

RETRACEMENT and SUBDIVISION of SECTION 36, NARRATIVE (CONT.) AND MONUMENT DETAIL

T. 2 S., R. 37 E., W.M.

NARRATIVE continued from Sheet 1

In contrast to the township line retracement, the record shows that many corners from Hurlburt's subdivision survey have been recovered through the years. Hurlburt also gives clear and numerous calls to recognizable topographic features. I retraced his line north between Secs. 34 and 35 to the recovered quarter-section corner and section corner of record. Using the ties to Hurlburt's corners to the north brought me to the original corner for Sections 2, 3, 34 and 35; a mound of stone two and one half feet in diameter, at the rear of a rock outcrop where it joins the steep slope, midway on the west side of Wilson Canyon. A diligent search was conducted for the three intervening corners to the east with no success. The necessary corners to complete the survey along the township line are considered lost and restored by proportionate means hereon. The West quarter-section corner of Section 36

There is no evidence of the original corner monument or accessories, however, a substantial amount of acceptable collateral evidence was found. The amount of evidence found for this corner being substantial, and finding that the standard method places the corner in a position that does not harmonize with the best available evidence; I find the corner obliterated and not lost and use a secondary method from the BLM Manual of Surveying Instructions to place and restore the corner. The found evidence from sources described below forms a locus of positions. I use the grant boundary adjustment procedure, applied to the survey cited hereon by McLellan, as an equitable way to distribute the differences between the returned measurements and the record courses and retain the original form of said survey. This solution gives a quarter-section corner position that falls near the center of the locus of all the evidence.

The evidence includes topo calls by Hurlburt, the matching retraced bearing across the section by Darley, three found corners from McLellan's survey along with closely matching record calls to the northerly ROW line of the railroad, substantially unchanged since the original grade was built. Also, a natural boundary at the top of the steep bluffs above the railroad, where large stones were cleared for the old golf course, is found to clearly fit as the line between corners 3 & 4, Tract C, and is in agreement with the intent of the survey to include only that part of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Sec.35 desired for the golf course. Other evidence found are improvements including the remains of two paved "greens" or playing surfaces, in agreement with the intent of the 1920 survey to retain the southwest green (Tract C) and for the purchase of more land around the green in the northwesterly portion of the golf course (Tract B).

Hurlburt survey north between Sections 35 and 36

GLO Surveyor Hurlburt's notes indicate that the South quarter-section corner of Sec. 36 had been lost soon after the original survey. Hurlburt's retracement notes indicate that the southwest corner of Sec. 36 was off line and to the north. Hurlburt's first topo call north between Secs. 35 and 36 to top of bluff also indicates the corner was north of line and the bluff here is distinct. Hurlburt also called the right (south) bank of the Grande Ronde River and the stage road (the trace of the stage road found lying above the railroad), both calls fitting within the locus of collateral evidence.

Darley survey subdividing Section 36

Darley's plat shows the use of the standard method applied correctly. He shows that the southeast and southwest corners, and the north, east and west quarter-section corners, are extant. The south quarter-section corner is restored by proportionate measurement. The plat shows an angle of 92 degrees and zero minutes between the east line of the southeast quarter and the east-west centerline of the section. This agrees with the calls from Hurlburt and places the corner further north than the record. Retracing and laying out the record bearing and distance fits with the locus of evidence for the west quarter-section corner. Darley set the center quarter-section corner in this survey and a diligent search failed to find the marked stone.

McLellan survey for the La Grande Country Club

McLellan surveyed three tracts in his survey circa 1920. Two tracts, Tract "A" and "B" were for a land exchange between the La Grande Country Club and J.D.McKinnon. McKinnon received Tract A on the east side of the golf course, along and south of the east-west centerline of Section 36. He gave up land in Tract "B" lying along and north of said centerline, and also along and north of the east-west centerline of Section 35. Tract "C" of the survey delineated land that the Country Club retained on the west side of the golf course upon sale of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 and the NW1/4 of the SE1/4, all in Section 35. The west quarter-section corner of Sec. 36 and the center-east 1/16 corner of Section 35 are shown on the plat as extant.

Retracement of McLellan's survey

I first retraced McLellan's survey using the proportioned position for the west quarter-section corner of Section 36 as an initial point. Using this position I retraced the courses and laid out the record corners.

In the retracement of Tract "A" I found that a fence corner, with wire fence running south and west, fit closely to the NW corner of Tract "A" but seemed to be too far north. However the north-south part of the fence fit well for the west line of the tract. This fence runs south about 300 ft. then angles southeasterly, becoming perpendicular to the railroad which is in a southwest to northeast tangent here. I recognized this part of the fence configuration from OSHD Drawing 8B-6-11 dated 1957. This fence was part of a corral still existing north of the railroad. I then find an imbedded stone mound, with opening at center large enough for a wood stake, lying 38 ft. northeasterly of said fence corner. I took this to be the corner of Tract "B" lying 75 feet north of the northwest corner to Tract "A". I then retraced west on Tract "B" and further west on Tract "C".

In the retracement of Tract "C" I found that the calculated record south line (running southeasterly) is positioned on a steep cliff below the top of a bluff and about halfway down the slope to the railroad. The 1/16 corner position fell at the top of the bluff. I then find the remains of a bituminous paved "green" or playing surface 135 ft. northwesterly of the 1/16 corner position out on the flat area.

Returning to Tract"A" I run the record call to the northerly ROW line of the railroad (also the south line of the tract) and recognize that it fits the found stone mound as the NW corner of the tract. The corner I used as an initial quarter-section corner was apparently too far south. I then run east from the found stone mound and find traces of an old fence on line, no wire, and find a second stone mound on the slope that fit the record for the NE corner of the tract. Running south I found traces of an old fence on line but no wire. This line also fits record distance to the northerly ROW line of the railroad.

Returning to Tract "C" I find a very large and ancient rock jack fence corner at the west end of the flat and on the edge of the steep bluff with a fence running northwesterly along the flat and southeasterly along the bluff. Also along the edge of the bluff is a line of large stones that have been cleared from the flat. Many of these stones are much too large to have been moved by hand. I recognize the line of the bluff as a natural monument of the survey as it agrees with the intent of the survey for the land being retained in Sec. 35. I accept the rock jack as corner three of Tract "C".

Grant boundary adjustment solution

A solution using the grant boundary adjustment procedure from the BLM manual was calculated. Holding the found stone mound at the NW corner of Tract "A" and the accepted rock jack at corner 3 of Tract "C" and inversing, I find that the measured distance is 44.23 ft. shorter than the record and that the angle is 2°12'34" different than the record angle and is a positive rotation. The adjusted bearing agrees closely with the Darley survey putting the east-west centerline of the section on a northwest-southeast bearing. The grant boundary adjustment was then calculated for all lines. The calculated quarter-section corner position falls near the center of the locus of evidence. This solution also produces a best fit line through both the found stone mound corners to the east and the accepted rock jack corner on the west. As stated above, the standard method for proportioning was also performed for the quarter-section corner and the position fell southeast of the locus of evidence as an outlier.

After calculating the adjusted courses for McLellan's survey, the lines were again retraced. The adjusted north line of Tract "B" has evidence of an old fence. Inside the angle point of corner 3 in Tract "B" is found another and larger paved playing area. A newspaper article from The La Grande Observer, dated Sept. 3, 2004, was found later and corroborated my interpretation that this was part of the old golf course. This article has an interview with a long time landowner (now deceased). See references listed on this survey plat for more information. This solution is found to incorporate the best available evidence and harmonizes well with the calls of record for the Oro Dell Quarry, deed dated 1958.

Center quarter-section corner of Section 36

As stated above, the center quarter-section corner was set in Darley's survey of 1913 and a diligent search failed to find the marked stone corner. The corner was set by the standard method in the present survey. The resulting intersection of section centerlines falls 70 feet west of an old north-south fenceline marked by stone mounds.

(1) Found a 4 1/2 in. diam. o.d. iron pipe, up 1 ft., in north-south fence. No record of present monument. Jeffery Peterson, in Survey No. 009-1996 takes accessories and states that A.H. McLain set a 2x2 hub from found BT stump in 1922 survey notes for City of La Grande. Previous to that C.T. Darley states "Sec Cor. in place" April 19, 1913, P. 353, OSV. J.W. Kimbrell sets stone from found BTs, March 29, 1887, P. 5, OSV.

Found accessories:
A 11/2 in. diam. clum. cap on 5/8 in. diam. iron rod, up 2 ins., mkd. UNION COUNTY SURVEYOR NW RP bears N 54°W, 5.53 ft.
A 11/2 in. diam. cap on 5/8 in. diam. iron rod, up 2 ins., mkd. UNION COUNTY SURVEYOR SW RP bears S 47°W, 4.90 ft.
A pine with healed blaze bears N 70°E.

A Douglas fir with healed blaze bears S 71°E. Using hand compass set at 19°E. declination and steel tape.

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Set a 3 1/4 in. diam. alum. cap on a 5/8 in. diam. by 30 in. long iron rod (rebar), driven 22 inches in the ground, placed rock collar and set t-post alongside West, 1.5 ft. and driven 20 ins. in the ground, marked as shown:

From which:
A Ponderosa pine, 24 ins. diam. at breast height, bears N. 47° E., 25.10 ft., marked: 1 /4 S36 BT
A Ponderosa pine, 16 ins. diam. at breast height, bears S. 43° E., 54.10 ft., marked: 1 /4 S1 BT
A Ponderosa pine, 16 ins. diam. at breast height, bears S. 68° W., 74.00 ft., marked: 1 /4 S1 BT
A Ponderosa pine, 15 ins. diam. at breast height, bears N. 18° W., 35.70 ft., marked: 1 /4 S36 BT

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Set a 3 1/4 in. diam. alum. cap on a 5/8 in. diam. by 30 in. long iron rod (rebar), driven 22 inches in the ground, against a 8 1/2 ins. dbh Douglas fir and cradled between roots (used as NW bearing tree), placed mound of stone to top. A galv. steel post placed alongside SE'ly, 3 ft. and driven 18 ins. in the ground, Marked as shown:

A Douglas fir, 11 ins. diam. at breast height, bears N. 69° E., 9.15 ft. marked: T2S R37E S36 BT
A Douglas fir, 9 ins. diam. at breast height, bears S. 51° E., 12.80 ft. marked: T3S R37E S1 BT
A Douglas fir, 8 ins. diam. at breast height, bears S. 36° W., 7.15 ft. marked: T3S R37E S2 BT
A Doug. fir, 8 1/2 ins. diam. at breast height, bears N. 45° W., 0.65 ft. to center and 0.25 ft. to face, marked X at breast ht. and BT at base.

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Set a 3 1/4 in. diam. alum. cap on a 5/8 in. diam. by 30 in. long iron rod, driven 20 inches in the ground with mound of stone placed around to top. A t-post placed alongside and driven 18 ins. in the ground, bears N 30°W, 1.8 ft., marked as shown:

A silver DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 ins. in the ground, bears N. 64° E., 9.60 ft.
A pink DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 ins. in the ground, bears S. 7° E., 9.85 ft.
A + "cross" chiseled into vertical face of rock outcrop 3' x 3.5' x 2' high, with "B0" chiseled above on horizontal shelf, bears S. 62° W., 17.45 ft.
An orange DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 ins. in the ground, bears N. 7° W., 9.95 ft.

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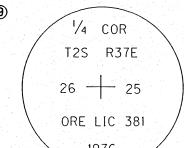
Found a 2 3/8 in. diam. brass cap on 2 in. diam. iron post, up 8 ins. at center of 6 ft. diam. by 1 ft. high mound of stone. Marked as shown:

Found four 5/8 in. diam iron rods with mutilated yellow plastic caps at record bearings and distances, Survey No. 049-2002.

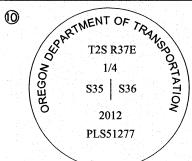
Found a 2 in. diam. o.d. iron pipe, up 7 ins., on steep slope in brush, approximately 20 ft. vertical above flat with locust grove, approx. 200' north of railroad. Although this corner is of unknown origin, it is a long time accepted corner of local control. Shown on OSHD Dwg. No. 2B-16-6, dated 1922, as 2" I.P. and mound of stones, also on OSHD Dwg. Nos. 1R-1-760, IR-1-908 and IR-3-234. Shown on Survey Nos. 59-1974, 67-1976, 40-1980 and 007-2002.

Found a boulder, 2.5 ft. by 3 ft. by 2 ft. high, with chiseled cross on top, marks are 4 ins. long and chiseled along natural faults on north and west sides. Found NE bearing tree, a pine 4.3 ft. d.b.h. with opened blaze and visible scribing, bears at record. Called and described on P. 230 in Old Survey Vol., dated 1890, also shown on Survey Nos. 17-1973 and 33-1989.

Found a 5 ft. diam. stone mound with large stones, 2 ft. square +/10 ft. below dirt road and in old east-west-south fence corner, set an 8 in. spike in ground at center. Shown on Survey No. 33-1989.

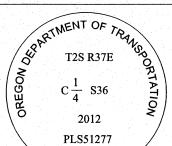


Found a 3 in. diam. brass cap on 2 1/2 in. diam. iron post, up 15 ins. above ground and leaning south, with rock collar, east - west fence bears north 2.5 ft. An old stump with visible scribe bears at record for original southwest BT, Found fir BT's from 1976 with healed blazes, bearing at record.



Set a 3 1/4 in. diam. alum. cap on a 2 1/2 in. diam. by 30 in. long alum. post, buried 22 inches in the ground, clear DEEP-1 magnet buried at base, placed rock collar around monument, set a t-post 2.7 ft. NE'ly, marked as shown.

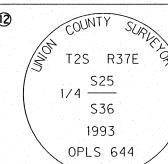
From which:
A 5/8 in. diam. by 30 in. long iron rod with alum. cap, in wire fenceline, mkd.: ODOT NE, bears N38°14′47″E, 51.25 ft.
A pink DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 ins. in the ground, bears S43°02′00″E, 11.68 ft.
A blue DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 ins. in the ground, bears S51°11′00″W, 15.16 ft.
A 5/8 in. diam. by 30 in. long iron rod with alum. cap, in wire fenceline, mkd.: ODOT NW, bears N23°47′51″W, 52.64 ft.



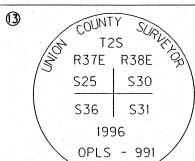
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At position of intersection of Sec.36 centerlines: Set a 3 1/4 in. diam. alum. cap on a 2 1/2 in. diam. by 30 in. long alum. post, buried 24 inches in the ground, clear DEEP-1 magnet buried alongside at base, placed stone mound around monument, set a t-post 2.5 ft. west, marked as shown:

From which:
A silver DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 in. in the ground, within
3 large stones on E'ly side of draw, bears N44°40'E, 33.15 ft.
A pink DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 in. in the ground, with 2 large
stones placed on top, on E'ly side of draw, bears S66°22'E, 65.75 ft.
A blue DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 in. in the ground, on slope above
brush, W'ly side of draw, bears S64°24'W, 26.65 ft.
A orange DEEP-1 magnet, buried 6 in. in the ground, on slope above
brush, W'ly side of draw, bears N56°38'W, 37.65 ft.

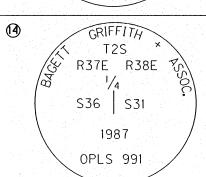


Found a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. cap on a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. post, up 10 inches, next to rock jack, marked as shown.

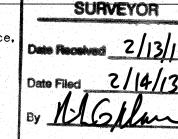


Found a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. cap on a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. post, up 12 inches, a rock jack lies SW'ly 4.5 ft.. SW RP is at sw'ly corner of same rock jack, marked as shown.

Found all 4 references, all are 11/2 ins. diam. alum. caps on 5/8 ins. diam. iron rods, bearing at record, all mkd. with UNION COUNTY SURVEYOR (along with quadrant identifyer) and RP.



Found a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. cap on a 2 1/2 in. diam. alum. post, up 4 inches, 3 ft. west of north-south fence, with stone mound, marked as shown:



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