

HISTORICAL SITE DEDICATION INVITATION

- WHO:** The Historical Committee of the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors hereby invites you to a historical dedication ceremony.
- WHAT:** The Site Dedication of the Original Post set in 1852 at the Initial Point of the Iowa Minnesota Boundary Survey.
- WHERE:** The Picnic Shelter at the Allamakee County Conservation Board Wayside Rest located on Iowa Highway 26 at the north edge of New Albin, Iowa.
- WHEN:** At 10:30 AM, Saturday September 11th there will be a brief presentation followed by a car pool to Captain Thomas J Lee's Original Iron Monument and then continuing on to the Replica of the INITIAL POST and Information Kiosk.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: This Post was the Initial Point for measurement of the Iowa Minnesota Border, which is the Baseline for all 5th Principal Meridian Surveys in Minnesota and the Dakotas. These surveys established the Township and Section Corners which defined the property lines for the homesteaders and are still used today as the basis for all property descriptions.

THE MONUMENT: The monument set at the Initial Point was an eight foot long "White Oak Post 12 inches square branded on the 4 sides as follows to wit -- Upon the sides facing S.E. & S.W. the letters (I. B. Iowa 43* 30' North) & upon the sides facing N.E. & N.W. the letters (M. B. Minnesota 43* 30' North)"

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