

Surveyors Historical Society

Report to National Society of Professional Surveyors Board of Directors
Spring – 2023

Rendezvous 2023

Rendezvous 2023 will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Houston Katy Mills hotel in Katy, Texas and at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site in San Felipe, Texas, September 13th – 16th, 2023. Chair of the organizing committee is Henry Mayo. San Felipe de Austin will be commemorating the 200th anniversary of its founding by Stephen F. Austin. Rendezvous 2023 will explore the origins of scientific surveying and share stories of the Austin Colony Land Office and its important role in Texas settlement. Watch the Surveyors Historical Society website for more details.

Final Point for Ira Cook



Ira Cook was born October 6, 1821 in Broome County, New York. He moved to Iowa in 1835 and settled near what is now the city of Davenport. In 1849 he obtained a contract with the GLO and began a 4-year career as a U. S. Deputy Surveyor. Following his surveying career, he moved to Des Moines and entered the banking business. Cook died March 11, 1902 and is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

Last summer, Surveyors Historical Society collaborated with the NSPS Foundation and the Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa to install a Final Point marker near Cook's grave.

Cook wrote an article titled *Government Surveying in Early Iowa* which was published in the January 1897 issue of the *Annals of Iowa*. That article can be found at:

<https://pubs.lib.uiowa.edu/annals-of-iowa/article/10165/galley/118763/view/>

For additional information check out the Surveyors Historical Society website at:

www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com

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