

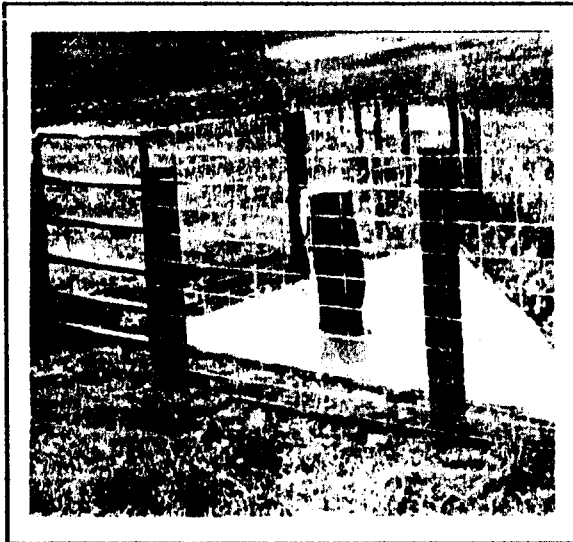


## MONTANA - WYOMING - SOUTH DAKOTA

DATE VISITED: June 24, 1991

**ACCESS ROUTE:** From Belle Fourche, SD at the intersection of US 212 and US 85, go N on US 85, 11.9 miles to a turn-off L, which is around the first bend in US 85, and across Owl Creek. Then go NW about 15 miles to where the road turns due N. Continue 1 3/4 miles N and then about 0.4 mile NW to a gate on the left, just before reaching the MT - SD line. The tri-State monument is 0.5 mile W of this gate. See inset map on page 10 A for details in this area.

Note that the NE corner of WY and the SE corner of MT do not coincide. The 27th meridian survey from the south brought the line up 23.3 seconds too far west. The survey south from the Canadian border brought the line 41.6 seconds too far east at the same latitude. The combined error is 70.68 chains or about 0.88 mile. The original 1877 marker was replaced in 1904 by a stone post. When we were there the post was found to be tipped over. This was subsequently repaired, and a joint dedication ceremony was held on July 16, 1994 for the tri-point and also for the monument at the Southeast corner of Montana.



1994 Marker

The dedication ceremony highlights included: history of the Dakota - Wyoming boundary survey; history of the Dakota - Montana boundary survey; signing of the field notes and plat; history of settlement in the area; and the importance of boundary identification and land tenure system.



1991 photo of Clark Hall with Joyce and Jack Parsell at the tipped over tri-point marker.