

Statement of Evidence:

NORTHEAST CORNER
SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 101 NORTH, RANGE 40 WEST, 5th P.M.
NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

- 13 Oct. 1868 - George G. Howe, U.S. Deputy Surveyor, his notes read: "North between Secs 20 & 21, Var. 11° 00' E." @ 80.00 chs. "Set post in mound with pits for corner to Sec's 16, 17, 20 & 21", no ties.
- 20 June 1918 - Nobles County Recorder's Office, Surveyor's Record, Volume B, Page 109, William A. Saxon, County Surveyor, for a survey of Section 21-101-40, states that he set a stone at the Northwest Corner with a distance south of 2642' to the corresponding quarter section corner.
- 18 May 1925 - Nobles County Recorder's Office, Surveyor's Record, Volume B, Page 148, John Spolum, RLS # 421, County Surveyor, for a survey of Section 16-101-40, shows 'No Stone' at the Southwest Corner.
- 26 Sept. 1928 - Nobles County Recorder's Office, Surveyor's Record, Volume B, Page 162, Frank E. Hoskins, County Surveyor, for a survey of Section 16-101-40, shows a stone in place at the Southwest Corner with a distance east of 2678' to corresponding quarter section corner.
- 29 June 1938 - Minnesota Highway Department, Right of Way Map for US 59, CS 5309, shows the Northeast Corner of Sec. 20-101-40 at station PI 242+91.7 and at a fenceline to the west with ties: TP 60.6' NW; CFP 42.8' SE; TP 86.7' SW.
- July 1940 - Minnesota Highway Department, Construction plans for the grading of TH 60 CS 5305, indicate corner at the intersection of US 59 and fence line to west. No mention of the monument.
- 1 Dec. 1982 * - Martin Land Surveying of Worthington, Minnesota, Job No. 82065, signed by Gary D. Martin, RLS # 12967, notes for a survey of part of Section 17-101-40, states he found nothing and set a spike 15.00 feet west of centerline of US 59 and on fence line to the west and on centerline of township road to the east.
- 16 June 1983 - Minnesota Department of Transportation, Land Tie Field Notes for TH 60, CS 5305, states that a survey crew found a 2" X 2" X 24" wood stake 2.8' below the bituminous surface of US 59, directly above the high point of a 6" X 9" X 18" granite stone, down 6' below bituminous surface. On 22 July 1983 the wood stake was removed and placed a cast iron monument over the stone.
- 11 Jan. 2001 - Minnesota Department of Transportation, survey crew working on TH 60, SP 5305-51, found the previously set Mn/DOT cast iron monument, down 0.35' for the Northeast Corner of Sec. 20-101-40. Returning in the first week of Dec. 2003 to perform a GPS survey where a distance west of 2668.60' was computed to the corresponding quarter section corner.

* Gary D. Martin, RLS # 12967, owned and operated Martin Land Surveying, Inc., of Worthington, Minnesota and sold the business in 1987. Mr. Martin is now practicing in Holly Springs, Georgia.

The written evidence is not conclusive but appears to go back to 1918 and there is no tie to the original corner location, however the occupational and collateral evidence suggest that this is a reasonable location as to the corner. Additional information regarding the preparation of this certificate can be obtained by contacting: Survey Section, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 501 South Victory Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.