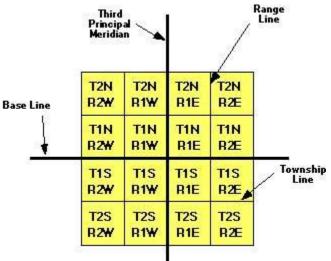
The Township and Range



We'll start with the largest grouping, the

township and range. The township is named in reference to a Principal Meridian (P.M.) and a Baseline. Here is an example, T2N R1E. The T2N refers to Township 2 North (of the Baseline), and the R1E refers to Range 1 East (of the Principal Meridian).

35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
2	1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5
11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8
14	13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17
23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20
26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29
35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
2	1	8	5	4	3	2	1	6	5

Division of Townships into Sections

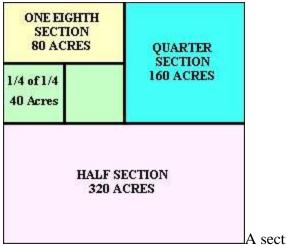
Next, each township is divided into 36 sections. Each section is one mile square and contains 640 acres. The sections are numbered from 1 to 36 in the order shown in the chart.

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	NE 1/4		
SW 14 SE 1A of of NW 1A NW 1A		=1.60 acres		
	1/2 of 1 1/4	₩ 1/2	E1/2 of SE 1/4	
	1/2 of (1/4	of SE1/4		

Divisions Can Also Be Described as Half and Quarter-Sections

Within each section, the land is referred to as half and quarter sections. A one-sixteenth division is called a quarter of a quarter, as in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4. The descriptions are read from the smallest division to the largest.

A Section Can Be Broken Down Into Acres



A section is also broken down into acres.

- A full section contains 640 Acres.
- A half section (S1/2) contains 320 Acres.
- A quarter section (NE1/4) contains 160 Acres.
- An eighth section (N1/2 of NW1/4) contains 80 Acres.
- A sixteenth section (SW1/4 of NW1/4) contains 40 Acres.