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Corner records, surveys, updated

Bonnie D. Wickerham, Clinton County register of deeds, announces the updating of corner records and surveys. The Clinton County surveyors records, dating from 1867 to about 1925, consist of three books in which the surveys or survey information were originally recorded.

One book contains information the county surveyor listed Public Land Survey corners recovered, seven notebooks containing field notes of surveys recorded and unrecorded, drain survey field notes and some extraneous material. The other two books contain copies of the

United States Public Land Survey Field Notes for the County. The original books, which are on file in the Drain Commissioner's Office, have been recorded on microfilm which is on file in the Register of Deeds Office.

Richard W. Steadman, registered land surveyor of G.A. Steadman & Son, 3236 W. St. Joseph, Lansing, gave the Register of Deeds office a cross reference to the surveys by the Clinton County Surveyor and an index to the public land survey field notes. These are in microfilm form and are available to the public.

Steadman did this job in his spare time to com-

plete this project, and has done the same service for Eaton and Ingham Counties.

The following is a list of the County Surveyors of Clinton County from 1839-1902:

1839-1840 Charles R. Spicer; 1841-1842 Jared Higbee; 1843-1844 William W. Upton; 1845-1848 Robert G. McKee; 1849-1850 Charles B. Roberts; 1851-1852 John O. Palmer; 1853-1854 Orville B. Ingersoll; 1855-1858 Edward Paine; 1859-1860 Oliver C. Hollister; 1861-1862 Heman G. Smith; 1863-1872 John O. Palmer; 1873-1874 Thurlow W. Lurk; 1875-1878 Henry

H. Jenison; 1879-1880 Charles E. Hollister; 1881-1882 Henry H. Jenison; 1883-1886 R.H. Colburn; 1887-1890 Charles E. Hollister; and 1891-1902 Charles Eddy.

In 1970 a new Corner Recordation Act, P.A. 74 of 1970, was enacted to protect and perpetuate public

land survey corners; to require the establishment of monuments and the recording of information concerning public land survey corners. At the present time Clinton County has approximately 2100 corners which includes over 600 corner recordations under the new Public Act 74.