

Friday, June 24th 2005,

The Professional Surveyors of Nebraska,
SE Nebraska Land Surveyors Assoc.

And

The Kansas Society of Land Surveyors

Cordially Invite You to Come Celebrate

The 150th Anniversary of the
Setting of the Stone on the Baseline

At the First Guide Meridian East

By Charles Manners

with the aid of Joseph Ledlie,

done June 24, 1855.

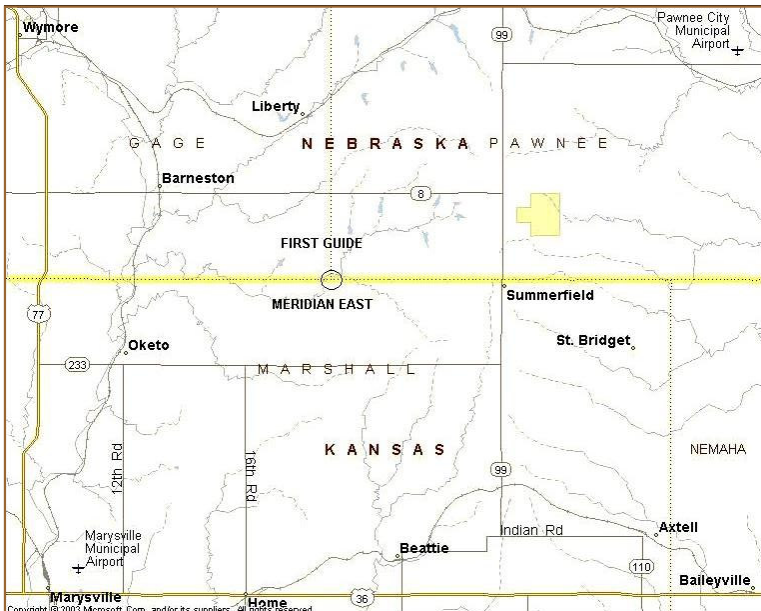


THE COMMEMORATIVE LAPEL PIN

First Guide Meridian East Project
c/o Steve Brosemer
GeoTech, Inc.
1512 W. 6th Avenue Suite I
Emporia, KS 66801

Mailing Address Here

Visit <http://www.geotechinc.net/1GME>
For Information, Maps and Directions to Site!



The Event is **Free** and Registration is not necessary.

However, **Registration Guarantees a Free Commemorative Lapel Pin.**

Lapel Pins will be distributed at the Event to non preregistered participants only while supply last.

Advance Registration with Fee is only required if you wish to receive 4 Contact Hours of CEU's.

**Lunch Will Not Be Provided
So Bring your Grill & Cooler!**

Send Registration Info to:
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Commemorative
Brass Paperweight

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2005

10:00AM Opening remarks and observe the original GLO stone.

10:15AM Measure south one mile by link chain, steel tape, total station and RTK GPS.
Crew Members Needed! Ribbons to the winners. **Remonument** the First Guide Meridian East stone with brass cap and monument box.

1:00PM Lunch break at the Liberty, NE Am. Legion Hall (**no food provided**) with an analysis of measurements and the presentation of Commemorative paperweights to notables.

1:45PM Presentations by Jerry Penry and Steve Brosemer on Charles Manners and Joseph Ledlie, respectively.

2:45PM Conclusion of Event or return to site for more measuring.

Level of Participation:

- Attend the Event. No Charge. Pre Registration Guarantees you a free Commemorative Lapel Pin!**
- Attend the Event and receive a 4 Contact Hour CEU Certificate from KSLS: \$20**
- Attend the Event and receive a 4 Contact Hour CEU Certificate from KSLS and a Berntsen made**
- Purchase a 3.5" domed shaped Commemorative Brass Paperweight: \$30 See front for photo!**

Go to www.geotechinc.net/1GME to register on line!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

The First Guide Meridian East

The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 set in motion the surveying of these two U.S. Territories. In 1855, **John C. Calhoun**, Surveyor General for the Territories, contracted **Charles Manners** and **Joseph Ledlie** to survey the First Guide Meridian East in Nebraska and Kansas, respectively. Mr. Manners was also charged with testing the Baseline between the two future states as surveyed by **John P. Johnson** just a few months before. Both Manners and Ledlie discovered that Johnson had failed to accurately establish the 40th Parallel of Latitude, thus causing a delay that was not politically expedient for the **Pierce Administration**.



John C. Calhoun



Franklin Pierce

Correcting the Error and Creating the PLSS Framework

With Special Instructions from John C. Calhoun, Charles Manners went about doing a complete resurvey of the Baseline, from the Cast Iron Monument on the west bank of the Missouri River to the First Guide Meridian East, referred to then as the "60 Mile Corner."



From this stone (above), our two Deputy Surveyors, Charles Manners and Joseph Ledlie, created the first Public Land Surveying System (PLSS) lines in Nebraska and Kansas.

Come to the Celebration, help remonument the stone, do a little measuring, and learn much more about the men and events that led to this historic occasion!