



The DNR Bureau of Engineering contacted the following for survey information:

Minnesota Secretary of State's Office  
Mn/DOT Offices in St. Paul and Willmar  
Yellow Medicine County Recorder's Office  
Yellow Medicine County Highway Engineer's Office  
Montevideo City Engineer's Office  
Bonnema Surveys of Willmar  
Moseng and Zieske Surveying, Inc. of Marshall  
Michael Nyberg, RLS #13145, of Carlos  
West Central Land Services, Inc. of Willmar  
K.B. MacKichan and Associates, Inc. of Redwood Falls

- 1857 U.S. General Land Office notes obtained from the Secretary of State's Office show the corner marked with a wood post and charcoal set in a mound of earth with trench per instructions.
- 1897 Surveyor's Record Book, page 129, obtained from the County Recorder's Office, contains a survey by John Norgaard, County Surveyor. Survey shows corner but does not indicate what was found or set. The corner is shown:  
2656 feet from adjoining section corners
- 1916 Surveyor's Record Book, page 373, obtained from the County Recorder's Office, contains a survey by John Norgaard, County Surveyor. Survey shows corner but does not indicate what was found or set. The corner is shown:  
2656 feet from the northeast corner of Section 25
- 1977 May, a subdivision of Section 30 shown on Certificate of Surveys in the northeast quarter of Section 30 and in the east half of Section 19 obtained from West Central Land Services, Inc. shows corner but does not indicate what was found or set. The corner is shown:  
midway and on line between adjoining section corners 2644.49 feet apart
- No Date A tie page in a field notebook obtained from West Central Land Services, Inc. shows a ½" iron pipe at corner but does not indicate if found or set. The following ties are shown to corner:  
6 feet west of a north-south fence line  
130 feet north of an east-west fence line  
spike in top of thirteenth fence post north of corner post, northeast, 10.64 feet  
spike in top of eleventh fence post north of corner post, southeast, 15.83 feet
- 1978 January, a Certificate of Survey in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 30 obtained from West Central Land Services, Inc. shows that an iron monument was found at corner.
- 1978 May, DNR Bureau of Engineering visited the area of the corner and found a ½" diameter iron pipe. Also, found a 6" by 9" by 22" upright gray granite stone with a chiseled X on top and with a rusted ¾" diameter by 18" long iron pipe on its west side. The stone was found to be:  
6 feet southerly of the found iron pipe

Contacted Benny Iverson, approximate 70 year old area landowner, for testimony regarding corners in Section 30. Benny knew about the stones marking the southeast and southwest corners of Section 30 but did not know about any monuments marking the quarter corners.

1995 June 20, DNR Bureau of Engineering found a ½" inside diameter iron pipe flush at corner. Searched 6 feet south of the iron pipe for the gray granite stone and the rusted iron pipe but did not find them. Also, searched for and found record ties as shown on sketch of reference ties. No east-west occupation lines were found in area of corner. The iron pipe was found to be:

on line between adjoining section corners 2645.05 feet apart  
6.6 feet west of a north-south fence

Analysis of the above information led the DNR Bureau of Engineering to conclude that the found iron pipe marks the lost position of the corner which also agrees with the position established in 1897. Did not accept the stone with a chiseled X on top as marking the location of the corner because:

- A) do not have a record stating that a stone was set for corner
- B) John Norgaard's procedure was to only set stones at section corners
- C) Benny Iverson knew about the record stones at the section corners but did not know about a monument marking this corner