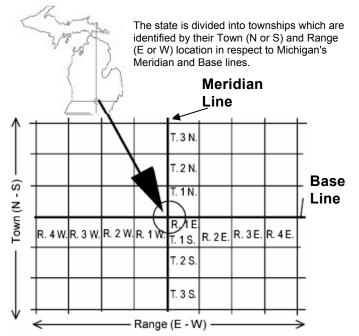


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INFORMATION ON HOW TO READ LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTIONS

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A township is normally a quadrangle approximately 6 miles on a side which contains thirty-six (36) sections. As shown below in some townships corrections for the earth's curvature will show up on it's northern and western boundary lines. Also, note the way in which sections are numbered within a township.

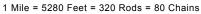
6	5	4	3	2	1
7-	8	9	10	11	12
-18-	17	16	15	14	13
-19 -	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

Sections are typically divided into quarters (ex: NW 1/4) and sometimes halves (ex: W1/2), which are then divided again into quarter-quarters (ex: NW1/4 of NW1/4) and so on. It is best to remember to read a land description backwards.

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Section	broken	down	into 40	Acre	parcels.

(NW 1/4)		NE 1/4 NW 1/4	NW 1/4 NE 1/4	NE 1/4 NE 1/4	(NE 1/4)
	SW 1/4 NW 1/4	SE 1/4 NW 1/4	SW 1/4 NE 1/4	SE 1/4 NE 1/4	
(SW 1/4)	NW 1/4 SW 1/4	NE 1/4 SW 1/4	NW 1/4 SE 1/4	NE 1/4 SE 1/4	(SE 1/4)
	SW 1/4 SW 1/4	SE 1/4 SW 1/4	SW 1/4 SE 1/4	SE 1/4 SE 1/4	

Typical example showing distances, acreages and land descriptions within a section.



1/2 Mile = 2640 Feet	2640 Feet				
		NE 1/4 0 Acres	6		
W 1/2 320 Acres	W 1/2 SE 1/4 80 Acres	NE SE	Feet 1/4 1/4 acres		
		660Ft W 1/2	10 A <u>c</u>	NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	
		SE 1/4 SE 1/4 20 Ac	10 A <u>c</u>	SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	

Typical example of a section containing Government Lots (fractional part of a section designated on the township plat).

