

921 Monroe Ave. Helena, Montana  
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Dear Mr. Thigpenn:

I am attaching two pages of a new article I am starting titled Taming the Wild Lands. As you will see I am trying to give a little history of the Rectangulat System of Land Surveys and make it interesting by relating some true stories of experiences surveyors have had.

I imagine you have had some hair raising experiences, and humerous ones too. I would like for you to write up some of your stories, or some that you have heard about, which I could incorporate in this article. I am sure they would add a lot to the background of early land surveys. Such as old corners found, anything you like. Following the general pattern of the ones I have given.

I would rather have the stories typed off, but if you prefer you could dictate t them on tape. They should be on Panasonic Tape on  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by 4 inch cassettes Scotch Brand no. 273 Magnetic Tape 3M to play on a Panasonic Recorder R Q 2045. A Japanese make.

Let me have your comments!

William R. Bandy

P. S. Can you see where I could work these two pages into the main article some where to make it more interesting?

I am open to suggestions!