

Green Bay Area Private Claims and Williams Grant Subdivision in Brown County, Wisconsin

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Explanation

-  Lot
-  Road
-  Section
-  Township



In 1785, Congress adopted the Public Land Survey System, which divided land into townships and sections. Much of Wisconsin was surveyed, and township and section boundaries were established. However, some areas of Wisconsin had been surveyed under other systems prior to the congressional survey and were not resurveyed. It is legally incorrect to extend the township, range, and section lines into these areas.

On this map, we show the part of Brown County along the Fox River that was surveyed under two early systems: the Williams Grant Subdivision in the Town of Lawrence and the Private Claim system, which follows the old French method of dividing land into long lots perpendicular to a river, around the city of Green Bay. Examples of correct legal descriptions are: Williams Grant Subdivision Lot 128; Private Claim 18, west of the Fox River.

We have constructed this map because the Williams Grant Subdivision and Private Claim lot boundaries as shown on U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic maps are difficult to read. This map is an attempt to show these boundaries more clearly, to display all the private claims on one map, and to show the surrounding townships and sections. This map is intended as a visual aid for property location and not as a replacement for official surveys and plat maps.

Sources

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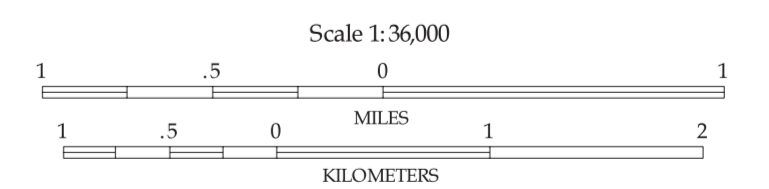
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Note: The "E" and "W" listed after the private claims have been added for ease of use and are not part of the legal description. An example of a legal description is: Private Claim 18, west of the Fox River.



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