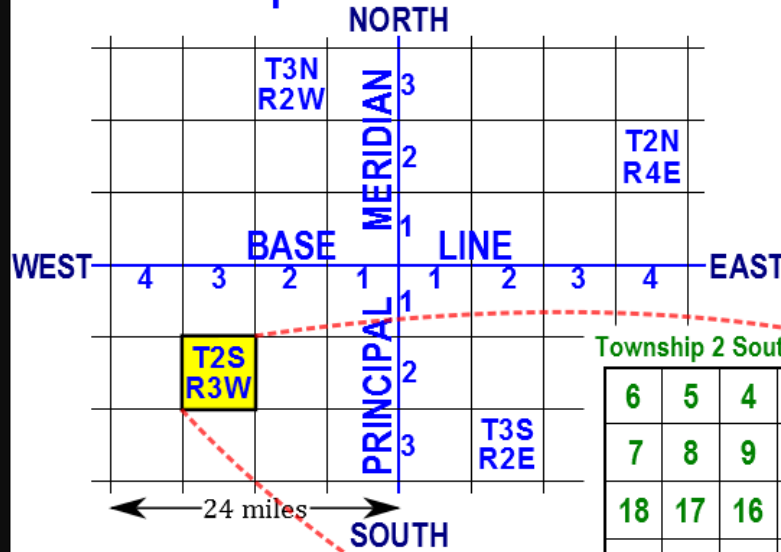


CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP RECTANGULAR SURVEY GRID

Township Grid



Starting at the *Principle Meridian* and *Base Line* a surveyor marked off the township lines into grids of 36 square miles.

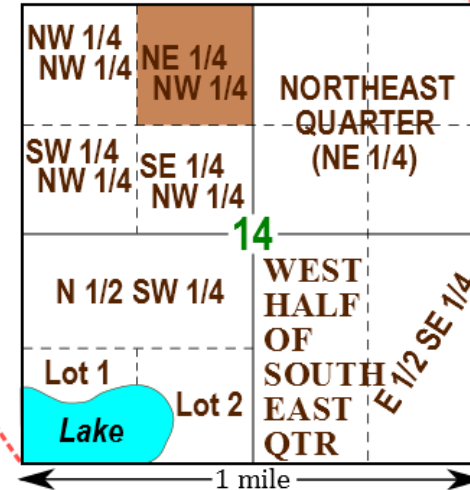
Townships were further divided into sections of one square mile (640 acres). Standard sections were then numbered from 1 to 36.

Sections were subdivided into a variety of sizes, most often rectangular in shape.

Township 2 South, Range 3 West

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	Sec. 14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

SECTION 14



Description. The land description for the brown property parcel on the right would be written as:

"NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 14, T.2 S., R. 3 W."

(that is, Northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 14 of Township 2 South, Range 3 West.)