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HOW TO COMPLETELY RESEARCH THE PRICE COUNTY SURVEYOR RECORDS:

All of the records have been scanned and are available - see Request for Records form on website.

Some of the records are indexed to tier, range, and section by my online INDEX.
Some of the records are indexed to tier, range, and section by their FILE NAMES.

When searching for records for a specific Section, ALWAYS CHECK ADJOINING SECTIONS as records for a line common to two sections are usually indexed under only one of the two sections.

SO, TO BEGIN,

LARGE MAPS (Coded "L" and typically 24" x 36") are included in my trs index.

SMALL MAPS (Coded "S" and typically 11" x 17") are included in my trs index.

VERTICAL MAPS (Coded "V" and typically 8.5" x 14") are included in my trs index.

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS (Coded "CSM") are included in my trs index.

PLATS OF RECORDED SUBDIVISIONS (Coded "P") are included in my trs index.

FIELD BOOKS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR (Coded "FB") are included in my trs index.

SECTION DRAWINGS (Coded "SD") are circa 1900-1930 summary sketches in trs self-indexing books.

FIELD BOOKS AND TOWNSHIP PLATS OF ORIG FED SURVEY are available free at bcpl.state.wi.us which is the web site of the office of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in Madison. Site includes indexing systems.

U. S. PUBLIC LAND SURVEY MONUMENT RECORDS ("tie sheets") are self-indexing by virtue of the corner numbering system I invented in the early 70's. NOTE WE ARE REFERRING HERE TO SECTION AND QUARTER-SECTION CORNERS ONLY – NOT FORTY CORNERS OR OTHER LESSER CORNERS.

BE AWARE that "U. S. Public Land Survey Monument Record" only means a particular 8.5" x 14" format for a documentation showing monumentation set since about 1970 when the format became common in Wisconsin. Just because I don't have such a monument record for some particular corner, don't assume there is no monument to be found. Pre-1970 survey records abound, and many iron, stone, and concrete monuments were set by early Price County surveyors. Also, filing such monument records did not become mandatory for licensed surveyors in Wisconsin until 1982, and between 1970 and 1982 some surveyors did not voluntarily file monument records.

AIRPHOTOS OF 1952 AND 1955 are indexed by a mosaic sketch.

Note that airphotos from the early fifties can often be a help when trying today to retrace the work of county surveyors from the very early 1900's, especially in areas where fields and roads based on those surveys have since become reforested.

HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAPS - You will find a lot of ROW maps included in my index, but I am certain I do not yet have all of them. Be sure to check with the Price County Highway Department (715-339-3081) and with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at Rhinelander (715-362-3490).

THAT'S ABOUT IT.

IF YOU ARE HANDY ENOUGH WITH A COMPUTER, YOU CAN HIGHLIGHT AND CUT AND PASTE AND OTHERWISE PRINT OUT THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE INDEX WHICH APPLY TO YOU, AS AN AID WHEN VIEWING FILES.

OR GRAB A PENCIL AND PAPER AND BROWSE THROUGH MY INDEX TO THE SECTION OF YOUR AREA OF INTEREST (AND ADJOINING SECTIONS) AND JOT DOWN THE L, S, V, CSM, P, FB, AND SD FILE NUMBERS WHICH YOU THINK YOU NEED.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE CORNER STATUS TOWNSHIP MAPS AND JOT DOWN THE CORNERS YOU NEED.

IF YOU WANT AIRPHOTOS, OR HARN DATA, JOT THAT DOWN ALSO. THEN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AND I WILL HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR ORDER.

YOU CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE STATE WEB SITE FOR ORIGINAL FEDERAL FIELD NOTES, AND TO THE COUNTY AND STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS FOR ANY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAPS YOU THINK I MAY NOT HAVE.

IF YOU FIND ANY ERRORS OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS UNDERSTANDING THE FILING SYSTEM, PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE ME A CALL, AT MY PUBLIC COURTHOUSE OFFICE OR PRIVATE HOME OFFICE, AT ANY TIME.

AL SCHNEIDER, PRICE COUNTY SURVEYOR Public courthouse office 715-339-2985 Private home office 715-339-3899