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In reply to the frequent applications from people who desire to be furnished gratis with copies of the Manual of Surveying Instructions issued by this office, it is necessary to state that this book, a cloth bound volume of 200 pages, was prepared for official use within this Department and by its authorized employees and contractors, and is not a public document printed for free distribution.

County surveyors, attorneys and other local people sometimes are under the impression that in the Manual are found the proper means to guide their action in making private resurveys, restoring lost lines and corners of old surveys, and subdividing sections, where parties are in conflict. They should be advised that the instructions do not apply to such secondary work, but only to the present official and original surveys, those about to be executed under authority of the Government, and under the provisions of which all original public land surveys have been made by the United States since the date (1902) of the Manual.

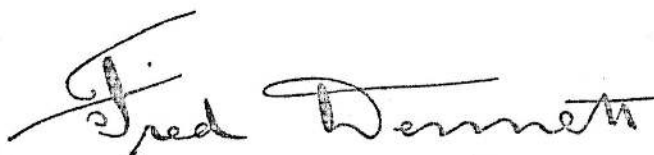
The advice needed in restoring lost lines, etc., is offered by this office in a pamphlet circular dealing with all such cases in general terms, and entitled "Restoration of Lost or Obliterated Corners, and Subdivision of Sections", (revision of June 1, 1909) which is mailed free by this office to all applicants.

There is an increasing demand for the Manual, from students, civil engineers, and others, as an educational text book, by reason of the accurate astronomical data therein given, for determining the true meridian, and the full explanation of Government surveys.

However, much of this matter is printed in various text books on surveying, copyrighted and for sale in the book trade, and this office does not desire to compete with these by offering a substitute to the public without cost.

But to accommodate the numerous calls for the official Manual, the Public Printer has issued a separate edition of the latest revision, and a copy may be obtained by mail on application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., enclosing the cost of publication, seventy-five cents, with the request.

A revision of the Manual, extending the tables for another decade, will be made in 1910.



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