

AFFIDAVIT

I, Harold S. Williams, under oath state as follows:--

1) I have been a professional timber cruiser all my working life. As such, it has been my business to find, follow and identify Government survey lines and corners.
 2) As to the corners common to Sections 25 and 36 of T2N, R10W, W.M., -- in connection with my work in cruising timber and running subdivision lines in these sections, I have been to these corners many times, from about 1918 to 1951. I have on several occasions followed the blazed section line from the SW corner of Section 25 to the Quarter corner common to Sections 25 and 36. At this time, that is, beginning in 1918, what were apparently the original Government blazes on this line were plain and easily followed; from time to time I removed and added additional blazes; at one time, about 1920, at the point where the line crosses the Miami-Foley County Road, I marked an "X" blaze facing the road, on the tree nearest the line, which was a young spruce on the west side of the road. This "X" mark was to me a familiar mark in the vicinity, until about 1950 the tree was cut, and the body carrying the "X" mark was dragged southward and eastward, across the road, here it remains and can be seen to this date, and the stump of the spruce, marking the point near to where the section line crosses the road, remains in its position. This blazed section line was very nearly true East and West by compass.

The GLO notes describe the corner as a stake, located 358 links or 284 feet west from a creek 1 1/2 links wide, with bearing trees, a Hemlock 14" S 40+E 8 links, and a Hemlock 5", N 65+E 11 links. Within my memory, the Bearing Tree to the south had disappeared, the BT to the north only remaining, but it was in good condition, with the scribe marks plain to be seen. The position was very close to the 234 feet called for west of the creek. There was a small spruce a few feet south from the corner, on which had been axed off a flattened face where various cruisers wrote their names and dated with crayon.

The SE corner of Section 25 was a stake, witnessed by 4 small Vine Maples. The bearing of the East half mile of this section line, from the corner to the SE corner, was several degrees North of East. Much of the line ran thru open or brushy country, and it never was blazed very well, or easy to follow. Within my memory, one of the Vine Maple Bearing trees, with scribe marks showing, remained. It was located in a brushy scale or draw, with no good trees for permanent Bearing Trees close by. Unfortunately, no permanent marker was put in at this corner, and apparently it is lost.

When I last visited the location of this Quarter Corner to 25 and 36, the corner stake and Bearing Tree had been destroyed by the building of a truck road. But the line of blazes from the West, including the stump of the tree on which I made the "X" mark, at the road crossing, remain; a line of blazes which I made, South from the corner stake, remain; the small blazed spruce, which stood South from the corner stake, remain, on the south edge of the road cut. It is my true and honest belief, from my knowledge of this corner as it existed up to the time that the truck road was built, that a point in the bed of the truck road, which point is 12 feet north from the mentioned blazed spruce, and is now marked by a truck axle shaft and now bearing trees, is within _____ feet of the true original position of the Quarter Corner.

Signed: _____

Before me, a Notary Public in and for County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, appeared the above Harold S. Williams, who is known to me, and who signed the above document, and acknowledged such signing to be his free act and deed.

Dated Nov. 6, 1952.

 Notary public

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