

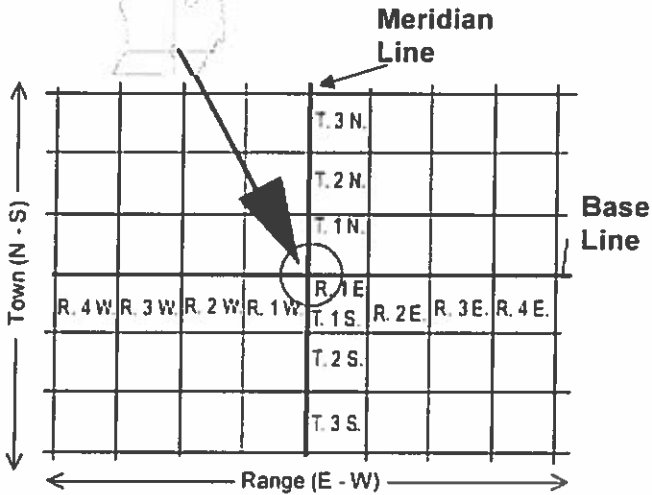


# INFORMATION ON HOW TO READ LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTIONS

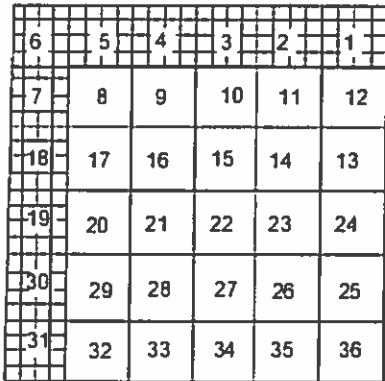
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The state is divided into townships which are identified by their Town (N or S) and Range (E or W) location in respect to Michigan's Meridian and Base lines.

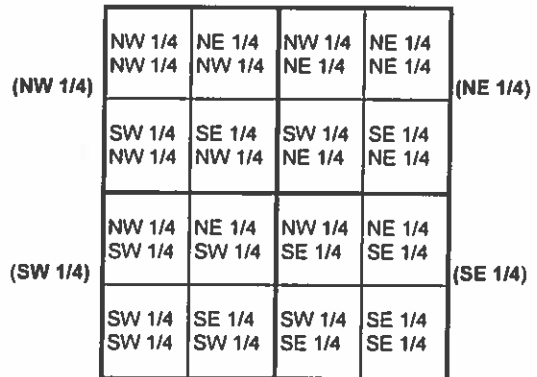


A township is normally a quadrangle approximately 6 miles on a side which contains thirty-six (36) sections. As shown below in some townships corrections for the earth's curvature will show up on it's northern and western boundary lines. Also, note the way in which sections are numbered within a township.



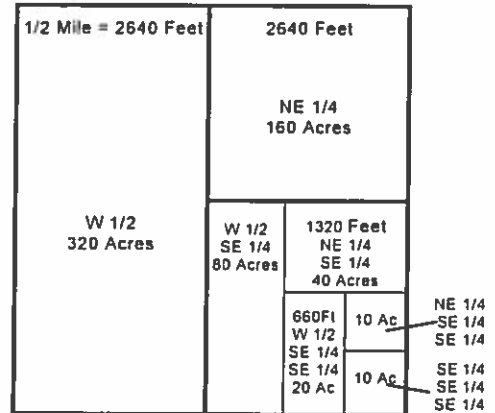
Sections are typically divided into quarters (ex: NW 1/4) and sometimes halves (ex: W1/2), which are then divided again into quarter-quarters (ex: NW1/4 of NW1/4) and so on. It is best to remember to read a land description backwards.

Section broken down into 40 Acre parcels.



Typical example showing distances, acreages and land descriptions within a section.

1 Mile = 5280 Feet = 320 Rods = 80 Chains



Typical example of a section containing Government Lots (fractional part of a section designated on the township plat).

