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CURRICULUM FOR

CIVIL SURVEYOR

(6 - Month Course)
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TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Civil Engineering has a vital role in execution of civil works for the development.

The subject of land surveying has prime importance in civil industry i.e. construction of buildings, roads, bridges, airports, drains, sewer lines, water

supplies, canal, dams, docks & harbors, railway lines, oil & gas pipe lines, and

urban / rural development projects.

Keeping in view the local & public sectors this curriculum is designed / developed to accelerate the surveying skills in order to produce skilful & capable workforce to meet the job market.

CURRICULUM SALIENTS

Entry-level : Matric

Duration of course : 06 - Months

Total Training Hours : 800 Contact Hours
Training Methodology : Practical. 80%

: Theory 20%

Medium of Instruction : Urdu / English

KNOWLEDGE PROFICIENCY DETAILS

On successful completion of this course, the trainee should be able to: -

- 1. Explain the surveying, object of survey and work of a surveyor.
- 2. Explain the principles, Classification and primary Division of Survey.
- Define the source of errors and checking technique of surveying instruments.
- 4. Define the temporary adjustment technique of instruments.
- 5. Describe the measurements (Linear & Angular)
- 6. Express the chain Surveying
- 7. Express the tackling of problems in Various Surveying Techniques.
- 8. Explain the use of all small/handy surveying instruments.
- 9. Explain the compass survey.
- Define the solution of problems in compass survey.
- 11. Describe the method of plane table survey.
- 12. Describe the levelling and leveling terms
- 13. Describe the levelling Instruments.
- 14. Describe the temporary adjustment of level.
- 15. Describe the principles of levelling
- Explain the reduction of levels.
- 17. Explain the classification of levelling.
- 18. Explain the computation of earthwork.
- 19. Explain the contouring.
- 20. Define the theodolite survey by traversing and triangulation.
- 21. Express the designing and setting out of simple/circular, transition composes and vertical curves.
- 22. Express the horizontal and vertical and slop distance by tachometer.
- 23. Describe the equipment and procedure Photogramatery.
- 24. Define the total station, background and its uses.
- 25. Describe the operations of total station and booking the fields notes.
- 26. Explain the oral and writing improvement in communication skill.

SKILL PROFICIENCY DETAILS

On successful completion of this course, the trainee should be able to: -

- 1. Read the linear and angular measurements.
- 2. Unfold/fold and read the engineer's & metric chains.
- Chain a line.
- 4. Measure a survey field with chain or tape.
- 5. Range a centre line and measure the offsets with chain or tape.
- 6. Prepare the survey symbols/conventional signs.
- 7. Divide the land into triangles.
- 8. Measure the base and tie lines.
- 9. Range out the reciprocal survey field.
- 10. Do the temporary adjustment of levels.
- 11. Work on tilting, auto set and lasers level.
- 12. Work in different kinds of levelling i.e.; Differential / Compound / Continuous levelling check levelling Profile/Longitudinal levelling or sectioning, cross-sectioning, reciprocal levelling, precise and trigonometrically levelling and plotting.
- 13. Locate the contours by different methods.
- 14. Plot the contours map and road routing in hilly area.
- 15. Do the temporary adjustment of Theadolite.
- 16. Work on Conventional, modern and digital Theadolite.
- 17. Read the horizontal and vertical angles, hearing, traversing.
- 18. Set out different curves by lines or chain and tape methods and angular or instrumental methods i.e. simple or circular curves, transition curves, and vertical curves, and vertical curves etc. triangulation, tachometry of?
- Set the total station up for measurement; take the distance offset,
 horizontal, right and vertical angle and repetition angle measurement.
- 20. Operate the total station for data collection set occupied and back sight points, set a point, side shot method, resection method, and execute a layout.

SCHEME OF STUDIES

CIVIL SURVEYOR

(6 - Month Course)

S. No	Main Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours	Total Hours
1.	Basic Menstruation	20	30	50
2.	Fundamental of Surveying	6	30	36
3.	Chain Surveying (triliterarion)	6	30	36
4.	Compass Surveying	6	30	36
5.	Plane Table Survey	16	54	70
6.	Levelling	26	100	126
7.	Theodolite Surveying	30	120	150
8.	Total Station	26	150	176
9.	I.T Fundamentals	8	32	40
10.	Functional English	16	64	80
	Total	160	640	800

DETAIL OF COURSE CONTENTS Civil Surveyor

(6 – Month Course)

S. No.			Detail of Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours
1.	Basic	Menst	ruation	10	15
	1.1.	Measu	rement System		
		1.1.1.	Foot-Ib System and Metric System		
		1.1.2.	Conversions of Foot Ib System to		
			Metric System		
		1.1.3.	Multiples and parts of units.		
		1.1.4.	Exercise to solve problems		
			regarding conversion, additions,		
			multiplication and division of		
			measurements		
	1.2.	Areas			
		1.2.1.	Area of rectilinear plane (Square,		
			rectangle, triangle and Rhombus		
			etc.) and Areas of circle, segment,		
			sector etc.		
		1.2.2.	Areas and parameter of Composed		
			figures		
		1.2.3.	Practice in calculating areas of		
			plane geometrical figures		
			(Rectangle triangle, circle section)		
		1.2.4.	Practice in calculating areas of		
			composed plane figures		
		1.2.5.	Areas of irregular figures		
		1.2.6.	Practice to calculate areas of		
			irregular figure		
		1.2.7.	Practice in calculating covered area		
			of building from working drawings	10	15
	1.3.	Trigon	ometry		
		1.3.1.	Pythagorean Theorem		

		1.3.2. Trigonometric ratios		
		1.3.3. Solutions of triangle		
		1.3.4. Sine Law		
		1.3.5. Practice in solving problem		
		regarding trigonometric ratio,		
		Pythagorean theorem etc		
2.	Func	lamentals of Surveying	6	30
	2.1.	Definition, Role of the Surveyor Tasks of		
		the surveyor.		
	2.2.	Purposes of survey		
	2.3.	Principles of surveying		
	2.4.	Classification of surveyors		
	2.5.	Units & types of measurements & Minor		
		Tool and equipment for		
		2.5.1. Linear Measurements		
		2.5.2. Angular measurements		
	2.6.	Scale		
		2.6.1. Representation of Seale		
		2.6.2. Types of scale		
		2.6.3. Selection of scale		
		2.6.4. Construction of scale.		
	2.7.	Surveying Symbols		
3.	Chai	n Survey (Triliteration)	6	30
	3.1.	Introduction of Chain Surveying.		
	3.2.	Ranging a line, chaining method		
	3.3.	Study & handling of instruments.		
	3.4.	Requirements for establishing station and		
		Division area into triangles.		
	3.5.	Book keeping of area surveyed		
	3.6.	Problems solving regarding error in		
		chainage and map.		
	3.7.	Measurement of base line & tie lines,		
		position marking of features taking offsets.		

	3.8.	Plot of map by triliterarion techniques		
4.	Comp	oass Survey	6	30
	4.1.	Introduction of compass survey, terms and		
		equipment used, study and handling of		
		instruments.		
	4.2.	Determination of Whole Circle produced		
		fore and back baring.		
	4.3.	Traversing with chain and compass.		
	4.4.	Plotting a traverse Survey by included		
		angles & by rectangular co ordinates.		
5.	Plane	Table Survey	16	54
	5.1.	Introduction working operation and method		
		of plane surveying.		
	5.2.	Plane tabling by radiations, intersection,		
		traversing & resection method.		
	5.3.	Two & three point problems.		
6.	Level	ling	26	100
	6.1.	Introduction and terms used in levelling,		
		types of levels, operational study.		
	6.2.	Permanent & Temporary Adjustment of		
		Level.		
	6.3.	Types of Staves & Reading Taking.		
	6.4.	Types of Bench Mark.		
	6.5.	Data Entry in Level book by HI Method &		
		rise and Fall Method.		
	6.6.	Errors in Book Keeping & Checking		
		Techniques.		
	6.7.	Comparison between different types of		
		Levelling.		
	6.8.	Simple Levelling		
	6.9.	Differential Levelling		
	6.10.	Precise Levelling		
	6.11.	Laser Levelling		

		_	of Profile / Longitudinal Level.		
			Section Plotting		
	6.14.	Stack tl	ne Road and Sewer		
	6.15.	Contou	ring		
		6.15.1.	Definition, terms used & types of		
			contouring		
		6.15.2.	Characteristics of Contour Lines.		
		6.15.3.	Direct & Indirect method of Locating		
			contours.		
		6.15.4.	Uses of contour maps for volume		
			calculation and road routing in hilly		
			areas.		
	6.16.	Hydrog	raphic Survey		
		6.16.1.	Introduction, terms used,		
			instruments required and		
			techniques of surveying.		
7.	Theo	dolite S	urveying	30	120
	7.1.	Vernior	s		
		7.1.1.	Verniors ads its principles		
		7.1.2.	Types of vernior.		
		7.1.3.	Computation of best count by		
			principle of vernior		
	7.2.	Theado	olite (Introduction, Adjustment and		
		Functio	ns)		
		7.2.1.	Introduction of Theodolite, of parts,		
			types and uses		
		7.2.2.	Permanent Adjustment for Plate		
			level line of collimation, bubble axis,		
			vertical & horizontal axis of		
			telescope		
		7.2.3.	Temporary adjustment including		
			contaring levelling and removal of		
			centering, levelling and removal of		

- 7.2.4. Measuring Angle vertical, horizontal angles prolong a survey line, lining in measuring heights and distances.
- 7.3. Theodolite Traversing
 - 7.3.1. Traversing and its different types.
 - 7.3.2. Explain different Methods and steps Involved in traversing.
 - 7.3.3. State the standard of accuracy of linear angular measurement.
 - 7.3.4. Computation of bearing from angles.
 - 7.3.5. Explain the coordinates & its types
 - 7.3.6. Compute latitude of departures of lines,
 - 7.3.7. Compute coordinates from given fields notes.
 - 7.3.8. Methods of plotting.
 - 7.3.9. Errors and mistake in Theodolite traversing.
 - 7.3.10. Rectification, errors and mistake.
- 7.4. Routing Curves
 - 7.4.1. Definition, necessity types, terms used, classification and designation of curves.
 - 7.4.2. Computation of Data for setting out simple circular curve.
 - 7.4.3. Different method of setting out circular curves.
 - 7.4.4. Steps involved in setting out circular curves.
 - 7.4.5. Introduction of types and necessity of vertical curves.
 - 7.4.6. Computation of data for setting out

vertical curves.

- 7.4.7. Steps involved in setting out vertical curves in field.
- 7.4.8. Types, elements and length of simple, transition and combine curves.
- 7.4.9. Different methods for setting combine curves.
- 7.4.10. Steps involved in setting out combine curve in field.
- 7.4.11. Introduction and computation of formula for super elevation.
- 7.5. Triangulation
 - 7.5.1. Introduction and types of triangulation
 - 7.5.2. Factors involved in selection station and baseline.
 - 7.5.3. Steps in baseline measurement.
 - 7.5.4. Nature of correction in baseline measurement.
 - 7.5.5. Introduction of Tachometry.
 - 7.5.6. Types and quality of equipment required for tachometry.
 - 7.5.7. Calculation of inclined, horizontal and vertical distances.
- 7.6. Tunnel Survey
 - 7.6.1. Introduction
 - 7.6.2. Instruments Required
 - 7.6.3. Technique of Tunnel Surveying
- 7.7. Photogramatery
 - 7.7.1. Introduction
 - 7.7.2. Types and Principles of Photogramatery.

		7.7.3. Arial Survey.		
	Total	Ctation	00	450
8.	8.1.	Station Introduction to Total Station, Comparison	26	150
	0.1.	Introduction to Total Station, Comparison		
		with other surveying instruments and setting		
	8.2.	of equipments. Selecting Coordinate Data File, Setting out		
	0.2.	Occupied Point, Setting Back sight Point,		
		Centering and Levelling put station and		
		back station data (Orientation).		
	8.3.	Setting Horizontal / Vertical Angle from the		
	0.5.	Keys and Measurement		
	8.4.	Setting of Atmospheric Correction,		
	0.4.	Correction of Prism Constant, correction for		
		refraction & earth curvature (setting scale		
		factor) and Angle Tilt correction.		
	8.5.	Distance Measurement (Continues, N-Time		
		& Single Measurement)		
	8.6.	Offset Measurement & Stakeout		
	8.7.	Introduction with Special Mode (Menu		
		Mode)		
	8.8.	Coordinate Measurement & Remote		
		Elevation Measurement		
	8.9.	Area Calculation from Coordinate Data File		
	8.10.	Area Calculation from Measured Data		
	8.11.	Introduction of PCODE Library and Setting		
		Parameter for Data Collection		
	8.12.	Operational Procedure for Data Collection		
	8.13.	Execution of Layout and setting a new point		
		by side shot method & resection methods.		
	8.14.	Introduction to Memory Manager Mode.		
	8.15.	Display Internal Memory Status, Searching		
		Data i.e. Measuring Data Searching,		

	Coordinate Data Searching, PCODE Library		
	Searching.		
8.16.	File Maintenance i.e. Rename a File,		
	Searching Data in a File and Deleting a File		
	or Coordinate Data from a File		
8.17.	Editing PCODE Library & Data		
	Communication (Sending / Loading Data)		
8.18.	Introduction of global positioning system		
	(GPS)		
TOTAL			544

LIST OF PRACTICALS

Sr. No.	Name of Practical's
1.	Practice for Mensuration
2.	Practice for Finding areas for different figures
3.	Practice for trigonometry
4.	Practice for linear and angular measurements
5.	Practice for chain survey
6.	Practice for compass survey
7.	Practice for plain table survey
8.	Practice for permanent adjustment of level
9.	Practice for temporary adjustment of level
10.	Practice for taking entries in field book as per rise and fall method and height of instrument method
11.	Practice for simple fly leveling
12.	Practice for check leveling
13.	Practice for differential leveling
14.	Practice for laser leveling
15.	Practice for precise leveling
16.	Practice for cross sectioning
17.	Practice for long sectioning
18.	Practice for contouring of hill road
19.	Practice for Vernier theodolite
20.	Practice for digital theodolite
21.	Practice for permanent adjustment of theodolite
22.	Practice for removing of parallax
23.	Practice for measuring horizontal and vertical angles
24.	Practice for theodolite traversing with different methods
25.	Practice for computation of bearings

26.	Practice to compute latitude of departure for lines
27.	Practice for finding errors during theodolite traversing
28.	Practice to computation data for simple curve
29.	Practice to computation data for compound curve
30.	Practice to computation data for vertical curve
31.	Practice to computation data for transition curve
32.	Practice to computation data for super elevation
33.	Practice for triangulation
34.	Practice for tachometry
35.	Calculation for horizontal, vertical & inclined angles
36.	Selecting co-ordinates data file on Total Station
37.	Selecting orientation on Total Station
38.	Selecting horizontal angles from keys on Total Station
39.	Selecting vertical angles from keys on Total Station
40.	Setting scale factor on Total Station
41.	Setting atmospheric correction on Total Station
42.	Practice for correction of Prism Constant on Total Station
43.	Practice for Distance measurement on Total Station
44.	Offset measurement and stake out on Total Station
45.	Practice for main menu on Total Station
46.	Practice for remote elevation measurement on Total Station
47.	Calculate area from co-ordinate data file on total station
48.	Practice for PCODE library on total station
49.	Practice to setting parameters for data collection on total station
50.	Setting a new point by side shot method
51.	Practice to display internal memory status
52.	Practice to searching data and deleting data
53.	Practice to file maintenance on total station

54.	Practice to rename a file
55.	Practice to communicate / sending data
56.	Practice to G.P.S

SCHEME OF STUDIES

I.T. Fundamentals

S.No	Main Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours	Total Hours
1.	Introduction to Computers	2	6	8
2.	Typing - Microsoft Word	4	14	18
3.	Internet & Electronic Mail	2	12	14
	Total	8	32	40

DETAIL OF COURSE CONTENTS I.T Fundamentals

S. No	Detail of Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours
1	Introduction to Computers	2	6
	1.1 What is a computer- Definition, functions and general features?		
	 1.2 What is Hardware – 1.2.1 Computer parts and units 1.2.1.1 Input Unit - Keyboard, Mouse etc. 1.2.1.2 Central Processing Unit 1.2.1.3 Output Unit 		
	1.3 What is Software – 1.3.1 Electronic Parts of a Pc it is 1.3.1.1 Software and Its types 1.3.1.2 System Software, Application software and its functions		
	 1.4 Working with windows Operating System 1.4.1 How does windows desktops work? 1.4.2 Setting desktop, background and wall papers etc. 1.4.3 Viewing directories – List of files and folders different styles. 		
	1.5 What are the Icons, Shortcuts and other graphic,1.5.1 How to see computer contents on different drives etc.		
2	Typing and Word processing (MS Word)	4	14
	2.1 Proper way of typing correct and speedy - getting familiar with the keys		
	2.2 Where to type in computer? How to save a file? How to get it back? Where to find your saved work?		
	2.3 Formatting in MS Word Bold, Italic, page setup, setting shades and colors.		
	2.4 Working with saved work, opening and moving files.		
	2.5 How to get it printed?		

3	Ema	iling and Internet Surfing	2	12
	3.1	How to go to Internet, what is required for an internet connection etc.		
	3.2	How to use email? How to search on web? Etc		
	3.3	How to make new email account, login and logout an email account etc.?		
	3.4	Downloading and uploading attachments etc.		
	Total			32

LIST OF PRACTICALS I.T Fundamentals

S. No.	Name of Practical
1.	Turn On/Off and setting of power supply
2.	Accessing The Desktop
3.	Using of Icons and Shortcuts
4.	Setting / customizing the desktop
5.	Viewing the contents of computer – Directory
6.	Setting the view of a folder
7.	Copying, Deleting and Moving Files in a folder
8.	Working with different Applications
9.	Opening MS Word for typing
10.	First lesson of Typing A S D F
11.	Second Lesson of typing J K L;
12.	Third Lesson U I O P
13.	Fourth Lesson R E W Q
14.	Fifth Lesson N M , .
15.	Sixth Lesson V C X Z
16.	Seventh Lesson All letter using R index Finger
17.	Eighth Lesson All letter using L index Finger
18.	Formatting in MS Word Bold, Italic etc.
19.	Page Setting/ Page Layout
20.	Using Internet
21.	Opening Email, making new account
22.	Sending Receiving Emails
23.	Downloading and uploading attachments etc.

SCHEME OF STUDIES Functional English

S.No	Main Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours	Total Hours
1.	Use of past indefinite tense	2	6	8
2.	Use of 'was' 'were' ' questions and negatives	3	6	8
3.	Explaining a situations/ analysis	2	6	8
4.	Communication in writing	2	6	8
5.	Comprehension	1	6	7
6.	Application/ C.V.	1	6	7
7.	Dialogues	1	9	10
8.	Understand vocabulary	1	3	4
9.	Writing complaints/ answers to complaints	1	9	10
10.	Interviews	2	7	10
	Total	16	64	80

DETAIL OF COURSE CONTENTS Functional English

S. No	Detail of Topics	Theory Hours	Practical Hours
1	Use of past indefinite tense 1.1 Describing past events	2	6
2	Use of 'was' 'were' ' questions and negatives	2	6
3	Explaining a situations/ analysis 3.1 Making a plan 3.2 Visiting factory area 3.3 Giving justifications	2	6
4	Communication in writing 4.1 Asking for list of stationery items 4.2 Submitting report of performance of team of technicians 4.3 Submitting joining report	2	6
5	Comprehension: practice sets	2	6
6	Job application/C.V.	1	6
7	Dialogues	1	9
8	Understand vocabulary	1	3
9	Writing complaints/ answers to complaints	1	9
10	Interviews	2	7
	Total	16	64

LIST OF PRACTICALS Functional English

S. No.	Practical	
1.	Group discussion	
2.	Interviews	
3.	Role play	

LIST OF LABS

Civil Surveyor

- Surveying Filed
- Drawing Hall

I.T Fundamentals

Computer Lab

LIST OF TOOLS / EQUIPMENTS (For a class of 25 students)

Name of Trade	Civil Surveyor
Duration of Course	6 Months

S. No.	Name of Equipment / Tool	Quantity
1	Metric Chain (30 m)	05 Nos.
2	Engineer's Chain	05
3	Gunter Chain	02
4	Metallic tape (100 ft)	05
5	Steel Tape (100 ft)	05
6	Invar tape (30 m)	01
7	Ranging rods	30
8	Arrows	30
9	Cross Staff	05
10	Optical Square	05
11	Wooden Mallet	05 Nos.
12	Wooden pegs	200 Nos.
13	Abney's Level	05
14	Prismatic Compass with tripod	06
15	Plumb bob	10 Nos.
16	Plane Table Set (u-frame, alidade, through compass, plumb bob and tripod etc.)	05 Nos.
17	Auto Set Level with Stand	05
18	Tilting Level with Stand	05
19	Levelling Staff (matric and foot system)	20
20	Target Staff	05
21	Vernier theodolite with stand	02

22	Microptic Theodolite with Stand	02
23	Total Station with all accessories	
24	Sounding Rod	05
25	Velocity Rod	05
26	Planimeter	01
27	Work Stations P IV	12
28	Printer	2 Nos.
29	Software (Ms-Office, Auto CAD)	One each

COMPUTER LAB

S. No.	Tools / Equipment	Quantity
1.	Desktop computer (Specifications as per notification issued by MIS Section, TEVTA)	26 (1 for each student & 1 for the teacher)
2.	Printer (Laser)	01
3.	Scanner	01
4.	Internet Connection (At least 1 MB speed)	01
5.	UPS 10 KVA	01
6.	Air Conditioner 1 ½ Ton	02
7.	Multimedia Projector	01

CONSUMABLE MATERIALS

Functional English

S. No.	ltem	Quantity
1.	Stationary	As per requirement
2.	Board Markers	As per requirement

I.T Fundamentals

S. No.	ltem	Quantity
1.	Printing Paper	As per requirement
2.	Printer Toner	As per requirement

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF TEACHER

> B.Sc. Civil Engineering with 2 Year relevant experience.

OR

> DAE Civil Engineering with 4 Year relevant experience.

OR

Years proficiency certificate with 6 years related experience

Functional English

> M.A (English)

I.T Fundamentals

➤ DAE CIT/ BCS from HEC recognized university

EMPLOYABILITY OF THE PASS OUTS

The pass outs of this course can find job / employment opportunities in the following sections / areas: -

- 1. Govt. Organizations
- 2. Semi Government Organizations
- 3. Private Organization
- 4. Construction Industry

REFERENCE BOOKS

- 1. Surveying & Leveling by T.P. Kanetkar
- 2. Surveying & Leveling by Sh. Muhammad Asif
- 3. Textbook of Surveying by National Book Foundation

Functional English

- 1. High School English Grammar By Wren & Martin
- 2. Oxford English Grammar

I.T Fundamentals

- 1. Introduction to Computer by Peter Norton
- 2007 Microsoft® Office System Step by Step by Joyce Cox, Steve Lambert and Curtis Frye
- 3. Internet and E-mail with Windows 7 by Studio Visual Steps

LIST OF TRADE RELATED JARGON

A Frame - A measuring device built in the shape of an A.

Aliquot - The description of fractional section ownership used

in the U.S. public land states.

Auditor's map - A map made by the County Surveyor at the request

of the auditor for tax purposes.

Azimuth - The number of degrees from north (or other

reference direction) that a line runs, measured

clockwise.

Back sight - After measuring from point A to B, reading the

heading from B back to A.

Baseline - In the U.S. Public land surveying system, a

surveyed east-west (i.e. latitudinal) reference line,

often hundreds of miles in length,

Bearing - Bearings taken with a compass will be referenced to

magnetic north unless otherwise noted.

Benchmark - A survey mark made on a *monument* having a

known location and elevation, serving as a

reference point for surveying.

Call - Any feature, landmark, or measurement called out

in a survey.

Chain carrier - An assistant to the surveyor, the chain carriers

moved the surveying chain from one location to another under the direction of the surveyor.

Chord - The straight line connecting the end points of an

arc.

Conditional line - An agreed line between neighbors that has not been

surveyed, or which has been surveyed but not yet

granted.

Corner - The beginning or end point of any survey line.

Declination - The difference between magnetic north and

geographic (true) north. First station - See Point of

Beginning

Flag - A bright plastic ribbon tied to a lath stake. Used to

mark points along a survey line.

Gore - A thin triangular piece of land, the boundaries of

which are defined by surveys of adjacent properties.

Landmark - A survey mark made on a 'permanent' feature of the

land such as a tree, pile of stones, etc.

Line Tree - Any tree that is on a property line, specifically one

that is also a corner to another property.

Merestone - A stone that marks a boundary. See *monument*.

Meridian - A surveyed north-south (i.e. longitudinal) reference

line, often hundreds of miles in length, from Which *ranges* are surveyed to the east and west.

Mete - In the context of surveying, a measure, i.e. the

direction and distance of a property line.

Metes and Bounds - An ancient surveying system that describes the

perimeter of a parcel of land in terms of its bearings and distances and its relationship to natural features

and adjacent parcels.

Monument - A permanently placed survey marker such as a

stone shaft sunk into the ground.

Open line - A survey line, usually the final one, that is not

measured and marked (blazed) by the surveyor but

is instead calculated.

Point of Beginning - The starting point of the survey

Point of intersection - The point where two non-parallel lines intersect.

Plat - A drawing of a parcel of land. More specifically, the

drawing created by the surveyor that shows the field

work, with bearings, distances, etc.

Plot plan - A diagram showing the proposed or existing use of

a specific parcel of land.

Plunge - 1- Inversion of a transit in order to make

measurements that cancel errors in the transit, or to

extend a line over an obstacle.

2- The angle a falling line makes with the

horizontal.

Protraction - In the rectangular survey system, the representation

of a boundary or corner not run, marked, or fixed by the field survey as evidenced by the field notes.

Quarter corner - In the public land surveying system, a point halfway

between the corners of a section.

Range - In the U.S. public land surveying system, a north-

south column of townships, identified as being east

or west of a reference longitudinal meridian.

Riser - A tree branch or other similar object stuck in the

ground and flagged to mark a survey point.

Section - In the public land surveying system, an area one

mile square. See aliquot.

Standard Corner - A corner that is on a standard parallel or base line

Strip - A rectangular piece of land adjoining a parcel,

created when a resurvey turns up a tiny bit larger

than the original survey.

Tangent line - A line that touches a circle at exactly one point and

which makes a right angle with the circle's radius.

Tie line - A survey line that connects a point to other

surveyed lines.

Tier - In the land surveying system, an east-west row

of towns identified as being north or south of a

latitudinal baseline.

Total station - A survey instrument that combines a theodolite and

distance meter.

Traverse - 1) any line surveyed across a parcel,

2) a series of such lines connecting a number of points, often used as a base for triangulation.

Trend – The bearing of a line along a falling course.

Trocha - Spanish for 'path'. In the southeast U.S. it is used

for a cut or cleared survey line.

Zenith angle - An angle measured from a vertical reference. Zero

degrees is a vertical line pointing up, 90 degrees is

horizontal, and 180 degrees is straight down.

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