

COLORADO - NEBRASKA - KANSAS

DATE VISITED: June 23, 1991

ACCESS ROUTE: Our 1991 route to this point is difficult to follow. Here is an easier route sent to me by Timothy Sheehan of Farmington, CT. From US 34 about 1.5 miles W of the CO - NE line, turn S on "County Road RR" which is 100 yards E of mile marker #254 on US 34. Go S about 4 miles, then E and SE about 1 3/4 miles to a left turn into a farm lane which goes in to the tri-point. There is a sign where the farm lane turns off from the road.

The mail box at the site contained information leaflets like the one shown as an inset on map 13A. The bronze plaque displays the following information:

THE CORNER COMMON TO NEBRASKA AND KANSAS ON THE COLORADO LINE

The survey of the base line of the 6th principal meridian, which also marks the boundary between Nebraska and Kansas, was extended from the Alma, Nebraska area to the summit of the Rocky Mountains by Jarret Todd and James Withrow in 1859.

In 1869 Oliver N. Caffee [sic] surveyed the western boundary of Nebraska, and failing to locate the baseline, set the limestone monument 621.7 feet South of this position.

In 1872 John J. Majors surveyed the boundary between Kansas and Colorado, commencing at Chaffee's monument.

On June 15, 1873 Edwin Burwell intersected the baseline with Chaffee's state line and established the corner of Nebraska and Kansas on the Colorado line.

On October 17, 1990 the Bureau of Land Management re-monumented this tri-state corner. In recognition of those early Surveyors, the skills they demonstrated and the hardships they endured, we dedicate this Plaque on June 1, 1991.



Joyce Parsell and Clark Hall at the Tri-Point.