

Jack called a few days later and asked if I had filed his survey yet, he said to hold off on filing it as there may be some changes.

On June 19, 2001, I met Doug Ferguson at his office in Mt. Vernon. Together with Mitch Ferguson and Ken Delano, PLS 49865, of Ferguson Surveying & Engineering, Inc., we drove to the office of Michael Kilpatrick, Attorney. Jack Watson was at Mr. Kilpatrick's office to pick him up, from there we drove in two pickup trucks to a locked gate on the highway to enter Mr. Kilpatrick's land.

We proceeded to Corner (A) S34-S35/S2-S3, T.12 & 13S., R.30E.

Jack showed us the basalt stone that he had found. He had recently set a 2-1/2 inch diam. aluminum pipe in place of the stone and had to uncover the stone. The stone measures 13x13x9 inches and has two notches on one edge. I believe the notches were made with a chisel and look old enough to be the original corner marks. There is one notch on the opposite edge with possibly three other marks.

Jack said that he found the stone lying on the ground with the marks down with a couple of other stones. This stone is on a steep southerly exposure on unstable ground with loose stones of all sizes present.

I could not determine from the evidence I saw that the stone was in its original position. It is quite possible that this stone rolled downhill in this steep unstable ground. Doug Ferguson's aluminum pipe monument which was set in Record Map of Survey No. 785 is directly uphill approximately N.12°E., 49 feet.

I noticed that the aluminum pipe set by Doug in 1983 projects about 26 inches and although surrounded by a mound of stone, with a 5 ft. base, the top is leaning downhill.

We proceeded to Corner (B) S2-S3/S10-S11 T.13S., R.30E.

Jack showed us a basalt stone measuring 15x11x7 inches set 8 inches in the ground. The stone is marked with 3 notches on the south edge. I did not see any marks on the east side of it, but I did not brush the lichens with a wire brush to verify marks on the east side. I believe this stone is the original section corner stone. Jack said that the bearing and distance to the stone he found at Corner (A) is very close to the GLO record. I don't believe he ran east, south or west to search for the nearest 1/4 corners to verify position. He said that he did look for the 1/4 corner of Sections 2 and 3 but decided it had been destroyed with ranching activities.