## Introduction to the

U.S Public Land Survey System

- System Design
- History of Public Domain
- Local Original Surveys
- Retracement Survey

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Section Subdivision

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## History of Public Domain

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1. Colonization
2. Land Ordinance Act of 1785
A. Purpose: (facilitate the orderly settlement of the midwest ...) a) Survey before settlement
b) Design to be mathematically consistent everywhere
c) Create standard Land unit - Section $\qquad$
i. Uniform shape
ii. Area ( 640 acres)
iii. Marked on the ground
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1803 - Louisiana Purchase
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§ 3. 1803-Louisiana Purcha
1846 - Oregon Compromise
1848 - Oregon Territory
1848 - Mexican Cession
1850 - DLC Act
1851 - Instructions for Public Lands in Oregon
1855 - Manual of Instructions (1st Edition)

## Territorial Acquisitions

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Principal Meridians \& Base Lines


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2. Willamette Meridian
3. 1855-1859 - D.L.C.'s in T. 1 N. R. 4 W. $\qquad$
5. 1856 - T. 25 N. R. 5 E.
6. 1870 - Subdivide T25N, R5E $\qquad$
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Willamette Meridian (1851) $\qquad$

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Donation Land Clairns T. 1 N., R. 4 W. (1855-1859)

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$5^{\text {th }}$ Standard Parallel North (1855) $\qquad$
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T. 25 N., R. 5 E., W.M. (1856) $\qquad$

Subdivide T. 25 N., R. 5 E., W.M. (1870) $\qquad$

Monument Materials (1855 Manual) $\qquad$


