

**GUIDE TO USING THE ON-LINE RESEARCH
RESOURCES
AND OTHER INFORMATION @**

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/index.php>

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The Links on this document will take you to the page where the documents are located or the actual document in some cases. Please keep in mind that some of these files are large and may require some time for loading. You will also need a viewer like Adobe Reader for .pdf file.

NOTE: The underlying Assessor Maps may be out-of-date on the Surveyor's website. For current Assessor Maps, go to:

<http://www.ormap.net/index.cfm?opt=maplist>

LAND SURVEYOR INFORMATION PAGE:

http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/land_surveyor_information.php : Contains Links to the websites various pages in addition to the information below.

CADASTRAL SURVEY HISTORICAL MANUALS AND HANDBOOKS:

<http://www.ntc.blm.gov/krc/viewresource.php?courseID=538>

2009 MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS:

http://cfeds.org/docs/sml/ManualOfSurveyingInstructions2009_060414.pdf

OREGON CADASTRAL MAP SYSTEM:

<http://www.ormap.net/common/docs/ormap/documents/manual/Manual%20of%20Cadastral%20Map%20Standards,%20Concepts%20&%20Cartographic%20Procedures.pdf>

CASE LAW: This is a list of cases and rulings that may be of interest to Oregon Land Surveyor and is copied with permission, from the Yamhill County Surveyors site.

<http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/case-law>

You can search particular cases at Justia, Google Scholar, Findlaw and LexusNexus.

CORNER RECORD INFORMATION: Over the past 100 years, Curry County Surveyors have used different methods to record PLSS corner work. In order to be thorough when looking for evidence of PLSS corners, it is suggested you do the following:

- Start with the CORNER RECORD INDEX and CORNER RECORDS ranging from 1986 to the present.
- The FIRST COUNTY SURVEYOR RECORDS range from 1878-1908
- For the OLDER C.R'S INDEX carefully follow the instructions to find the ledger entry for the particular corner on the Volumes referenced. This corner work was generally done between the 1890's to 1965.
- OLDER C.R.'S INDEX FOR VOL. 17. This is a different format, so take note of the page number on the index, and go to Volume 17 for the ledger entry. This corner work was generally done between 1965 to about 1986.
- In addition to these links, please look at the Map Indexes and check surveys that may show corner information. As department funds and time allow, we will be updating these maps to the corner records.
- For additional research, go to the BLM website to find other useful information like copies of Homestead Patents, at <http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/ySrvy1.php>

CORNER RECORD INDEX: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=a61db530d301e81180bf001fbc00ed85>

Note: As mentioned above, you should also check the Maps of Survey to see if they contain corner information not shown on the Corner Records. Don't forget to check the BLM notes for resurveys and completion surveys.

- This index is strictly for the Corner Records on file on the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) of Section Corners and lesser corners within the section.
- Click on the folder and go to the Township and Range you are interested in.
- Click on the particular index.pdf you want and it should bring your picture up; you might have to click on the 'open' box at the bottom of your screen.
- The heavy dots in the picture of the Township illustrate where there are Corner Records. Note the letter to the left on that line and the number above on that line.

CORNER RECORDS: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=16e3db3ad301e81180bf001fbc00ed85>

- Click on the folder and go to the Township - Range – letter – number of the card you are looking for.
- Click on the number it should bring up the picture of the corner card; you might have to click on the ‘open’ box at the bottom of your screen.

OLDER CORNER RECORD INDEXES AND NOTES:

1st COUNTY SURVEYOR INDEX:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/Departments/Surveyor/Surveyor/CORNER%20RECORD%20INDEX/1ST%20COUNTY%20SURVEYOR%20INDEX%20COMBINED.pdf> Old references for Public Land Survey System corners. There are two old ledger books starting in the 1800’s called Surveyor Record Volume 1 & 2 that contain the notes. There are also references to Volume 10 of County Surveyor Field Notes.

OLDER CORNER RECORD INDEX T. 30 – T. 35

<https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=c4cde8ff0f44e81180c0001fbc00ed85>

OLDER CORNER RECORD INDEX T. 36 – T. 41

<https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=858e39761044e81180c0001fbc00ed85>

Corner Records for the Public Land Survey System show information about the corners such as the character of the monument, witness objects, etc. This is the old ‘Index to Field Notes / Government Surveys and Restored Corners’ maintained by previous County Surveyors. Scroll down to your Township/Range of interest.

- After you open the Township you are interested in, you will see the notes made on the various corners referenced. Note the **COLOR** of the number and look at the top of the page. The color will denote the Volume and whether it refers to Government Survey Notes (after most of the original surveys) HES/DLC surveys, Mineral Claim information, or Restored Corners. After opening that volume, go to the page in one of the volumes below that you noted in the entry, and locate the information.
- **Volumes 1 – 8** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=0110e36079fde811a2c8000c29a59557> are old original & resurvey government survey notes. They have been rescanned and broken down into units that are described on the first page of each section. Some of them still have many pages but hopefully they will be easier to manage. You can also locate additional maps that correspond with some of these notes on our website link: GOV’T PLATS & NOTES.
- **Volume 9 is Corner Restoration work** written from about 1890 to 1964 by various County Surveyors. Note: pages shown in the index for pages 252 to 531 can be found in Volume 14.
- **Volume 10** has additional County Surveyor Public Land information performed in the 1950’s & 1960’s.

- **Volume 11** has Mineral Claim information, dependent resurvey of T.32S, R.10W, dated 1917, Donation Land Claims (DLC) and some Homestead Entry Surveys (HES).
- **Volumes 12 – 13** are old Government Dependent resurvey notes. This information can be found in GOV'T PLATES & NOTES on our website.
- **Volume 14** is a continuation of Volume 9, pages 252 to 531 covering Corner Records by the County Surveyor from the 1950's to the 1980's.
- **Volume 16** is Government Resurvey Notes. Information found on our website link: GOV'T PLATS & NOTES.
- **Homestead Entry Surveys (HES)** are scattered in Volumes 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 11.

OLDER C.R.'s INDEX FOR VOL. 17: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=3fe6c8ee1044e81180c0001fbc00ed85>

Volume 17 has its own index. The first page of this Metsker Map Book is an index to locate the page number for the Township & Range of interest. Go to that page and note the number/numbers for that corner, then go to the actual records below.

OLDER CORNER RECORDS VOL. 17: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=e7219df51144e81180c0001fbc00ed85&d=fd7ebc8d1244e81180c0001fbc00ed85>

This Metsker Map Book is titled: Index: County Surveyor's Volume 17 & Portions of J.N. Gearhart's Field Books. These are County Surveyor Notes and Private Surveyor Gearhart's notes of more Corner Restoration work. First, scroll down to the Township of interest. Range information is found on the notes. You sometimes need to go to the beginning of that series of entries to see the Range number. You will find the page number you noted in the index above, in the 'chains' column of that page. If there are two numbers, you will find one of the numbers, references an earlier visit and the monument notes likely changed with the later visit. Numbers in blue with a circle on them refer to the book of Gearhart's scanned field book notes. With Gearhart's notes, you might have to go to the front of the particular field book to check the Township & Range.

RESEARCH INFORMATION PAGE:

http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/research_information.php

Contains Links to the websites various pages plus the Corner Records and Indexes links, the Land Surveyors List, Some Curry County Maps of Interest, and the information below.

COUNTY SURVEYOR RECORDS VOLUME 1 1878-1908

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/Departments/Surveyor/COMBINED%20COUNTY%20SURVEYOR'S%20WORK%20YR%201878.pdf>

Includes:

- Surveys to locate claims in unsurveyed land
- Surveys to locate claims in surveyed sectionalized land
- Stubbed in corners
- Establishment of various private property lines
- Early PLSS retracement, perpetuation and witness objects
- Some of these surveys, John Fitzhugh notes are “imperfect”
- Lots of old interesting references to early wagon roads, railroads, flumes, tunnels, trestles, and other features of historical interest
- A letter from the General Land Office instructing John Fitzhugh how to properly establish the Center ¼ Corner, dated May 16, 1879. (Straight lines from the quarter section corners to the point of intersection.)

COUNTY SURVEYOR RECORDS VOLUME 2:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/Departments/Surveyor/2nd%20Surveyor%20Record%20com.pdf>

- Additional County Surveyor surveys of parcels in Curry County from 1905 to 1933.
- Interesting reading and useful calls for checking deeds and references for newer surveys in the area.
- Old wagon road location surveys may have been dedicated to the public.

It looks like the old County Surveyors set wood stakes for corners until about 1930. In the 1930's, you begin to see references to iron bolts and iron pipes (even gun barrels) set for monuments.

STATE HIGHWAY ROAD INDEX:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/Departments/Surveyor/STATE%20HIGHWAY%20ROAD%20INDEX%20Revised.pdf>

This is a list of State Highway surveys on file in this office. Rolled maps are located behind the Surveyor's desk. Many rolled ODOT maps for old Oregon Coast Highway and Highway 101 are filed in the back of the Surveyor's Office. You are welcome to come in and look. If you call us to request this information, we will be glad to check to see if a map is available for your area of concern.

COUNTY ROAD LIST:

<http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/Departments/Surveyor/Surveyor/CURRY%20COUNTY%20ROADS.pdf>

This is a list of Road surveys on file in this office. It will give you the name of the road and the corresponding number. The surveys that we have are on the Maps of Survey Page. The Curry County Road Department has more extensive road information on file and should be contacted for additional information. Rob Schafer (541) 247-3397 is their GIS person and very knowledgeable about our roads.

UNRECORDED ROLLED MAP INDEX (EXCEL FILE): These are old maps that have been accumulating around the Surveyor's Office. Most of these are Newhouse large rolled maps where he had many jobs on one roll. Many of them have historical and useful boundary information on them that is not available anywhere else. In most cases, it was not practical to scan them, but the ones that we could are now listed on the Excel File either **NS** for Not Scanned or **S & IND** for Scanned and Indexed. They are indexed with an A through F before a number. There is a PDF of this index on the Map Indexes Page if you don't have the Excel Program on your computer.

MAP INDEXES PAGE: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=b4c9107f310ce81180bf001fbc00ed85>

(This will show most surveys on parcels in your area)

- You need your Assessor Map Number and Tax Lot Number. The first two numbers are the Township your property is in. All of the Townships in Curry County are South. Find the file with your Township.
- Click on it, and it opens the file scroll until you find your Assessor Map Number. Click on it. If it doesn't open, you might have to click on the 'open' box at the bottom of your screen.
- Find your tax lot and you will see the surveys around it. Some of them have "c.s." in front of the numbers; Echols have an "E" and the unfiled rolled maps have whichever Letter they are filed under in the office. The first number is the Township. The next number is the sequential number for its filing. Even if your parcel does not show a survey, some of the surrounding surveys may have survey information that could cover your property. If your parcel is near the edge of a page, look on the referenced page – there might be a survey that would help. Write these survey numbers down as you'll need them for the next step. Always check the Assessor's Parcel Map (APM) Index page for the Township or Section, for large area surveys may only be shown on them.
- **Please keep in mind that not all private property in Curry County, has been surveyed,** as much of the property was created by deed only; before Planning Laws. A description and conveyance of this type may not have the actual property corners marked or surveyed.
- When researching, maps covering big areas may be singularly listed on the Township Index or Section Index maps. Sometimes the reference you need will be on a BLM map, Old Unfiled Maps, Road Indexes or Corner Records – these are not all in the index.
- If the reference you have written down is a SURVEY, you will need to go to the MAP OF SURVEYS page.
- If the reference is a PLAT, it is a parcel map or subdivision, and you will go to PLAT MAPS. The plats are preceded by the year it was recorded and then the sequential number assigned for filing.

The Map Index page also contains the County Road Index and a PDF of the Unfiled Rolled Map Index.

MAP OF SURVEYS PAGE: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=b2387144d301e81180bf001fbc00ed85>

(Filed maps – including those prepared for Property Line Adjustments)

- Follow the link above or go to the page. Click on Maps of Surveys.
- Go to the Township column your parcel is located in.
- Click on the file and click on the survey number, it should bring your survey up (you might have to click on the ‘open’ box at the bottom of your screen).
- A map reference preceded by an “E” is a Charles Echols Map. Please click on the list of Charles Echols Maps.
- Use your viewer to zoom in or print.
- We maintain a list in the office of all Maps of Survey showing the Township, Range, Section, type of survey, who the survey was for, Surveyor’s name and year filed.
- **UNFILED MAPS ECHOLS “E”:** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=1c6cdc24d301e81180bf001fbc00ed85>
Charlie Echols was a Surveyor in the area in the 1930’s – 1950’s. He was County Surveyor in the 1930’s. Echol’s available maps have been indexed and are on the ‘MAPS OF SURVEY’ link on our website. There are preceded by an “E” and are listed here. These maps have been scanned and indexed on the Map Indexes file.
- **UNFILED MAPS “U”:** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=58280750d301e81180bf001fbc00ed85> these maps have been scanned and indexed on the Map Indexes file. On the map indexes, the number is preceded with a “U”.
- **UNFILED ROLLED MAPS “A – F”:** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=ba6e7e68d301e81180bf001fbc00ed85> these maps are listed on an Excel and PDF File located on the Research Information and Map Indexes page they are indexed with an “A through F” before a number on the Index maps.
- **COUNTY ROAD SURVEYS:** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=cfb3e4be030de81180bf001fbc00ed85> these are copies of Road Surveys that we have in the office.
- **FOREST SERVICE SURVEY MAPS:** <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=99c048fc012ee81180bf001fbc00ed85> these are copies of Forest Service maps that we recently receive. They are indexed on our Index maps with UFS (Unfiled Forest Service) in front of the Township number and a numerical number.

PLAT MAPS PAGE: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=d185b85fd301e81180bf001fbc00ed85>

(Subdivisions, Partitions, etc.)

- Use the link above or go to the page, and click on Plat Maps.
- Click on the folder and scroll down to the map number click on it and the survey will be brought up; you might have to click on the 'open' box at the bottom of your screen.
- Use your viewer to zoom in or print.

PLAT MAP INDEX BY NAME:

http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/plat_map.ps.php In order to get the Plat Name Index on-line, we decided to combine it into one large file. Simply scroll down to your letter in the alphabetized list and look for the Plat name. If you know what year rather than the name you can use the **PLAT MAP INDEX BY YEAR**

http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/plat_map.ps.php

GOV'T PLATS & NOTES: <https://currycountyor.documents-on-demand.com/?l=79035367d101e81180bf001fbc00ed85>

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regional office was kind enough to provide us with DVD's of all of their surveys in Curry County; township plats, Homestead Entry Surveys, Mineral Surveys, Donation Land Claims, etc. The plats & notes include all accepted plats of surveys completed by the Government Land Office and the BLM. The link to these Plats & Notes should be faster than using the BLM's website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/ySrvy1.php>

I found an instance where they sent the notes, but the plat was missing, so it might be a good idea to verify the plats & notes at the BLM site if you are having problems. The BLM usually notifies us of started & completed surveys and we will try to update these files as we are notified.

MISCELLANEOUS LINKS PAGE:

http://cms6.revize.com/revize/currycountyor/departments/surveyor/surveyor_information.php Contains Links to County, State and Federal Information including the information below.

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE DATA BASE GCDB:

<https://www.blm.gov/or/gis/geoscience/gcdbresources.php>

Another portion of the GCDB that may be useful:

<https://navigator.blm.gov/services> This BLM site has been upgraded. You can: 1) Input the legal description (be sure to use the BLM method for the aliquot parcel) and receive the coordinates defining the boundary of that parcel. 2) Put the latitude and longitude in and receive the coordinates defining the boundary of the parcel. 3) Pass in the coordinates of a shape (point, polyline or polygon) and receive the land descriptions of any parcels that the shape intersects. Keep in mind that the BLM uses the best data it has – it could be a

1858 poorly performed survey! It will also give you the degree of accuracy you can expect for the coordinates given. See the user guide at the top of the page.

GIS: Link to the new Curry County GIS:

<http://lcmaps.lanecounty.org/LaneCountyMaps/CurryCountyApp/index.html>

if you are searching the GIS using the map and tax lot code you must have 4 characters or spaces in the first section, 4 in the second section and 5 in the last section. If your tax code is for example T33 R15 4D Tax Lot 100, then it would look like 3315-04D -00100. They have a new option called Maptaxlot Dropdown which creates a list of possible map and tax lots as you start typing the number in which can be helpful.

OTHER SURVEYOR'S NOTES: We have the office files for some of the past local surveyors in the back room of the County Surveyor's Office. We are still working on getting them well indexed for ease of use, but in the meantime, you are welcome to use them if you have a particular problem that the notes may help with. We have some from the following surveyors:

H. J. Newhouse – Office files and most of his field books

J. N Gearhart - relevant field book copies for Curry County (indexed with Volume 17 corner records).

Jerry Swanson - files

Don Cormack – files

Neimi & Thorp – some of their files

LOCATING DEEDS IN CURRY COUNTY: The new GIS have the current Tax Lot cards on site. Click on the link below then follow the instructions.

<https://lcmaps.lanecounty.org/LaneCountyMaps/CurryCountyApp/index.html>

1. On the Table of Contents find Appraisers, check the box and click on the little triangle next to the box for the drop down list. Go down to find Map Tax Lot cards and check the box, click on the triangle for the drop down and find the appropriate part of the County for the property you are looking for. The Tax Lot cards show up as purple squares on the map. When you find the property you are looking for click on it and cycle through the information that comes up until you find the Tax Lot card, click on the link and it will open up the tax card.

If the property has not changed hands since 2006 it will show the deed numbers from the date that tax lot number was assigned. The tax card will also show the earlier tax card that the parcel you are looking for came out of. The tax card is handy for the historical “chain of title.”

If the property has changed hands since 2006, you need to go to the Assessor's Office and use their "TSG" computer system. It is awkward, but you can get to the current and in-between deed numbers. If you are out of town and the clerks are not too busy, they will look up the deed numbers for you. Try calling 541-247-3294.

If your job involves an escrow, sometimes the escrow company can send you the deed if you have the Assessor's Map and Parcel number.

If a Realtor is involved and they are members of the Curry County Board of Realtors, they can get a copy of the deed from the Board of Realtors.

2. If you have the deed number, you can call or go to the County Clerk's Office. Printing the copies there can save you a few dollars. If are out of town, you can call 541-247-3295 and give the deed number to the clerk. They will email them to you. Instruments, Book of Records and Volumes are \$3.75 + \$0 .10 per page. If you need a lot, you can subscribe to their service online for \$75 per month.