

Locating a legal description using a plat book

COLUMBIA COUNTY, WISCONSIN


INDEX MAP


The index map shows the various towns in the county as they are located geographically. The numbers on each town indicate the page number where that particular map will appear in detail.


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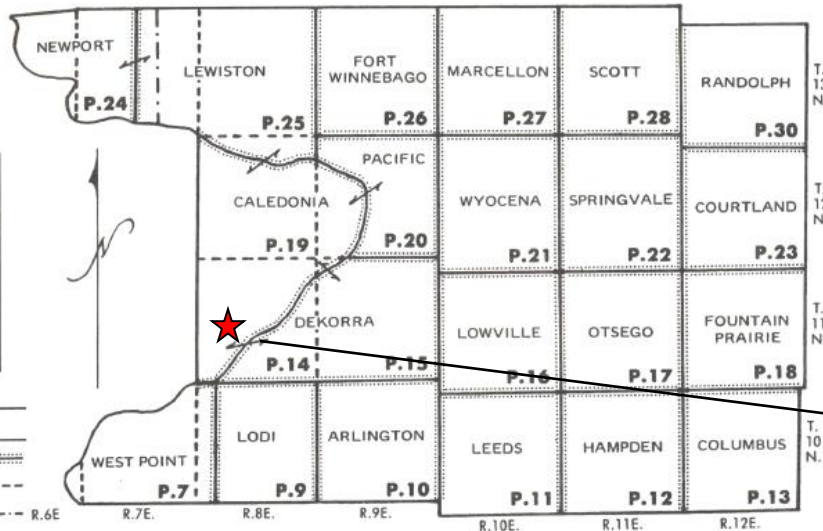
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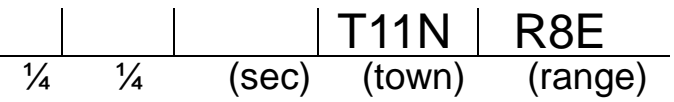
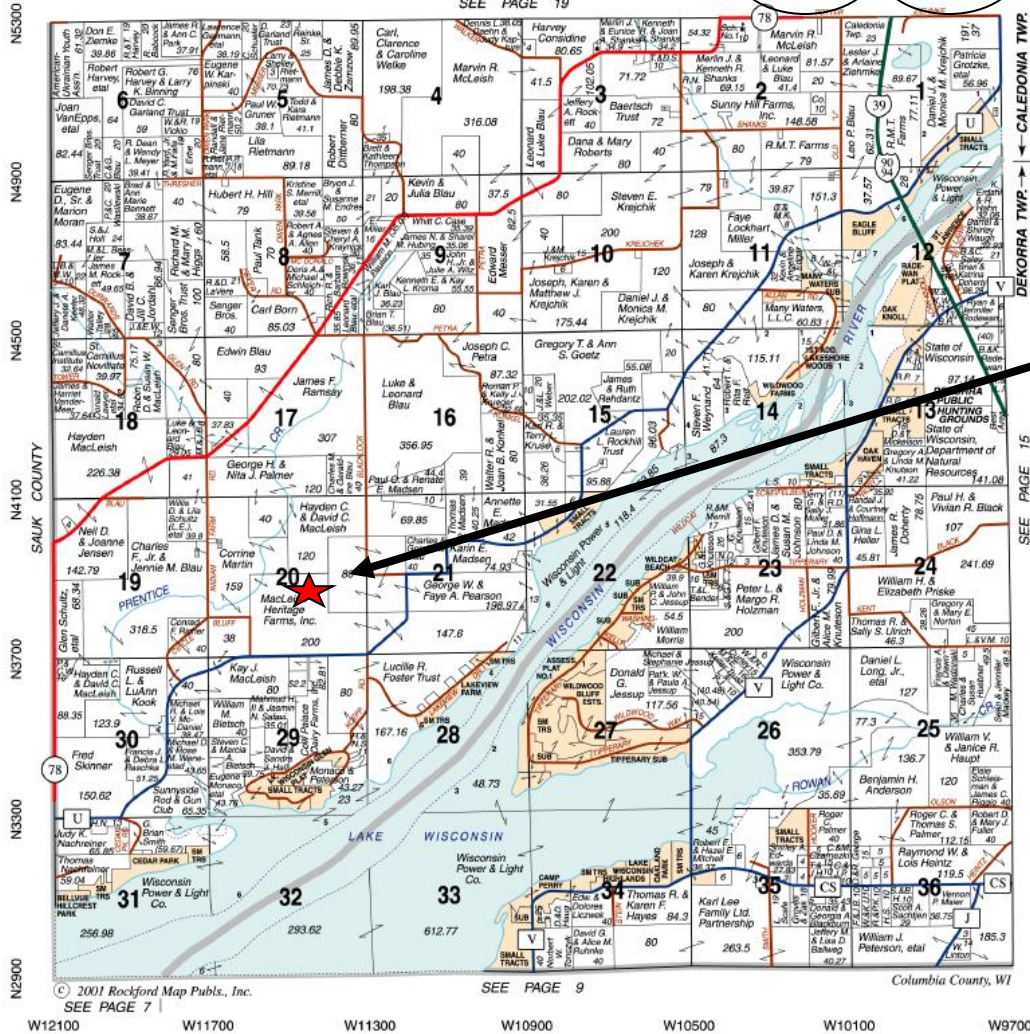
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FORT WINNEBAGO	.26	MARCELLON	.27	WEST POINT	.7
FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE	.18	NEWPORT	.24	WYOCENA	.21

1. The first step is to locate the correct map that a piece of property is on. Ask the person what town they are in and look in the index page to see what page number that town's map is on.
2. This person's well is located in southern portion of Caledonia so let's flip to page 14 to locate the property.

SOUTHWEST PART CALEDONIA WEST PART DEKORRA

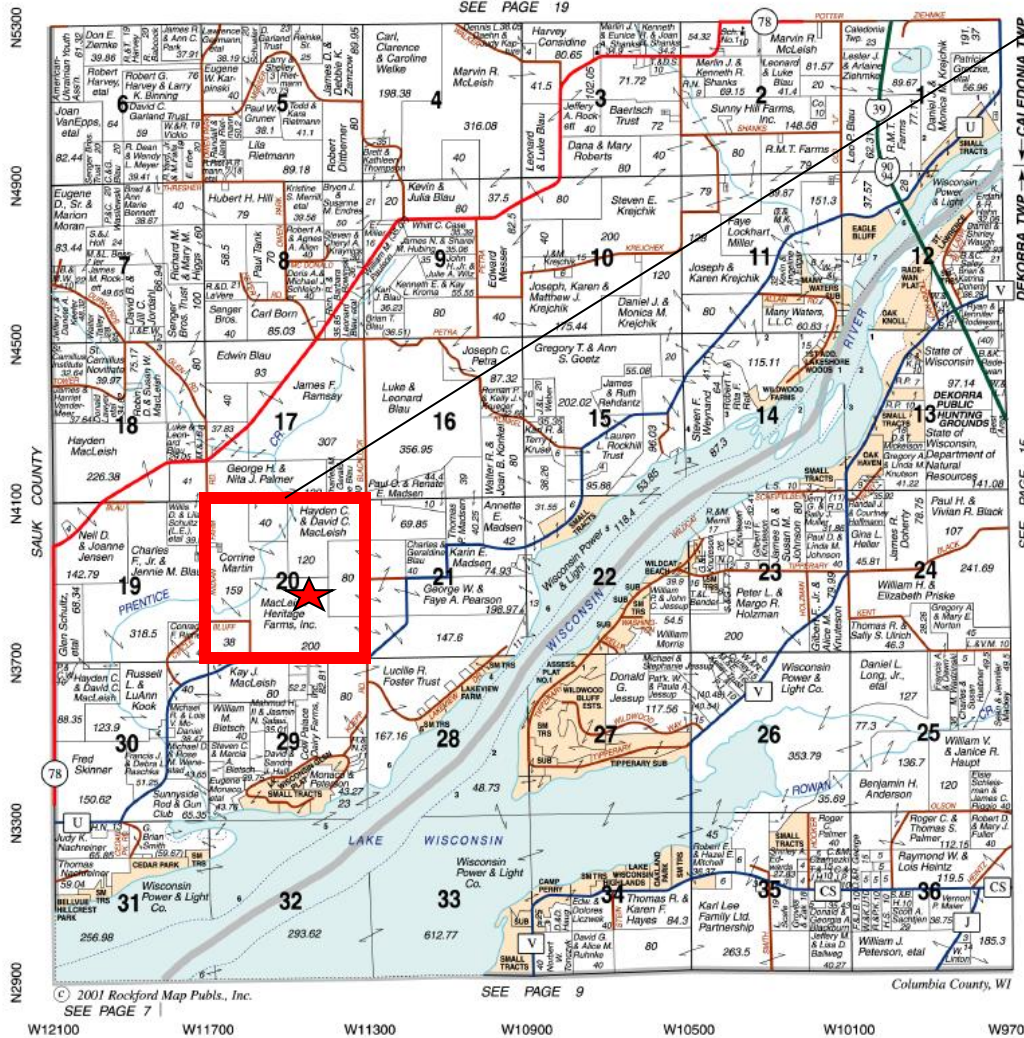
T.11N R.8E.

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1. Once you locate the map have the person point out the location of their well on the map.
2. Now you will be able to determine the legal description.
3. The town and range can be found in the upper right corner of the page. Both consist of a number and a letter.
4. For this property the town identifier is 11N while the range identifier is 8E.

SOUTHWEST PART CALEDONIA WEST PART DEKORRA T.11N.-R.8E.

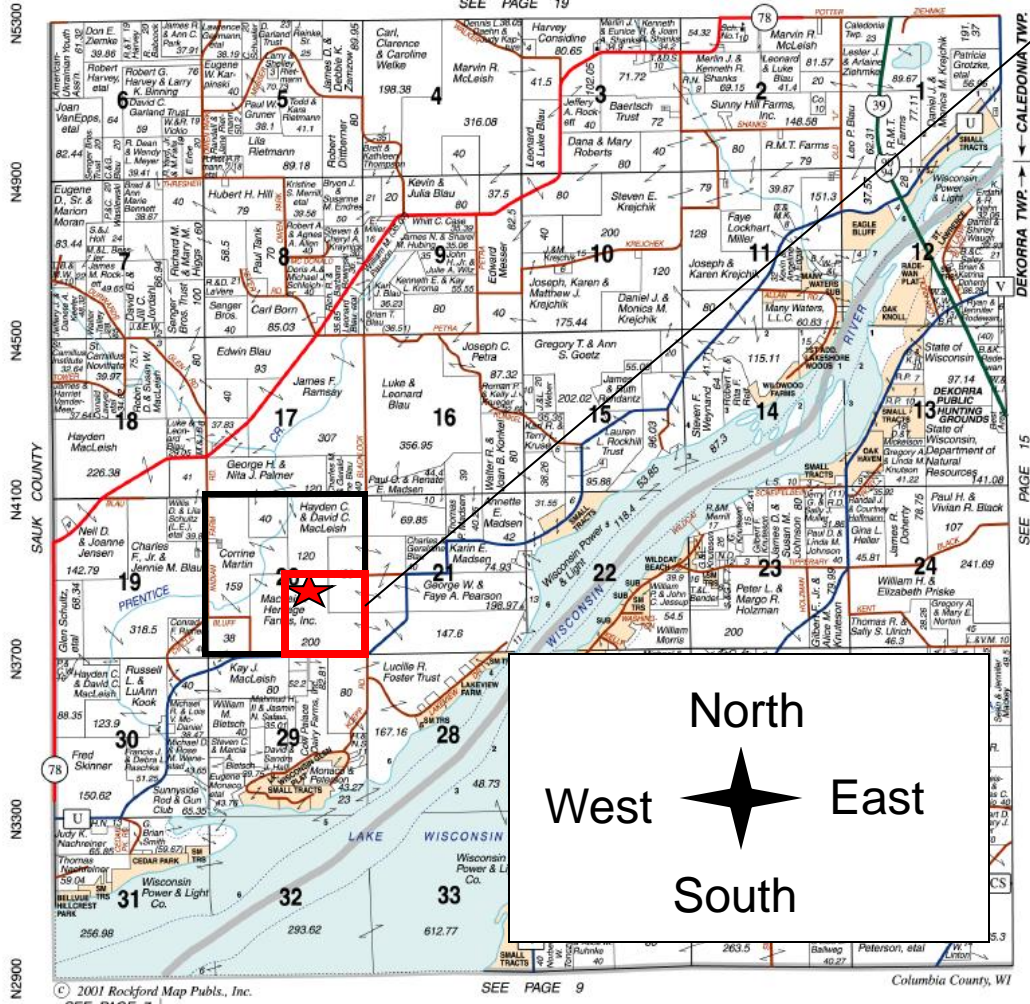


1/4	1/4	20	T11N	R8E
		(sec)	(town)	(range)

1. Each map is divided into 36 squares called sections. The section number is located in the middle of the square.
2. In this example the well is located in section 20.

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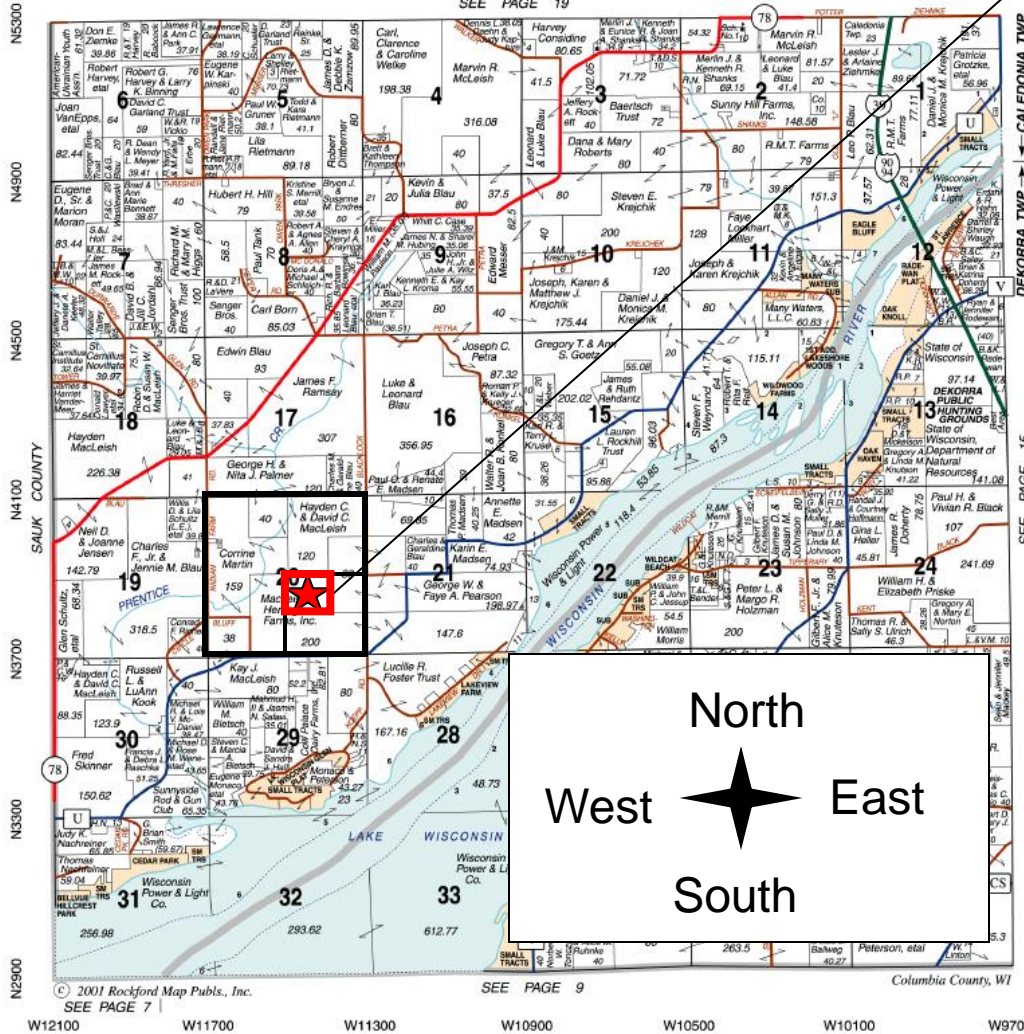


SE	20	T11N	R8E
¼	¼	(sec)	(town) (range)

1. Each section is divided into 4 sections appropriately named quarter sections. Quarter sections are identified by the location of the quadrant within a section using cardinal directions.
2. In this example the quarter section is located in the south-east quadrant.
3. The south-east quadrant is identified using the letters SE.

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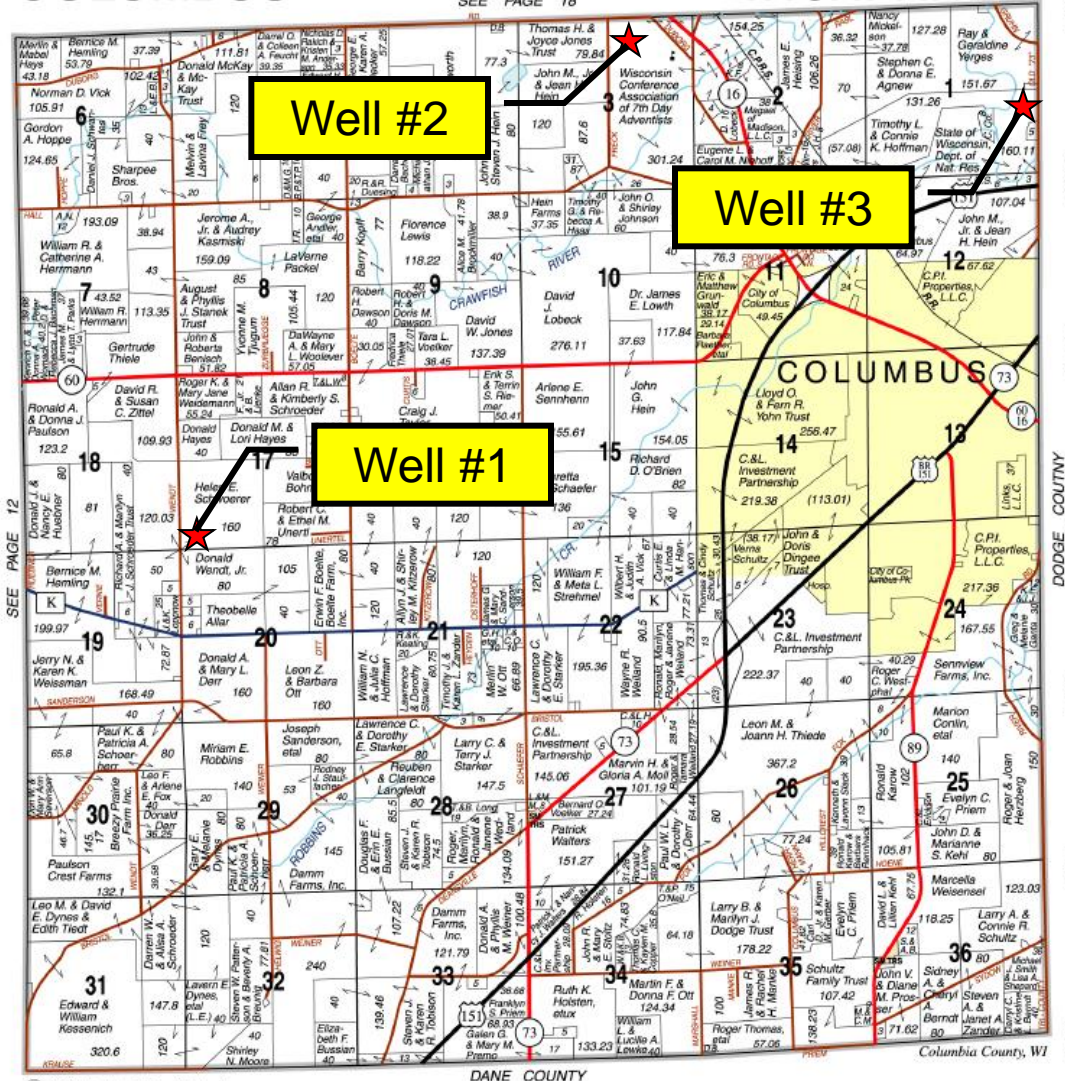
NW	SE	20	T11N	R8E
¼	¼	(sec)	(town)	(range)

1. Each quarter section is also divided into quarter sections called quarter-quarter sections.
2. This particular quarter-quarter section is located in the north-west quadrant and is identified by the letters NW.

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Well #2

Well #3

Well #1

Test Section:

To see if you've got the hang of it, let's see if you can correctly identify a couple of other examples.

Well #1

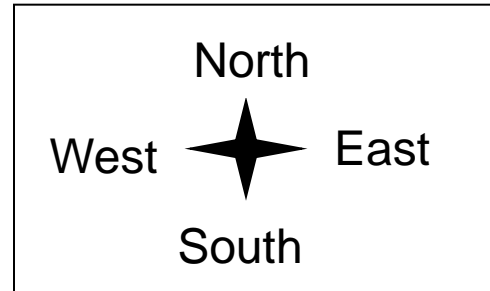
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Well #2

1/4	1/4	(sec)	(town)	(range)
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Well #3

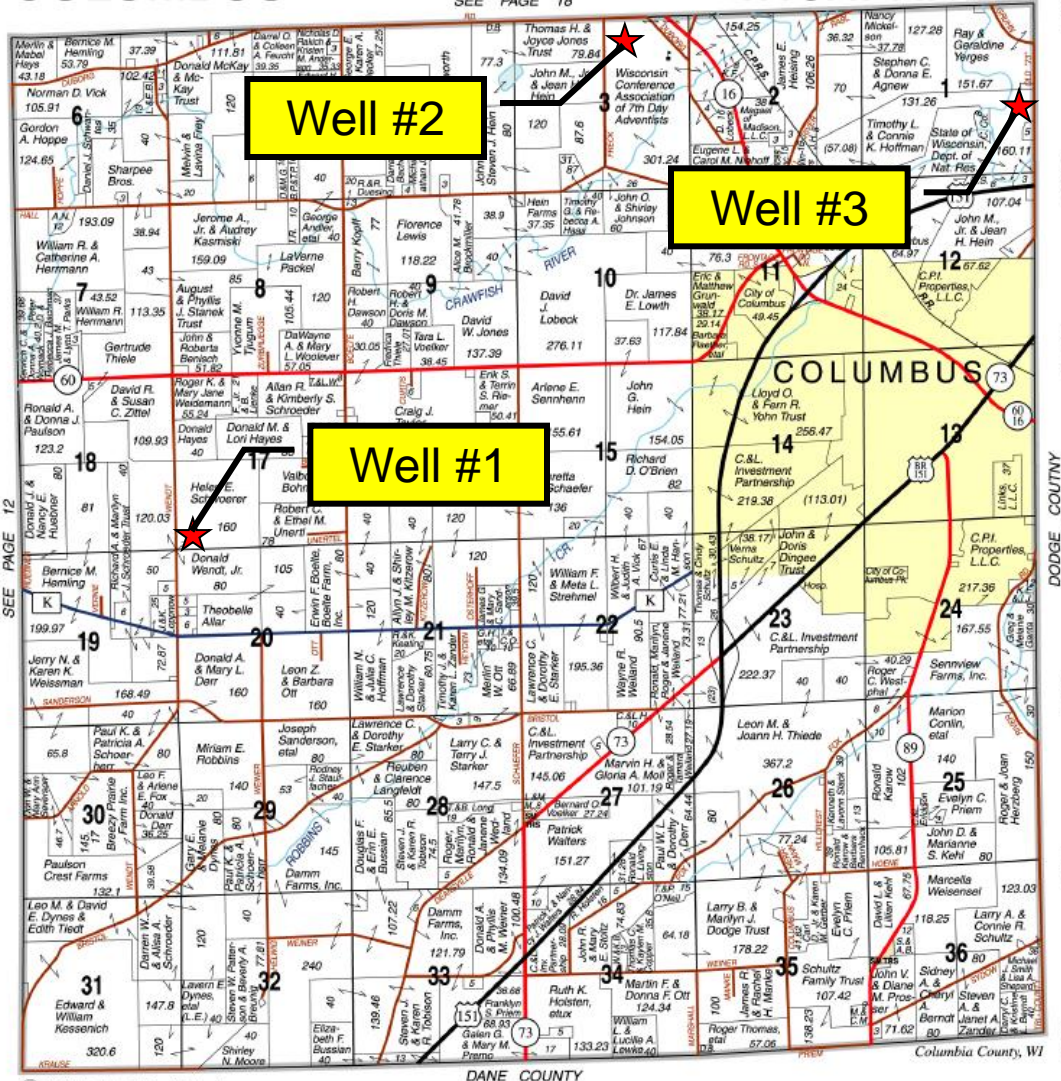
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W2500 W2200 W1800 W1400 W1000 W600 W200

Answer Key:

Well #1

SW	SW	17	T10N	R12E
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	(sec)	(town)	(range)

Well #2

NW	NE	3	T10N	R12E
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	(sec)	(town)	(range)

Well #3

NE	SE	1	T10N	R12E
$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	(sec)	(town)	(range)

