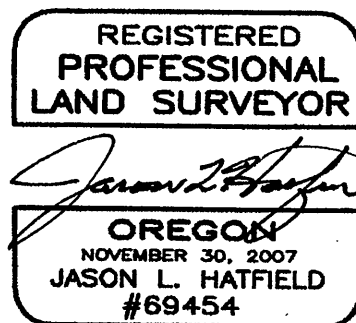


Record Map of Survey No. 9-40-49, performed by James Hanley in 1981 shows that a 4 inch square x 4½ foot long post was found and accepted as the southeast corner of Section 1, T.9S., R.40E., also being the Northwest corner of Section 7, T.9S., R.41E. I found what I presume to be the same post, which is a milled 4"x4"x6' post hewn to a point at the top. The post was set in the ground 1½ feet deep, leaving 4½ feet projecting above ground. There was very little evidence of decay. When I compared the relationship of this post to found corners ½ mile North, ½ mile East, 1 mile South and ½ 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 2½ 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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