According to the notes of the original government survey, this south slope of Nehalemie Mountain was bare of trees, having been kept burned by the Indians and early settlers.

At the point for the ¼ corner, 40 chains west from the NE corner of Section 20, they made a mound of dirt for the ¼ corner, with pits along side, as there were no trees available. The bushy spruces which are now scattered on the hillside obviously have grown up since that date.

What could be the mound and pits are still to be seen in the ground. At various times, from about 1946 to a year ago, there was in the mound a post of sawed cedar lumber about 4 x 5 inches, scribed "17" and "20" on one side and "S" on the other side. This post is of identical material as the similarly scribed post at the Section corner ¼ mile to the west. It is my surmise that these scribed posts were put in place by the State Highway engineers at the time of the survey for the present highway, about 1930. I do not find any scribed bearing trees at either corner—only trees hacked into by people searching for marks—and I have not found in the County records any recording of any resetting or Re witness of these corners.

When I visited this ¼ corner this year, I am unable to find the scribed cedar post. Apparently someone has carried it away—(for many years it has been rotted off at the ground line and lying down) but I find the stub of the post in the mound or dirt, and at that point I drive a galvanized iron pipe 2" x 40" 30 inches into the ground, and make new bearing trees:

Spruce 60" diameter bears N 60°13' East, 97.3 feet; scribed "S 17 1/4 BT"

Spruce 46" diameter bears South 22°54' East 62.9 feet; scribed "S 20 1642 BT"

Done Nov. 14, 1964, in presence of Gordon McAllister.

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