

NARRATIVE

A Dependent Resurvey and Subdivision of Section 7,
T.9S., R.41E., W.M., Baker County, Oregon
Survey Completed June 26, 2014

This survey was performed at the request of the Tony and Benita Britt acting on behalf of Northwest Land Resources, LLC. The purpose of this survey was to monument a portion of that certain property containing mineral rights as described in Deed No. B06 38 0261, Baker County deed records. This required a dependent resurvey and subdivision of Section 7. I was also instructed by Mr. and Mrs. Britt to post with steel fence posts, the east line of Government Lot 1 and the north and east lines of the SE1/4NW1/4 Section 7.

I made a search of the General Land Office records pertaining to this survey. The west line of Township 9 S., Range 41 E. was originally surveyed by Timothy W. Davenport under Contract No. 102 dated July 20, 1863. Mr. Davenport's field notes reveal that he set wooden post monuments at the Southwest, West 1/4 and Northwest Corners of Section 7. The subdivision of Township 9 S., Range 41 E. was executed by W.B. Barr under Contract No. 443 dated May 29, 1882. I also found Mineral Survey No.'s 317, 524 and 567, which all contained important information pertaining to this survey.

A search of the available County Surveyor's records produced the following relevant surveys: 9-40-47, 9-40-49, 9-40-62, 9-41-3, 9-41-18, 9-41-19 and 9-41-20. In the field, I recovered brass capped monuments from the aforementioned surveys at the Northeast, Southeast, South 1/4 and Southwest corners of Section 7.

I also searched for original corner evidence at the North 1/4 corner, East 1/4 corner and West 1/4 corner of Section 7. At the North 1/4 corner, I found a stone measuring 18"x12"x4" set upright and firmly in the ground 9" deep. I found three faint chisel marks on the north face, which were illegible. W.B. Barr's field notes state that he set a stone 18"x8"x6", 12" in the ground marked 1/4 on the north face. His notes also contain a topo call for a ridge 8.50 chains (561 feet) West of his quarter corner. Although the ridge line was not very prominent, I located what I believe to be the top of the ridge, which was 550 feet West of the found stone. I accept the found stone for the position of the North 1/4 corner. At the East 1/4 corner, I searched for, but found no trace of the original stone or mound. W.B. Barr's field notes indicate that perhaps he set the quarter corner on the top of the ridge. Utilizing Mineral Survey No. 317, I found monuments at Corner No. 4 of the North Star Quartz Claim and at the Northwesterly end of the lode line of the North Star Quartz Claim. Measuring from these two monuments, I reestablished the position of the East 1/4 corner by distance-distance intersect using the record data from said survey. Because of the close proximity of these found corners to the quarter corner, I believe this to be a much more reasonable solution than a single proportion. The distance from this position to the found monument at the Northeast Section Corner is only 13 feet short of the record distance shown on Mineral Survey 524. I also believe Barr's topo call for the ridge at 40.00 chains must have been more of a general observation than an accurate topo call, as the corner falls 115 feet north of the crest of the ridge. At the West 1/4 corner, I searched for any remaining evidence of the original wooden post, but believe it to be lost due to either road construction, fence construction or farming activity in the vicinity.

Record Map of Survey No. 9-40-49, performed by James Hanley in 1981 shows that a 4 inch square x 4 1/2 foot long post was found and accepted as the southeast corner of Section 1, T.9S., R.40E., also being the Northwest corner of Section 7, T.9S., R.41E. I found what I presume to be the same post, which is a milled 4"x4"x6' post hewn to a point at the top. The post was set in the ground 1 1/2 feet deep, leaving 4 1/2 feet projecting above ground. There was very little evidence of decay. When I compared the relationship of this post to found corners 1/2 mile North, 1/2 mile East, 1 mile South and 1/2 mile West, the position of this post became suspect. I then searched the expected corner location, which led me to an area 100 feet West of the post. There I found a 2 1/2 foot diameter mound of stone, melted into the ground with sage brush growing out of the center. I removed the sagebrush and found a 1" rebar set firmly in the center of the mound. I contacted Tom Hanley, Baker County Surveyor, who agreed to accompany me into the field to examine the evidence. We first examined the found post, which Tom agreed is not original, but suggested it may actually be a mining claim corner. We then proceeded to the found pin and mound of stone. We carefully removed some of the rocks and excavated the top 3" of soil surrounding the iron pin in search of any remains of the original wood post, but found none. Existing fences in the area are somewhat random, not supporting either of these two corner positions with any certainty. A proportionate position for this corner would be about 70 feet North and 3.5 feet east of the found pin and mound. Believing this monument may have been set by one of the earlier local surveyors such as Harry Swan or Philo Anderson, I searched the unrecorded surveys located in both the Baker City Hall and at the Baker County Assessor's office, but could not determine its origin. Mineral Survey No. 567, performed by Charles M. Foster in 1904, contains a tie to the Northwest corner of Section 7. To help determine the position of the section corner, I searched for any remaining evidence of corners or improvements shown on said Mineral Survey, but found nothing conclusive. Tom and I agreed that the pin in the mound of stone although not original, is the best available evidence of the original Section Corner.

The section was subdivided according to the evidence found and standard accepted survey procedures. See monumentation sheets filed separately for more detailed information about monuments set and accessories established.

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