John B. David called a 20"x10"x7" stone and two alder bearing, one bearing N25°W, 8lks., and one N10°E, 8 lks. No alder trees were found growing anywhere but near the creek channel. This would place the original corner within 15 ft. of the creek. Any position not within a close proximity to the creek would not confrom to the original location of this corner.

After reviewing the evidence as found by Mr. Watson, a discussion of how to resolve the problems at hand was held. Mr. Bagett refrained from comment stating that his function as Grant County Surveyor was to review the corner evidence and report the facts as reviewed on the ground. The main topic of discussion was the apparent inconclusive evidence and the effect it would have on record surveys in the area. Mr. Watson stated that he would hold his position of the evidence found at the corner to S34,S35,S2 & S3, T12 &13S, R30E. He made no mention of the corner to S12,S13,S18 & S7, T13S, R30 & 31E. He also stated that he would remove the monument at the S1/4 of S 32, T12S, R30E, as a condition of aggreement to resolve the survey conflict. The question of the position of the Twp. corner to T12 & 13S, R30 & 31E, as set during the HENCOCK SURVEY was then addressed. Mr Watson had previously agreed with the method used by Mr. Ferguson to position this corner, but stated on this date that he had been in contact with some U.S.F.S. employees who would not accept this as the corner position. He had stated that these employees would only recognize a double proportionate position. Mr. Watson also stated that maybe we could agree on double corner positions to best suit each survey. This option did not seem logical. The disussion ended with no resolution.

In my opinion, the evidence as viewed in the field on June 19, 2001, is inconclusive at best. The location of the above mentioned Twp. corner could not be re-located based on a double proportion alone, as that position does not conform to the availabilty of alder trees as BT's. And why is any weight given to the U.S.F.S. employee's opinion on the location of this corner. Do these employees feel that they have the authority to accept or reject corner positions? This survey was thoroughly reviewed by a U.S.F.S. representative and the decisions made by Mr. Ferguson were discussed prior to the filing of this survey. To second guess those decisions based on inconclusive evidence, the reluctence of two U.S.F.S. employees to accept a corner position and to upset many survey's of record as based on the descisions made by Mr. Ferguson, in my opinion, is rediculous.

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