

NARRATIVE FOR GRANT COUNTY MAP OF SURVEY NO. 1609

August 29, 2001

This map was created for the record, the purpose of which is to rebut various corner locations as shown on Grant County Maps of Survey No's 1601 and 1607, performed by Jack L. Watson, and to show the relationship between those surveys and Grant County Map of Survey No. 785.

Survey No. 785 was performed by Douglas M. Ferguson under contract with the U. S. D. A. Forest Service, Malheur National Forest, from October of 1981 to May of 1983, to locate and mark the Forest Boundaries. During the course of this survey, the Third Standard Parallel between T.12 & 13S., R.30E. was retraced. This line was originally surveyed by John B. David under G.L.O. contract no. 131, dated June 8, 1869. The original stone at the corner to T.12 & 13S., R.29 & 30E. was recovered and monumented. The original stone at the corner to Sections 4, 5, 32 & 33, T.12 & 13S., R.31E. was recovered and monumented. A brass capped monument was found at the 1/4 corner between Sections 13 & 18, T.12S., R.30 & 31E. A brass capped monument was found at the 1/4 corner between Sections 19 & 24, T.13S., R.30 & 31E. No other original evidence was recovered between the said found monuments. A position for the Twp. corner to T.12 & 13S., R.30 & 31E. was computed by double proportionate measure from the found corners stated above. The original notes for this Twp. corner called for two alder bearing trees. As stated on a note on Survey No. 785, the proportionate position placed this corner in a location where alder trees would not have been. The corner was positioned based on the proportionate eastings and 103' north of the proportionate northing to a location near the creek where alder trees would have and still do grow. Refer to Map of Survey No. 785. The remainder of the survey was completed, reviewed by the Forest Service, and filed with the Grant County Surveyor on August 29, 1983. The monuments as set by Survey 785 have been used in numerous boundary surveys since it's filing.

On May 2, 2001, Mr. Watson claimed to have found the original stone at the 1/4 corner between Sections 5 & 32, T.12 & 13S., R.31E. Mr. Watson then requested a review of this evidence by Mr. Ferguson and Kenneth Delano Jr., of Ferguson Surveying and Engineering. Upon the initial review, the opinion of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Delano was that the stone was not the original corner stone. Refer to the attached *Supporting Documentation*. On this date, Mr. Watson also said he agreed with the method used for the re-establishment of the Twp. corner to T.12 & 13S., R.30 & 31E. as set on Survey 785, but that certain Forest Service employees in which he had been in contact with stated that the Forest Service would only accept a double proportion as per the BLM manual.

The Grant County Surveyor then contacted Mr. Ferguson on June 7, 2001 and informed him that Mr. Watson had submitted a plat for filing showing the monumentation of the above said 1/4 and other alleged original evidence that effect Survey No. 785. A new position for the Twp. Corner to T.12 & 13S., R.30 & 31E was also shown.

On June 19, 2001, a field review of the reported original evidence was made by Douglas M. Ferguson, D. Mitchell Ferguson and Kenneth H. Delano Jr., of Ferguson Surveying & Engineering, the Grant County Surveyor Robert D. Bagett and Mr. Watson. The following corners were reviewed:

Section Corner to Sections 2, 3, 34 & 35, T.12 & 13S., R.30E.

Section Corner to Sections 7, 12, 13 & 18, T.13S., R.30 & 31E.

1/4 Corner between Sections 5 & 32, T.12 & 13S., R.31E.

Twp. Corner to T.12 & 13S., R.30 & 31E.

The above said corners were all found to be monumented by Mr. Watson with aluminum capped monuments. All of the above said corners, excepting the Twp. corner, were claimed by Mr. Watson to be original evidence. The alleged original stones were buried alongside the recently set aluminum monuments and not in their original condition. The opinion of all the reviewers, excepting Mr. Watson, was that the evidence reviewed was not sufficient to locate these corners or to warrant the monumentation of the claimed evidence. Refer to the attached *Supporting Documentation*. On this date, Mr. Watson asked the County Surveyor if the plat he submitted had been filed. Mr. Bagett stated he had not filed the plat due to the requested review of evidence by Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Watson requested to withdraw this plat.