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THE LOCATION of the southwest corner of Bent's Fort was definitely established by experienced archeologists in work conducted last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, under auspices of the State Historical Society.

staked out one corner of the famous pioneer trading post.

Herbert Dick, Denver, state historical society, said that the society was anxious to obtain pictures of the site of Fort Bent which showed any of the walls standing. At the present time the walls are completely gone, except foundations around which the soil has blown.

Oldtimers, however, recall when

the walls were high enough to shelter cattle. Dick said that photographs showing those walls would be a big help in the restoration which the society plans to eventually make.

The work here last week was an exploratory search. The excavations were filled in and carefully staked out. When the group stopped work Saturday. The land will be posted prohibiting amateur dig-

ging. During the years many interested persons have dug around the foundations, possibly destroying valuable historical data.

Here from the historical society, in addition to Dick, were Roy Hunt, Paul Rossi, Vernon Vanhook. John Heneosen, La Junta, was assisting Forrest in the excavating much of which was done with a trowel.

Jim Forrest, archeologist from Trinidad Junior College was in charge of excavations that exposed three to four courses of adobe foundations and definitely