HISTORY: Corner established by Manius Buchanan on Sept. 8, 1891. At the corner he set a post, from which: A 44" cedar brs. S79°30'W 17.16 ft. A 30" hem. brs. N59°E 13.86 ft. Buchanan reports a creek, 15 lks. wide, that meanders back and forth across the township line and intersects said line at 99 ft. and 231 ft. west of the corner, and 66 ft., 297 ft., and 330 ft. east of the corner.

In Feb., 1983, Richard Morris, L.S. 401, provided me with a copy of State Forestry field notes on the restoration of this corner. Said notes are dated Feb. 1965, and are signed by A. Duncan and C. Curl. In these notes is reported a restoration (date unknown) by Paul L. Thompson. Said restoration reads as follows: "Restoration by Paul L. Thompson (not recorded) found 3"x4"x50" cedar post scribed 1/4 S34 on north side. 23" alder N50°W 16.3 ft. Bark scribed 1/4 S 23" leaning double top alder S45°E 5.8 ft. Bark scribed 1/4 S 8°. Morris explained to me that he knows this restoration was made by Thompson because of the scribe mark "S.""

A corner Certification on this corner, dated June 8, 1965, was recorded by Morris in County B.T. Records, Page 273-18. Allen E. Duncan, Engineering Technician, restored the corner under Morris' direction. Duncan reports finding the windfall remains, with roots in place, of the original 44" cedar B.T. He reports the 30" hemlock as missing, and he does not mention finding any scribe marks on the cedar B.T. He reports the creek as being located at 55 ft. west and 15 ft. east of the corner. Duncan restored the corner with a fully marked 3" O.S.B. of F. bronze cap on a 1½"x36" G.I.P., from which he scribed B.T.'s: A 7" hem. brs. S11°W 37.0 ft.; a 20" spruce brs. N86° 30' W 67.6 ft.

Harold Russell, L.S. 707, reports this corner as "1/4 corner found O.S.B.F. P.&C. 1965" on his March, 1966 County Survey No. 777.

EVIDENCE FOUND: I examine Duncan's corner and find that its position does not agree with any of the three creek calls to the east and the two creek calls to the west. The cedar B.T. (windfall) reported by Duncan is too small to have ever been 44 inches in diameter - even when allowances are made for the loss of bark and several inches of sapwood. Even if P. L. Thompson had reported finding the original scribed corner post, I would suspect said post of being moved, for the present location of Duncan's corner is in large conflict with close-by G.L.O. creek calls.

I search the area and find the remains of both original B.T.'s. The 44" cedar B.T. is now a 50 inch cedar snag with five very old and weathered notches on north side. I believe this tree was scribed in the bark or sapwood, for no evidence remains of a face. The 30" hemlock B.T. is now a very rotten uprooted stump with a 40" root crown covered with dirt. I dug this tree out, but did not find any scribing. I restore the corner position at record bearing and distance from the estimated face position of each found original B.T. From my restored corner position I measure east and west along township line and find excellent agreement with G.L.O. creek calls. Below is a drawing comparing my measured distances between creeks with reported G.L.O. distances between creeks.
MONUMENTATION: At my restored position for corner I set 34" in the ground a 2" x 36" concrete filled galvanized iron pipe with a 3" brass cap stamped as shown:

from which I scribed B.T.'s: A 12" hemlock brs. S75°E 5.10 ft. to face scribed "1/4 S 3 BT." A 20" alder brs. N03°W 45.30 ft. to barked scribed face marked "1/4 S34 BT." Set 4" x 5' cedar post 1.0 ft. north of corner. Corner monument set by Duncan bears N 17° 15' E 36.62 ft.

DATE: 4/29/83


BASIS OF BEARING: Silva Compass with 21½°E Decl.

FIELD BOOK 17, Page 119.
To: Longview Fibre, Oregon State Forestry Dept. and God's Valley Timber Company

From: Allan Duncan and Steven Thornton

Date: 04-22-96

Re: Position of the common corner between Section 3, T.3N.R.9W and Section 34, T.4N.R.9W

At the request of the involved parties, the County Surveyor's from Clatsop and Tillamook Counties met and viewed the evidence at the site.

The concurring opinion of both County Surveyors is that the position monumented by Karl Foeste P.L.S. is supported by the preponderance of evidence. The position monumented by the State on June 6, 1965 is not supported by the field evidence.

Steven D. Thornton
Clatsop County Surveyor

Allan E. Duncan
Tillamook County Surveyor