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### **Featured Article**

***Common Research Mistakes Surveyors Make (Forward Search)***

by Knud E. Hermansen, PLS, PE, PhD, Esq.

In a previous article I stated that surveyors often make five common mistakes in researching the records. In the first article I discussed mistakes made in determining senior title. The second of five common mistakes often made by surveyors when researching the records is the failure to perform a forward search.

Many surveyors perform a record research back in time but fail to perform a search forward in time. As a consequence, the surveyor will often miss...

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## **Upcoming Events**

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**MALSCE Proprietors' Council Luncheon**  
**Scheduled for October 23**

## **MALSCE Updates**

### **Annual MALSCE Board Dinner Meeting took place on October 15th**

The first of four MALSCE Board of Directors meetings scheduled for the current fiscal year took place on Thursday, October 15th at O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar in Worcester, MA. The board, which is comprised of directors selected by each MALSCE chapter and board-elected officers, is charged with conducting the business of MALSCE. During the board's October dinner meeting, which also doubled as a joint meeting of MALSCE's Eastern and Central Massachusetts Chapters, attendees had the opportunity to network with their peers, hear reports on MALSCE's latest undertakings, vote on financial and membership matters and learn about the Surveyors Historical Society and its decision to hold a 2017 Surveyors Rendezvous in Massachusetts to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's birth.

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### **MALSCE holds its annual fall Professional Land Surveyor Refresher Course**

On Saturday October 3rd, twelve individuals who plan to sit for the October 30th Professional Surveyor

Register today for the MALSCE Proprietors' Council Luncheon that is scheduled to take place from 12:00-2:00 PM on Friday October 23, 2015 at the Aldrich Center at TEC. In addition to updates and feedback on current and future MALSCE undertakings, this luncheon will feature discussion topics which include issues around prevailing wage and the business outlook for year-end 2015.

For more information, [click here](#).

## Save the Dates

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### Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues Seminar

The MALSCE Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce that the seventh annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues seminar has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods in Waltham, MA. This popular day long program will once again featured a panel of distinguished attorneys examining the latest legal issues impacting the land surveying profession. Check the [Events listings](#) on the MALSCE website and future issues of MALSCE News for information about this and other upcoming MALSCE events.

### 2016 MALSCE Convention

The 2016 MALSCE Convention, hosted by the Cape Cod Chapter, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor in Plymouth, MA. Under the direction of Co-chairs [Thadd Eldredge](#), Eldredge Surveying and [Paul Foley](#), Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCE Convention Planning Committee is hard at work developing a two program event featuring in-depth business sessions, a convention exhibit and plenty of down time for networking with your peers.

For the latest news about the 2016 MALSCE convention, [click here](#).

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exam attendee MALSCE's Professional Land Surveyor Course. Taught by Ian Wisuri, PLS, Beals and Thomas, Inc. and Carlton Brown, PhD, PLS, PE, University of Maine, this day-long review course's featured topics include 250 CMR, Subdivision Control Law/Zoning, Exam Format and Preparation and Massachusetts Boundary Law/Statutes. The PLS Refresher Course will be offered next on Saturday, March 19 in conjunction with the 2016 MALSCE Convention. During the convention, MALSCE will also offer a review course for individuals preparing to take the Fundamentals of Surveying exam. Refresher Course information is posted on MALSCE's website.

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## There is still time to renew your MALSCE membership

If you have not already done so, there is still time to pay your fiscal year 2016 MALSCE dues and ensure that you continue to receive the numerous member benefits that MALSCE has to offer through June 30, 2016. These include ability to: **1)** join National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for a nominal fee; **2)** attend MALSCE programs for a discounted price; **3)** exchange ideas with your peers and to have input on important legislative and regulatory matters; and **4)** receive periodic email communications that keep you informed about your chosen profession.

During the week of October 25th, the third and final dues invoices will be mailed to all dues paying MALSCE members who have not responded to the first and second dues invoice mailings. If you did not receive or retain your MALSCE dues invoice and would like to receive another copy prior to third invoice mailing contact Will Ognibene at [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org).

## MALSCE Professional Development Committee needs your help

The MALSCE Professional Development Committee seeks to identify, develop and provide educational programs that are intended to address the professional development needs of MALSCE members. Recent and upcoming PD Committee-sponsored programs include How to Fix a Boundary Line and How NOT to, Massachusetts' New 250 CMR, Professional Land Surveyor and Surveyor-in-Training Refresher Courses, Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues VII, and 2016 ALTA Standards. The PD Committee, which is comprised of MALSCE member volunteers who take turns at managing the various committee-sponsored seminars, is looking for new members. If you are a

## Affiliate Association Events

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### Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors

*CALS 8th Annual Meeting*

November 6, 2015

Saint Clements Castle, Portland, CT

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### Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

*RISPLS 2015 Convention*

Friday, November 20, 2015

Newport Marriott, Newport, RI

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### New Hampshire Land Surveyors Association

*NHLSA 46th Annual Conference*

Thursday, December 3 - Friday,

December 4, 2015

Courtyard Marriott Grappone

Conference Center, Concord, NH

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### New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

*57th Annual Surveyors*

*Conference and Exhibition*

Wednesday, January 20 - Friday,

January 22, 2015

Turning Stone Resort &

Casino, Verona, NY

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## Join the MALSCCE Proprietor's Council

Join the growing list of MALSCCE members who represent their company as a member of the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council. Under the leadership of its chair, [Michael A. Feldman](#), Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council has demonstrated a renewed commitment to helping MALSCCE grow and thrive, Proprietors' Council members have the opportunity to

MALSCCE member and would like to serve on this essential MALSCCE committee contact [MALSCCE Past-President Rich Gosselin](#).

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## Surveying News

### MassDOT Schedules Capital Conversations, Regional Mtngs to Support Development of 5-Year CIP

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is scheduling "Capital Conversations," a series of community meetings to solicit input on potential transportation projects to be included in the agency's upcoming five-year Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2021. The sixteen meetings will be held throughout the Commonwealth beginning on Monday, Oct. 19, and continuing through Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015.

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### Lyme Disease Legislation - Lobby Day and Hearing at State House - 10/20

MALSCCE is supporting two bills related to Lyme Disease that have been filed in the Massachusetts Legislature. We are working with the Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force to support two Lyme insurance bills, H. 901 and S. 502, "An Act Relative to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage."

These two bills will have their public hearing on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:00 am in the Gardner Auditorium at the State House. MALSCCE Member (and Past President) David Humphrey, PLS will testify in support of these bills and we are seeking other members to also support, on October 20 and at other times. The Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force is organizing a Lobby Day in support of S. 502 and H. 901. The Lobby Day will be held on October 20, the same day as the hearing, to maximize grassroots participation from MALSCCE and others at the State House.

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work with leaders from across the Commonwealth to define the direction of MALSCE. There are also opportunities to hear from clients and bounce ideas off of peers regarding staffing, business opportunities, marketing and sustainability in our industries. To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and to join the council [click here](#).

## Become a MALSCE Sustaining Member

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year there is still time to become a 2015-2016 MALSCE Sustaining Member. Promote your company to over 400 MALSCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a sustaining member today! For \$400, your company can become a sustaining member for MALSCE's 2016 fiscal year and the enrollment period for the 2016-2017 Sustaining Membership Programs, which extends into the fall of 2016. To learn about the promotional benefits that sustaining members receive and to enroll in this program [click here](#).

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## Help Wanted:

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*For a limited period of time, including a help-wanted advertisement in MALSCE News is being offered as a free MALSCE member benefit. If your company has a job opening that it would like to promote, please forward a brief job description (i.e., less than 200 words), which can include a hyperlink to a more detailed job overview/application process, to Will Ognibene at [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org).*

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## Top 10 things you should know about the October NSPS Board of Directors Meeting

MALSCE representative on the NSPS Board of Directors Rich Vannozzi has prepared a report on the October NSPS board meeting that he attended in Sandusky, OH. To view his concise overview of the important matters reported on and discussed during this meeting [click here](#).

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## National 'Surveyors Rendezvous' Coming to New York and Massachusetts

Surveyors Historical Society announces two future 'Rendezvous' in the New York-New England area. These national events, held annually around the country since 1997, celebrate the history of our surveying profession. Next year's 2016 Rendezvous will take place September 28 to October 1 at Lake George NY - site of Fort William Henry from the French and Indian War. Then 2017's Rendezvous will be held near Walden and Concord MA, a few miles from Boston, along the Revolution's 'Battle Road' of 1775.

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