which were recorded in 1899.

Another tie is made to the $1/16$ th corner on the McEwen's and Ellis' Additions (See Exhibits IV & VIII). Both of the ties to the sixteenth corner should be eliminated from the tax maps because they are incorrect and may be misleading.

Note 3. The Original Sumter Townsite plat consisted of Blocks 1-7, and the Revised plat added Blocks 8 and 9. Refer to Exhibits II & III. Then McEwen's Addition (Exhibit IV), which was recorded in 1897, in effect replatted the original townsite with the following changes: (1) North Street was extended through Block 8. (2) That portion of Block 8 lying north of North Street was changed to Block 10 using the same lot numbers as before. (3) The addition of Columbia Street changed the structure of the original Block 8 as well. (4) The south portion of Block 8 was renumbered, but the Baker County tax maps have reversed them back to the original numbering. (5) And a new Block 11 was also added to the original townsite by the McEwen's Addition plat. Also Ellis Addition shows most of these replats too.

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