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TO: Whom It May Concern

RE: Copies of the Original Federal Government Survey Plats

On the left hand margin of many of the linen photo copies of the township plats are "see S. G.'s letter dated November 6, 1837" and "see S. G.'s letter November 10, 1835". While attempting to secure copies of these letters, it was discovered that the township plats in the Washington D.C. Archives and the Board of Commission of Public Lands in Madison did not contain these notes. Also it was learned that the signature and date of the Surveyor General in the Madison, Washington and Janesville offices were all different. The Township plats at the Bureau of Land Management in Alexandria, Virginia contain the reference to the letters and has the same signature and date. It appears the linen copies of the original government field notes and township plats in the Janesville office are photo copies of the records in Alexandria. Microfilm copies of the field notes and paper copies of the township plats in Madison were obtained.

Supposedly, the original Federal Government Survey Records are in Madison. The date on the Center Township Plat confirms this.

I also found a bound book containing a sealed copy of the township plats in the Register of Deeds' Office. Bho Allen, Secretary of State certified that they were correct copies of the records in Madison as of July 10, 1868. In the back of the book are the linen remonumentation maps of Milton, Union, Newark, Harmony and La Prairie Townships.

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