

NARRATIVE OF SURVEY CONFLICT, RELATED TO GRANT COUNTY RECORD
SURVEY 785

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Several weeks ago Jack Watson, came to see me in my office. He said he had found the original stone at the $\frac{1}{4}$ cor. S32/S5, T.12&13S., R.31E. I questioned him about what he had found and he stated the corner was about 70 feet east of the proportioned position reported on Survey 785. He also stated that the mark were not very clear. We agreed that some consensus should be reached and Mr. Waston, Ken Delano and I went to the corner. The stone was of near call size and looked like it had been set in the ground, however that was all that would make one consider this as the original stone. In fact the way this stone was found does not conform to the way the Original Surveyor (John B. David) normally would construct a monument. The nature of the ground in the area causes stones to be well imbedded in the earth and there are several stones in the area, which a person could mistake for being set. There are some natural seems in the stone which Mr. Watson tried to make marks representing a "1/4". If this stone were accepted, it would make the East 1/2-mile to the Section Corner short by approx. 70 feet. There is an old down fence corner and remains of fencing North and West from the fence corner near the position reported on Survey 785. I stated to Mr. Watson that this is not the original stone or the $\frac{1}{4}$ corner position. He said he would consider my opinion, but was going to have other surveyors look at it. He stated at that meeting that he agreed with my method of establishing the Township Corner of T.12&13S., R.30&31E. He also said he would keep me advised as to his decision regarding this corner.

On Saturday, June 7, 2001, Bob Bagett, Grant County Surveyor called me at home to report the Mr. Watson had presented him with a map for filing which showed that he had accepted the $\frac{1}{4}$ corner described above. That Map also said he found the corner S34/S35/S2/S3, T.12&13S, R.30E. and the corner S7/S12/S13/S18, T.13S., R30&31E. Also that map said he disagreed with the method I used to establish the Township Corner described in the first paragraph (T.12&13S.,R30&31E.)

Apparently Mr. Watson was out of the area, as he did not return my calls until mid week. I questioned the reasons he had not contacted me, as he said he would before accepting the corner we had looked at. I also questioned the reasons he would not contact me in regard to the other evidence he said he had and showed on the map he was about to file. His reason was that it would not have done any good, that the evidence and procedures he had used were indisputable. I told him that it would have been much better procedure if I could have looked at his evidence before he monumented the corners in question. I also insisted that he take me to the corners in question, and that I wanted to include the County Surveyor along with Ken Delano and Mitch Ferguson, both members of my staff. Mr. Watson was reluctant to do this and requested that only He and I look at the corners. I insisted that all the people I requested view the evidence in question. At this point Mr. Watson said he wanted to talk to me alone about some compromise solution.