

# County Surveyor's Record, Tillamook County, Oregon

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of establishing a proper closing corner to Sections 2 and 3, T4S, R9W. He begins at the original corner as established by Henry Meldrum to Sections 35, 36, 1, and 2. At this corner he finds not only Meldrum's bearing trees but two additional trees " . . . which appears from the markings to have been established about ten years ago." Douglass then runs N89°53'W retracing said Township Line. At 1.01 chain, he intersects the closing corner between Sections 1 and 2. (Branson made this distance 1.32 chains). Along this line, he finds blazes and corners as established by the County Surveyor. He finds Meldrum's original corner to Sections 34, 35, 2, and 3, but is not able to locate the corner as established by Caudle. He also finds Branson's old closing corner and destroys this after he establishes a new one by running south to the 1/4 corner between 2 and 3. He destroys the corner to 33 and 34 as established by " . . . County Surveyor Sappington."

There is no record of further government surveys along this township line. Apparently, several surveys had been made by the County Surveyor in the late 1800's and early 1900's (Sappington). Records are very sketchy and not complete.

From the late 1940's to the early 1960's, Mervin Whitmore, and later his son Leonard, of the Forest Service, recovered many of these old corners of Meldrum, Caudle, Branson, and Douglass. During this time, double corners were found east from the S 1/4 corner of Section 35 to the range line. Both corners to T3 and 4S, R8 and 9W, were recovered, Meldrum's being approximately 220 north of Caudle's. In 1969 and 1970, I remonumented some of these recovered corners.

In 1967, Harold J. Russell, a surveyor working for the Oregon Department of Forestry, partially subdivided Sections 32 and 33, T3S, R9W, and in the process tied to many of the old original corners along this township line. At that time, he also reestablished the S 1/4 corners to Sections 32 and 33, using proportional measurements based on Branson's retracement, and the original corners to Sections 33, 34, 3, and 4 as established by Meldrum.

Richard A. Morris in 1972, also from the State Forestry Department, partially subdivided Section 36, T3S, R9W, using Caudle's corners for control,