

T43N - R16W

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I have been in the process of trying to determine the true location of the entire west line of T43N, R16W for about 9 years. It is an area that has drastically changed in appearance since the time of the original survey. Because of the "big ditch" which was dug from the N.W. corner of the Twp. southerly to Indian Lake a distance of 10 or 12 miles. Much of the area that was marsh (or swamp) at the time of the original survey is now dry land because of the ditch. I have finally been able to gather enough evidence of the original survey to re-establish the S.W. and N.W. Twp. corners., and the West 1/4 corner of Section 6. Besides this I have been able to find only one other indication of the location of said range line. On the West line of Section 18 there is a very old yellow pine--down and very rotten but with two solid slabs showing definite axe marks which were made while the tree was living. It is not possible to say with certainty when this tree was marked since it obviously has been dead for many, many years. From its appearance it must have been marked at least by 1900 and may well have been marked at the time of the original survey. This tree is very near to where the line tree recorded as "55.71-y. pine 10" should be but I cannot positively identify it as such. The axe marks appear to be blazes rather than the normal line tree hack marks. I do believe, however, that it was marked either at the time of the original survey or at least early enough so that the marks of the original survey should have been plain. In the absence of any other evidence in a distance of 5-1/2 miles, I have re-established the range line (West Twp. line-T43N, R16W) using the above-described tree for alignment and the N-S position of the various Section and 1/4 Section Cors., by proportion to the original survey record. This causes the Mea. Betw. Secs. 18 & 19 and Betw. 19 & 30 - 20 & 29 to fit much closer to the original survey record than a straight line for the 5-1/2 miles would fit. Measurements westerly into T43N, R17W along the south lines of Secs. 13 & 14 also fit closer to the original survey record using this method.

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