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Exterior Lines of Townships 9. 10. 11. 12. 13 & 14. ~~15 and 16~~ North of Ranges 13 & 14 E.

Run by Meriwether Thompson under Contract No 48 dated Oct 12th 1855

Begun Oct 30th 1855

Finished Dec 17, 1855

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Philip Marker do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of axeman according to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Philip Marker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1855

Miles, M. Brown
Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Edward W. Blannerhaset do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of flagman according to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Edwd. W. Blannerhaset

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1855

~~Edwd. W. Blannerhaset~~

Miles, M. Brown, Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Patrick Coyle do solemnly swear that I will execute the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins, whether by sticking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill and ability.

Patrick Coyle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1855

Miles M. Brown
Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF }

I Thomas Blakely do solemnly swear that I will execute the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins whether by striking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notabl objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill an ability.

Thomas x Blakely

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1855

Miles M. Brown
Justice of the Peace.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF Nebraska

I William S. Mendell do solemnly swear that I will execu the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins, whether by sticking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill and ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Sixth day of November 1855

Witness
Edward W Blumerhopite

William S. Mendell

N Thompson Jr ~~Justice of the Peace.~~
Deputy Surveyor

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF

I do solemnly that I will execu the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins whether by striking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notabl objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill an ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 185

Justice of the Peace.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I William S Mendell do solemnly swear

that I will well and truly perform the duties of Axeman according

to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

William S. Mendell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Sixth day of

November 1855

Witness N. Thompson ~~Justice of the Peace.~~

Edward W Blumerhassett Deputy Surveyor

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF }

I do solemnly

that I will well and truly perform the duties of according

to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of

185

Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Patrick Coyle do solemnly swear —
that I will well and truly perform the duties of axeman — according
to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Patrick Coyle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th — day of
October 1855

Miles W Brown

Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Thomas Blakely do solemnly swear
that I will well and truly perform the duties of axeman according
to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Thomas Blakely

Subscribed and sworn to before me this — 29th — day of
October 1855

Miles W Brown

Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF }

I do solemnly that I will exec
the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins, whether by sticking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill and ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 185

Justice of the Peace.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF }

I do solemnly that I will exec
the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tall pins whether by striking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notabl objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill an ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 185

Justice of the Peace.

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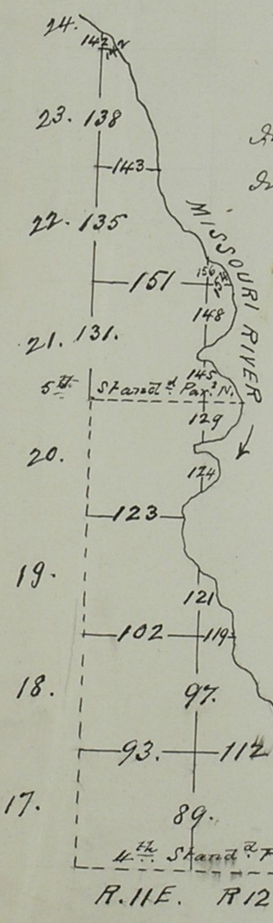

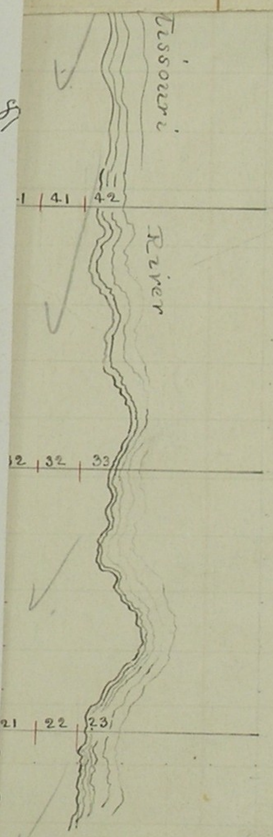

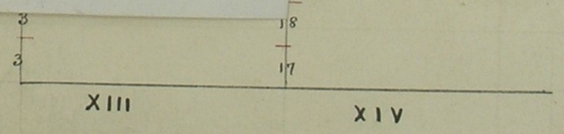

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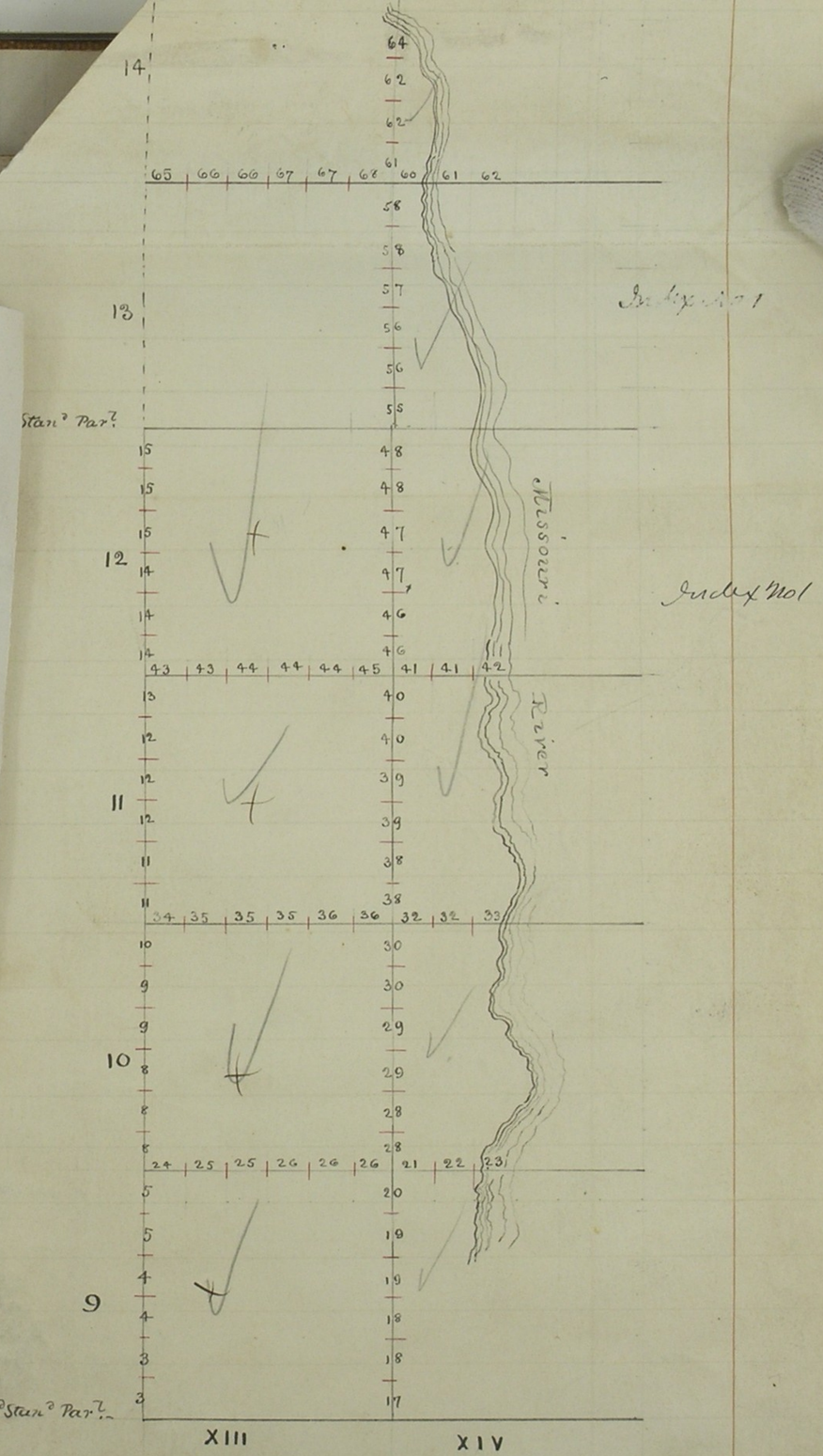

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Range Line between 12 & 13 E. Township 9 N.

Starting from the 2nd Parallel North at the Township corner between Ranges 12 & 13 East. I ascertain the Variation to be 11°.25 E. and run the Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 9 N.

North on True Meridian between Sec 31 & 36
Variation 11°.25 E

470 A Prarie Branch 2 Lks wide runs S.W.
40 ~ Set a Limestone 23 x 13 x 3 1/4 Sec Corner
80 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 12 x 3 Corner Sec 36.31.25 & 30
Land 1st Class Rolling Prarie

North between Sec 25 & 30
Variation 11°.25 E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 5 1/4 Sec Corner
52 50 The Road from Nebraska City to Oregon & California E & W.
80 ~ Set a Limestone 24 x 14 x 3 Corner Sec 25.30.24 & 19
Land 1st Class Rolling Prarie

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. T. 9. N

North on True Meridian between Sec 24 & 19

Variation 11°. 25' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 9 x 4 1/4 Sec Corner

80 ~ Set a Limestone 22 x 13 x 4 Corner Sec 24 & 13

Land 1st Class Rolling Prarie

North between Sec 13 & 18

Variation 11°. E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 13 x 11 x 4 1/2

A Small Grove of Timber 10 chs West

Variation 10°. 45

57 ~ Strike a Small Grove of Timber. E & W

60 ~ A Spring Branch 1 Lk wide runs West

65 ~ Leave the Timber. E & W

80 ~ Set a Granite Rock 15 x 11 x 5 1/2 Corner Sec 13 & 12

Land rather rough, well watered, with small groves of Timber

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E of Township 9. N.

North on True meridian between Sec 12 & 7

Variation 10°. 30' E

10 ~ Dry Bed of Branch. runs West

40 ~ Set a Limestone 15 x 12 x 3 1/2 1/4 Sec Corner

56 ~ Strike Right Bank of a Creek 10 Lks Wide, which creek runs East of North - The Line crosses it 6 Times

67 50 Leave the Left Bank of Creek - Timber on its banks

79 50 Right Bank of South Fork of the Weeping Water it runs East then North, ~~[illegible]~~

80 ~ Set a Limestone 24 x 11 x 6 Corner Sec 7 & 6

Land 1st Class - Sec 12 is well watered, with Oak Timber on the Branches

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Tuesday Oct 30th 1855

North between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 10°. 35' E

51 An Elm 12 in diam

1 80 Left Bank of South Fork of Weeping Water. runs South

3 50 Right Bank of Same runs East

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. of Township 9 N.

between Sec 6 & 1 —

12 ch Left Bank of Weeping Water S.S. runs west of South
Leave Brush and Timber

18 50 Right Bank of Same creek - runs East

24 50 Left Bank of same creek; crossed twice in 2 chs at a Bend

26 50 Leave the South Fork of Weeping Water, which here comes from the West - Limestone Quary 3 chs East -

40 ch Set a Limestone 10 x 10 x 4 1/2 1/4 Sec corner
Variation 11° E -

80 ch Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 4. Corner to Township 9 & 10 N of Ranges 12 & 13 East -
Land north of Weeping Water thin and gravelly
Timber Oak. Elm & Cottonwood

Wednesday Oct 31st 1855

This Line passes through beautiful Prarie. well watered. but has not enough Timber for farming purposes.

List of Names

The individuals who assisted me in running, measuring and marking this Line were

Edward W. Blannerhasset flagman
Patrick Coyle chainman
Thomas Blakely chainman
Philip Marker Axeman

W. Thompson
Deputy Surveyor

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 10 N.

Beginning at the corner of Townships 9 & 10 N of Ranges 12 & 13 E. I continue to run

North on true Meridian between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 11°.20' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 9 x 6 1/4 Sec Corner

73.50 A Prarie Creek 3 Lks wide runs North of East

80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 15 x 4. Corner Sec 31 & 30 –

Land 1st Class Rolling Prarie

North between Sec 25 & 30

Variation 11°.20' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 16 x 3 1/4 Sec Corne

Variation 11°.10' E

80 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 10 x 5 Corner Sec 30 & 19.

Land 1st Class Rolling Prarie

North between Sec 24 & 19 –

Variation 11°. E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 10 x 5

71 ~ Leave Rolling Prarie enter wet bottom

80 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 11.3 Corner Sec 19 & 18

Land 1st Class

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E of Township 10 N.

North on true meridian between Sec 13 & 18

Variation 11°. E

12 25 Right Bank of the Middle Fork of Weeping Water

Fall a tree and Measure over. Surface Water 50 Lks depth 8 feet. back water from Kirkpatricks Mill Dam Runs East –

40 ~ Set a Limestone 13 x 11 x 4 1/4 Sec Corner

Leave Bottom enter Rolling Prarie. bears E & W

80 ~ Set a Limestone 15 x 10 x 5 1/2 Corner Sec 13 & 12.

Land 1st Class – Kirkpatricks Mill is in Sec 18. but not visible from Line –

Wednesday Oct 31st 1855

North on true line between Sec 12 & 7

Variation 11°.00' E

29 20 A Branch 5 Lks wide runs S.E.

40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 3 1/4 Sec Corner

80 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 13 x 2 Corner Sec 7 & 6

Land 2nd Class Rolling Prarie, v

Well watered, a few trees on Branches

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E Township 10 N

North on True Line between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 11°. 15' E.

40 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 16 x 3'. 1/4 Sec corner

80 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 11 x 2 1/2 Corner to Township 10 & 11 N of Ranges 12 & 13 E.

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 11 N.

Starting from the Township Corner to Townships 10 & 11 N of Ranges 12 & 13 E. I run

North on True Line between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 11°. 20' E

7.25 Strike North Fork of the Weeping Water, 15 Lks wide runs S.E. Bank on South Side to fine Limestone Quarry

10 cs Strike a Bend in same creek. I offset 50 Lks East then run 250 Lks North then 50 Lks West to Line

23 cs Strike another Bend in Same. Do not cross it.

40 cs Set a Limestone 14 x 11 x 6' 1/4 Sec Corner

Variation 11°. E

80 cs Set a Limestone 19 x 16 x 2 1/2. Corner Sec 30 & 31.

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie, well watered.

North between Sec 25 & 30

Variation 11°. 20

20 cs Variation 12°.

38.50 A Prairie Branch 3 Lks wide runs S.E.

40 cs Set a Limestone 22 x 19 x 2 1/2 1/4 Sec Corner

60 cs Variation 11°. 30

74 cs A Prairie Branch 2 Lks wide runs S.W.

80 cs Set a Limestone 22 x 16 x 2. Corner Sec 24 & 25

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie well watered

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 11 N.

North between Sec 19 & 24
Variation 11°. 30' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 12 x 12 x 4' 1/4 Sec corner
80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 16 x 2 1/2 . Corner Sec 18 & 19
Land 1st Class Prairie, well watered. Branches on each side of Line. No timber

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North between Sec 13 & 18
Variation 12° E.

11 50 Road from Plattsmouth to Oregon. bears N E & S W.
40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 3 1/4 Sec corner
80 ~ Set a Limestone 26 x 14 x 2 . Corner Sec 7 & 13
Land 1st Class Prairie

North between Sec 12 & 7
Variation 11°. 30' E

31 50 A Prairie Hollow. wet & miry. runs N W
40 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 16 x 3 1/4 Sec corner
42 50 Strike Mayfields ploughed Ground. line E & W
61 ~ Leave ploughed Ground. line N W & S E. near corner of field
76 50 Strike Timber at a point. bears N E & S W.
80 ~ Set a Limestone 22 x 12 x 12 Corner Sec 12 & 1
Land 1st Class

Thursday Nov 1st 1855

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 11 N.

North on true line between Sec 1 & 6
Variation 11° 40' E

2 50 An Oak 14 in diam
20 ~ Mayfields Creek. 20 Lks wide runs N & E. Leave Timber.
40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 14 x 3 1/4 Sec corner
55 ~ Strike small grove of Oak . N W & S E
62 50 A Spring Branch runs East
63 50 Leave small Grove
80 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 12 x 6 . Corner to Township 11 & 12 N of Ranges 12 & 13 E.
Land 1st Class. Timber Oak & Walnut.
Pine Rock in Mayfields Branch, The Timber is known as 8 Mile Grove

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Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Township 12 N

Starting from the corner of Townships 11 & 12 N of Ranges 12 & 13 E 9 pm

North on true meridian between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 11°.45 E

40 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 11 x 5 1/4 Sec Corner

80 cs Set a Limestone 20 x 16 x 3 Corner Sec 31 & 30

Land, Rolling Prairie, Soil thin

North between Sec 25 & 30

Variation 11°.45 E

40 cs Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 3 1/2 1/4 Sec Corner

48 cs Mayfields Creek 20 Lks wide runs N.W.

80 cs Set a Limestone 25' x 13' x 1 1/2' Corner Sec 19 & 30

Land rough, Soil thin, a Grove in 25.

North between Sec 19 & 24

Variation 11°.45

12 80 Mayfields Creek 25 Lks Wide runs East

40 cs Set a Limestone 21 x 13 x 3 1/4 Sec corner

65 cs A Prairie Branch 5 Lks wide runs S.E.

79 cs A Prairie Drain runs S.E.

80 cs Set a Limestone 21' x 15' x 4' Corner Sec 18 & 19

Land 2nd Class, well watered

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E Township 12 N

North on true meridian between Sec 13 & 18

Variation 11°.30 E

40 cs Set a Limestone 19 x 12 x 3 1/4 Sec corner

80 cs Set a Limestone 18 x 12 x 3 Corner Sec 18 & 7

Land 1st Class Prairie

North between Sec 7 & 12

Variation 11°.30 E

9 cs A Trail runs E. & W.

40 cs Set a Limestone 13 x 12 1/2 x 3 1/4 Sec corner

80 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 17 x 2 Corner Sec 7 & 6

Land 1st Class Prairie

North between Sec 6 & 1

Variation 11°.

40 cs Set a Limestone 16 x 13 x 3

60 cs Top of Platte River Bluffs, Gravelly, E & W

65 cs Foot of Bluffs, E & W.

79 66 Intersect the 3rd Standard Parallel 770 Lks West of the Township Corner, established on it.

Set a Limestone 18' x 14 x 5 for Closing Corner and mark it according to instructions

Land rough, Soil thin.

Fridays November 2nd 1855

Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. Ts 9.10.11 & 12 N.

On comparing my chain with the Standard I find it to have stretched 1½ inch

This Line was run by a small party being assisted to run, measure and mark it by only

Edward W. Blannerhasset flagman
Patrick Coyle chainman
Thomas Blakely chainman
Philip Marker axeman

A Thompson Jr
Deputy Surveyor

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T 9 N.

Beginning at the Township Corner on the 2nd Parallel, for Township 9 N. Ranges 13 & 14 East, I trace the Parallel and find the Variation to be 11°.25 E., and then run North on true Meridian between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 11°.25 E

.50 The Road from Nebraska City to Cowles Mill N W & S E

35 75 A Spring Branch runs N E.

40 ~ Set a Limestone 18 X 12 X 4 1/4 Sec Corner

50 ~ Road from Nebraska City to Cowles Mill. N E

52 ~ Strike Right Bank of Cowles' Mill Dam, I offset 125 Lks East, then run North 750 Lks. over the Mill Dam. then West 125 Lks to Line, to point 135 Lks in advance of the Left bank of Mill dam The Mill is 200 Lks South – The Creek is Walnut Creek

58 15 Left Bank of Cowles Mill Dam

65.50 A Branch 2 Lks wide runs S.E.

80 ~ Set a Limestone 22 X 13 X 4½ Corner Sec 31 & 30

Land on South of Creek is Rough and thin, on the North side is Rich Prairie

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. 5 P.M.

North on true Meridian between Sec 25 & 30
Variation 11°. 25' E

30 cs Summit of Missouri River Bluffs
40 cs Set a Limestone 20 X 14 X 2 1/4 Sec Corner
68 25 Set a Limestone 16 X 7 X 5 on the Right Bank of the Missouri River for a Meander Corner, The River Comes in from the N.E. and runs off S.E. Having placed a flag in line on the Sand Bar in the River. I measure N 37 W 100 Lks to a point from which the flag on bar bears N 5° E. making the distance from Meander Corner to flag 768 Lks -
75 93 Flag on Sand Bar
80 cs Being on Sand Bar or Island I make no Corner
Land Rough. Soil Good. Some Timber

North opposite East Boundary of Sec 24 -
Variation 11°. 20' E
40 cs On Sand Bar. make no corner
50 cs Reach Right Bank of River, enter timber
50 90 A Cottonwood 36 in Diam. which I mark for Meander Corner

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. 5 P.M.

The Missouri Comes in from the N.E. - the ordinate of the curve from Meander Corner to Meander Corner is about 5 chs
51 75 An Oak 48 in Diam
65 Summit of Missouri Bluffs N.E. & S.W. Leave Timber
80 cs Set a Limestone 18 X 11 X 2 1/2. Corner Sec 24 & 13
Land is Rough near the River, Bluffs are Timbered with Oak. Soil 1st Class

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North between Sec 13 & 18
Variation 11°. 25' E
26 15 A Creek 15 Lks Wide runs East
40 cs Set a Limestone 12 X 9 X 7 1/4 Sec corner
80 Set a Limestone 20 X 11 X 3 1/2. Corner Sec 13 & 12
Land Rough Soil 1st Class.

North between Sec 12 & 7
Variation 11°. 15' E
40 cs Set a Limestone 20 X 16 X 2 1/4 Sec Corner
55 cs A Road runs E & W
75 cs A Swampy Glade runs East
80 cs Set a Limestone 16 X 8 X 5 on Left bank of Glade -
Land rather rough. Soil 1st Class

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. B. 9. N.

North on True Line between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 11° E

17 50 A point 50 Lks East of the S.E. Corner of Mahans Corn field
Mahans house bears S 69° W. ½ mile.

22 — Enter Mahans corn field. fence N of E. & S of W

27 50 Leave corn field. fence E & W

40 — Set a Limestone 17 x 10 x 2 ¼ Sec corner

55 — A Spring Branch runs N.E.

80 — Set a Limestone 20 x 11½ x 4. corner to Townships 9 & 10 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E.
Land 1st Class Prairie

Tuesday Nov 6th 1855

The entire Land along this Line is Claimed but there are no marks that are Definite.

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N. R. 14 E.

Starting from the Corner of Townships 9 & 10 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E. I run

East on True Line between Sec 6 & 31

Variation 10° 40' E

10 — Reach foot of rolling ground, enter bottom land. N W & S E

39 — Right Bank of the Weeping Water.
I set a flag on Left Bank in Line. then measure North 100 Lks to point No 1 and 150 Lks to point No 2
From No 1 the flag on Left Bank bears S 60° E. From No 2 the flag bears S 49° E — Making by average 173 Lks to Flag on Left Bank. River runs South

40 73 Flag on Left Bank

40 75 Set a Limestone 24 x 12 x 4. for witness Corner from which a Cottonwood 30 in diam N 40 E. 8 Lks

45 70 A Cottonwood 30 in diam.

46 — Left Bank of Weeping Water. I set a flag on Right Bank in Line. then measure North 100 Lks to a point, from which the flag bears S 59½ E making

47 66 To Flag on Right Bank.
River runs North

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N. Range 14 E.

6340 Right Bank of Weeping Water, Running South
I set a flag on Left Bank in Line, leave a flag
on Right Bank – then from the flag on Left Bank
I measure N 20° E 100 Lks to a point from which
the flag on Right Bank bears – S 59½ W. making
6466 to Flag on Left Bank –
The average width of Water is about 90 Lks
80 c. Set a Limestone 18 x 14 x 3. Corner Sec 6 & 5
Land very rich, but is cut up by the Weeping
Water.

Easton True Line between Sec 5 & 32
Variation 10°.40' E
15 c. Timber South. begins
40 c. Set a Limestone 15 x 14 x 3½
65 c. Enter Timber N E & S W
6580 A Cottonwood 36 in Diam
80 c. Set a Limestone 24 x 16 x 3 Corner Sec 5 & 4
Land rich River bottom. Timber Cottonwood

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N of Range 14 E
East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33
Variation 10°.40' E
12 c. Right Bank of a Slough of the Missouri River
Set a Limestone 21 x 17 x 6. Corner to fractional
Townships 9 & 10 N of Range 14 E. Marked as such.

This Slough which is the old bed of the River
is dry in Low water, and is divided from
the main channel by an Island with Timber
which is reported by the Squatters to be Large
and valuable, and only seperated from the
main Land in high water
Wednesday Nov 7th 1855

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N. R. 13 E.

Starting from the Corner to Townships 9 & 10 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E. I run

West on a Random Line.

Variation 10°.45' E

47.63 I intersect the Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E. 148 Lks North of the Township Corner for Towns 9 & 10 on said Range Line I find my corrected Bearing to be 10'. or 24 Links per Mile. My Variation at this point being 11°.10' E. I return

East on True Line between Sec 6 & 31

Variation 11°.20' E

37.63 Set a Limestone 15 x 12 x 3 1/4 Sec Corner

58 cs South Fork of Weeping Water. High Bluff Bank. 25 Lks Wide runs N E. enter Timber

63 cs Leave Timber SW.

77.63 Set a Limestone 18 x 14 x 3 Corner Sec 6 & 5 Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie, Timber along the Weeping Water. A Cedar Grove 1 m North. Fine Rock Quarrys in 31

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N. Range 13 E.

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32

Variation 11°.10' E

2 cs A Spring Branch 2 Lks wide runs N E

7 cs A Spring Branch 2 Lks wide runs N.W.

40 cs Set a Limestone 18 x 12 x 3. 1/4 Sec Corner in Road to Nebraska City. The SW Corner of Bryans Cornfield is 250 Lks North

60 cs A Ravine runs N of E

65 cs A Prairie Branch 2 Lks Wide runs North

80 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 15 x 3 Corner Sec 5 & 4 Land 1st Class Prairie.

East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33

Variation 10°.50' E

31 cs A Prairie Branch 3 Lks wide runs N.E.

40 cs Set a Limestone 17 x 15 1/2 x 3 1/4 Sec Corner

41.50 A Branch 10 Lks wide runs N.W.

42 cs Same Branch. run SW

42.50 Same runs N W

80 cs Set a Limestone 19 x 12 1/2 x 2 1/2 Corner Sec 4 & 3 Land 1st Class Prairie, a Strip of Timber on Branch

Line between Townships 9 & 10 N of Range 13 E

East on True Line between Sec 3 & 34

Variation 11° E

35 50 Upper Road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth N & S

40 ch Set a Limestone 16 x 11 x 2½ 1/4 Sec Corn

74 ch A Spring Branch 2 Lks Wide runs North

80 ch Set a Limestone 20 x 14 x 2½ Corner Sec 3 & 2

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 2 & 35

Variation 11°

40 ch Set a Limestone 18 x 16 x 5

61 ch Strike a Swampy Glade runs North

65 ch Leave Swampy Glade

80 ch Set a Limestone 20 x 15 x 3. Corner Sec 2 & 1

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 1 & 36

Variation 11°.10

19 50 Lower Road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth N W & S E

40 ch Set a Limestone 17 x 14 x 4

80 ch Strike Township Corner. T 9 & 10 N. R 13 & 14 E

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T. 10 N.

Starting from the Corner of Townships 9 & 10 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E I run

North on True Meridian between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 10°.50' E

20 ~ A Patch of Ploughed Ground 1 ch East

25 ~ Leave Hills at a Point. runs West and South

40 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 15½ x 1¾ 1/4 Sec corner

68 50 Right Bank of the Weeping Water. fall a tree and measure over in line

70 50 Left Bank of Weeping Water. Surface water 70 lks

80 ~ Set a Limestone 22 x 18 x 3. Corner 36 & 25

Land 1st Class. the point of Hills is rocky

North between Sec 25 & 30

Variation 10°.50

A Lake or Old bed of River is 50 lks east of Corner

3 50 Cross Arm of Lake 20 lks wide runs E & W

5 00 Lake bears off East

8 50 Set Road runs E & W at foot of Rolling Ground Leave Bottom

35 ~ A Glade runs S W

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T. 10 N.

Line between Sec 25 & 30

40 ~ Set a Limestone 24 x 12 x 4. Right Bank of Glade

80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 9 x 4 Corner Sec 24 & 25

Land rather rough Soil 2nd Class

North between Sec 24 & 19 -

Variation 11° E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 14 x 2

80 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 3

Land 1st Class Prairie

North between Sec 13 & 18

Variation 11°.5' E

25 75 Enter Nickols Corn field fence N 55° W -

36 ~ Leave Nickols field fence N 32 E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 15 x 2½ 1/4 Sec Corner

58 50 A Road runs N E & S W

70 ~ Enter Brush and Timber. bears E & W

80 ~ Set a Limestone 15 x 13 x 2

Land 1st Class Prairie. Timber in Sec 18

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T. 10 N.

North on True Line between Sec 12 & 7

Variation 11° 20' E

.30 A Branch 4 Lks wide runs East

1 00 Leave Timber bears E & W

28 50 A Spring Branch Deep banks runs East width not given

30 50 Enter Albins Cornfield, fence E & W

40 Set a Limestone in 19 X 12 X 2

54 50 Leave Albins field fence E & W

65 Albins house 300 Lks East

80 Set a Limestone 18 X 11 X 4

Land 1st Class, Groves of Timber in Sec 7

North between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 11°. 20'

11 50 a Branch 5 Lks wide runs S.E.

40 Set a Limestone 19 X 14 X 3

80 Set a Limestone 24 X 14 X 2 Corner to Townships 10 & 11 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E

Land 1st Class Prairie

Friday Nov 9th 1855

Line between Townships 10 & 11 N of Range 14 E
Starting from the Corner of Townships 10 & 11 N of Ranges 13 & 14 East I run
East on True Line between Sec 31 & 6
Variation 11°. 20' E
15 ch Enter Scattering Oaks
40 ch Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 3
51 50 A Branch 4 lks wide runs South, then East
59 50 A Road N & S
79 50 A Branch 2 lks wide runs South
80 ch Set a Limestone 22 x 17 x 3 Corner Sec 6 & 5
Land rough. Soil thin. Scattering Oaks

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32
Variation 11°. 20' E
7 00 Hale's house 10 chs North
18 50 A Branch 2 lks wide runs South, fine Rock Quarry 10 chs south
23 ch A Glade runs S W
40 ch Set a Limestone 16 x 11 x 4 1/4 Sec Corn
80 ch Set a Limestone 16 x 10 x 3. in a Glade running S. E. Land Rough. Soil thin Scattering Oak

Friday Nov 9th 1855

Line between Townships 10 & 11 N of Range 14 E
Starting from the Corner of Sec 5 & 4. I run
East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33 -
1 50 A Road in a Glade runs S E & N W
19 ch A Road, in a Glade runs South
38 25 Summit of Missouri River Bluffs -
40 ch Set a Granite Rock 15 x 13 x 6. from which A Burr Oak 12 in diam bears S 35 1/2 W 61 lks
46 50 Set a Limestone 24 x 13 x 8 on Right Bank of Missouri River. for Corner to Fractional Townships 10 & 11 of Range 14 E -
River runs S 41 W
Land very rough. - Scattering Burr Oak -
The Town of Kenosha is in Sec 33

Sunday Nov 11th 1855

Line between Townships 10 & 11 N. R 13 E

Starting from the corner to Townships 10 & 11 N of Ranges 13 & 14 East I run

West on a Random Line

Variation 11°.20'

479.13 I intersect the Range Line between 12 & 13 11 Lks South of the Township corner for Townships 10 & 11 on Said Line. My Correction is 1 5/6 Lks per mile – I now run

East on True Line between Sec 3 & 5

Variation 11°.30

8 c North Fork of Weeping Water 10 Lks wide runs South

33 c A Branch 3 Lks wide runs S E. General course SW

39 13 Set a Limestone 21 X 17 X 3

62 50 A Branch 4 Lks wide runs SW

79 13 Set a Limestone 20 X 14 X 3 Corner Sec 6 & 5

Land Rough, Soil thin, fine rock Quarry

In Sec 6 are Rocky Ridges, showing evidence of great work by the Indians, I suppose to procure flint Arrow Heads, from the quantity of flint stones of the proper size –

Line between Townships 10 & 11 N. R 13 E

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32

Variation 11°.40 E

38 c Collett's house bears S 12°.W. 50 ch
Brannon's house bears S 35° E 80 ch

40 c Set a Limestone 14 X 14 X 5½ 1/4 Sec corner

53 c Road to Kirkpatricks Mill. S.W.

80 c Set a Limestone 17 X 16 X 5 Corner Sec 5 & 4

Land West half rough, East half rolling Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33

Variation 11°.20' E

40 c Set a Limestone 16 X 11 X 4.

A Body of Timber 1/4 M. South

46 50 A Branch 2 Lks wide runs South

71 50 A Road runs N & S

80 c Set a Limestone 17 X 10 X 4 Corner Sec 33 & 34

Land 1st Class Prairie. Timber in Sec 4

East on True Line between Sec 33 & 34

Variation 11°.20' E

26 c A Branch 2 Lks wide runs South

40 c Set a Limestone 16 X 13 X 3.

Casy's Grove is 1/4 M South

Line between Townships 10 & 11 N. R. 13 E.

Line between Sec 3 & 34

65 ch A Branch 3 lks wide runs South

80 ch Set a Limestone 22 X 12 X 3 Corner Sec 3 & 2

Land 1st Class. Timber in Sec 3

East on true line between Sec 2 & 35

Variation 11°. 20 E -

12 50 Road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth NE & SW

40 ch Set a Limestone 16 X 12 X 6

50 ch A Long Prairie Drain runs South wide of Swamp

79 50 A Prairie Drain runs South

80 ch Set a Limestone 18 X 11 X 3½ Corner Sec 2 & 1

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

East on true line between Sec 1 & 36

Variation 11°. 20 E

38 50 A Prairie Drain runs S E

40 ch Set a Limestone 17 X 11 X 5. Stroke ploughed ground

59 ch Enter Dyers field fence N & S

68 ch Leave Dyers field fence N & S

80 ch Strike the Corner of Townships 10 & 11 N. of Ranges 13 & 14 E. Land 1st Class Prairie

Saturday Nov 10th

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. 5. 11 P.

Starting from the Corner of Townships 10 & 11 on
of Ranges 13 & 14 E. I run

North on True Meridian between Sec 36 & 31
Variation 11°. 20 E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 14 x 5 1/4 Sec Corner Enter Timber
44 75 A Branch 3 Lks Wide runs East.
70 ~ Leave Scattering Timber. Oak. E & W
80 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 12 x 3 Corner Sec 25 & 36
Land 1st Class – Scattering Burr Oak Timber

North on True Line between Sec 25 & 30
Variation 11°. 20 E
12 50 Lazards house bears N 82° W.
Martins. house bears N 59°. W
19 ~ Strike Ellingtons ploughed Ground E & W
30 ~ Lazards house bears S 81. W
Martins house bears N 84° W
36 ~ Leave Ellingtons ploughed Ground N & S
40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 4
45 ~ Nebraska City Road runs N E & S W
Variation 11° E

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. 5. 11 P.

71 ~ The Mail Road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth N E & S W
80 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 9 x 5
Land 1st Class. In the N W 1/4 of Sec 30 and S W of 19
is staked out the Town of Lewiston. It has but
One house. that of Lewis Young the proprietor

North on True Line between Sec 24 & 19 –
Variation 11°. 10 –
31 50 In a bend of a Branch. running North 2 Lks wide. East –
40 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 10 x 4. enter Brush & Trees
62 ~ A Branch 2 Lks wide runs N. W. Leave Brush
80 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 10 x 5
Land 1st Class – all preempted

North on True Meridian between Sec 18 & 13
Variation 11°. 10
20 ~ Enter Brush and Timber
40 ~ Set a Limestone 21 x 12 x 5 1/2. on Side of Steep
Bluff over Rock Creek
41 ~ Right Bank of Rock Creek, which follows the course
of the Line – I offset 50 Lks East. and run 4 chs North
then offset 100 Lks and run 7 chs North, then West 150 Lks to Line
52 ~ Regain Line on Left Bank of Rock Creek – the Line
Crossing 8 times

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E of 5 P.M.

54 ~ Creek again running West

58 ~ Crossed Rock Creek x Last time, 10 Lks wide, runs East.
The ford is 50 Lks East.

80 ~ Set a Limestone 22 x 13 x 6. Corner Sec 13 & 18
Leave Brush and Timber
Land 1st Class. Scattering Oaks. Good Rock Quarry on the creek

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North on True Meridian between Sec 7 & 12
Variation 11°.20

40 ~ Set a Limestone 15 x 14 x 3

80 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 15 x 4
Land 1st Class Prairie

North on True Line between Sec 1 & 5
Variation 11°.30

40 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 10 x 4

76 50 Strike a Swampy Glade running East

80 ~ Set a Limestone 15 x 11 x 3. in Glade corner to Townships 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E.
Land 1st Class

Line between Townships 11 & 12 N. R 14 E

Starting from the Corner to Townships 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E I run

East on True Line between Sec 6 & 31
Variation 11°.20 E

6 ~ Leave Swampy Glade runs S.E.

28 50 Road from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth runs N E & S W

40 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 14 x 3 1/4 Sec Corner

80 ~ Set a Limestone 21 x 12 x 3 Corner Sec 6 & 5
Land 1st Class Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32
Variation 11°.20

9 ~ Road from Rock Bluff to Plattsmouth N & S

25 ~ Enter Timber N & S

34 70 An Oak 30 in Diam

40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 4 1/2.
Leave Timber N & S E.

46 50 A Branch 4 Lks wide runs South

53 50 A Road N & S

64 ~ A Road S E & N W

80 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 11 x 3 1/2 Corner Sec 4 & 5
Land Rough. Soil thin. Scattering Scrub Oaks

Line between Townships 11 & 12 N of Range 14 E

East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33

Variation 11°.20' E

17 25 Top of Rocky Bluff N & S

18 – Foot of Bluff N & S

24 ~ Set a Limestone 24 X 13 X 5. Fractional Township Corner on the Right Bank of a Slough of the Missouri River. Course of River S.E.

This Slough is about 4 chs wide, when the Line would enter an Island said to be about 1/4 m wide and 2 Miles Long, Fine Timber on Island

Line between Townships 11 & 12 N of Range 13 E

Starting from the Corner of Townships 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 East. I run

West on Random Line,

Variation 11°.30

4 78 11 I intersect the Range Line between Ranges 12 & 13 E 234 Lks North of the Township Corner on Said Line I find my correction to be 39 Lks per Mile or 17'. increase of Variation, I now run

East on True Line between Sec 6 & 31

Variation 12°.17' E.

38 11 Set a Limestone 20 X 13 X 3 1/4 Sec Corner Collin's Claim in Small Grove is South

41 ~ Mayfield or Small Creek 8 Lks wide runs N.E. then N

42 ~ In Bend of Creek runs West

70 ~ A Branch 3 Lks wide runs North

78 11 Set a Limestone 20 X 10 X 3 Corner Sec 6 & 5 Land 1st Clas. Fine Grove of Timber in Sec 6

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32

Variation 12°.17' E

24 ~ Road from Plattsmouth to California runs SW & NE

Line between Townships 11 & 12 N. Range 13 E.

Line between 5 & 32

40 ch Set a Limestone 15 X 12 X 3

80 ch Set a Limestone 17 X 13 X 3 Corner Sec 5 & 4

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33

Variation 12°.7

1.00 A Branch 4 Lks wide, Deep Banks runs North

40 ch Set a Limestone 16 X 14 X 3 –

80 ch Set a Limestone 18 X 10 X 3 Corner Sec 4 & 3

Land 1st Class Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 3 & 34

Variation 11°.47

40 ch Set a Limestone 17 X 13 X 2

66 ch Strike a Swampy Glade runs N W

75 ch Leave Swampy Glade runs N W

80 ch Set a Limestone 19 X 16 X 2½ Corner Sec 3 & 2

Land 1st Class Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 2 & 35

Variation 12°.7

40 ch Set a Limestone 15 X 12 X 3

Line between Townships 11 & 12 N Range 13 E.

between Sec 2 & 35

Variation 11°.57 E

80 ch Set a Limestone 24 X 13 X 4. Corner Sec 1 & 2

Land 1st Class Rolling Prairie

East on True Line between Sec 1 & 36

Variation 12.07

36 ch Strike a Swampy Glade runs N.

40 ch Set a Limestone 15 X 13 X 2½

41 ch Leave Glade runs North

75 ch Strike Swampy Glade runs S.E.

80 ch Township Corner to T 11 & 12 N. of R 13 & 14 E –

in Glade

Land 1st Class Prairie, excepting Glades –

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. I. 12. N.

Starting from the Corner to Townships 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E I run

North on True Meridian between Sec 31 & 36

Variation 11°.30 E

7.50 Leave Swampy Glade runs S E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 X 14 X 3 –

Variation 12°

55 ~ Strike Johnsons field – fence E & W

71.50 Leave Johnsons field E & W, House 7 chs East

80 ~ Set a Limestone 20 X 17 X 4 Corner Sec 36 & 25

Land 1st Class Prairie

Tuesday Nov 13th /55

Starting from the Corner 36 & 25 I run

North on True Meridian between Sec 25 & 30

30.50 Strike Gaskells ploughed ground at S.W. Corner

40 ~ Set a Limestone 22 X 15 X 4 1/4 Sec

65.50 Enter Todds field, fence E & W

80 ~ Set a Limestone 15 X 10 X 4, Corner Sec 25 & 24

Land 1st Class Prairie, all claimed

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E of Township 12 N.

North on True Meridian between Sec 24 & 19

Variation 12°

3.00 Leave Todds ploughed Ground. E & W

6.50 Enter Brush and Timber

23.20 A Spring Branch 3 Lks wide runs N.W.

40 ~ Set a Limestone 15 X 12 X 6. 1/4 Sec Corner

50.75 An Elm 12 in diam

52.85 A Hickory 16 in diam

80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 X 8 X 4. Corner Sec 24 & 13

Leave Timber, Land Rough, Good Oak Timber

North on True Meridian between Sec 13 & 18

Variation 12°

16.50 A Branch. 2 Lks runs N E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 15 X 13 X 3 1/4 Sec Corner

Plattsmouth 1/2 mile East

Variation 11°.45

66.50 A Branch 4 Lks wide runs S.E.

71.25 Road to Plattsmouth runs S E.

80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 X 14 X 2½ Corner Sec 13 & 12

Land rough. Soil 1st Class. Scattering Timber

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E Township 12 N

North on True Line between Sec 12 & 7

Variation 11° 30

22 50 Strike Sheafers field

25 " Strike Sheafers field, fence E & W. House 2 chs west

40 " Set a Limestone 19 x 11 x 5½ 1/4 Sec Corner

42 75 Leave Sheafers field, fence E & W

50 " Enter Timber. E & W

80 " Set a Limestone 18 x 12 x 3. Corner Sec 12 & 1

Land quite rough. Soil 1st Class, Good Oak Timber

North on True Line between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 11°. 20

40 " Set a Limestone 17 x 14 x 4

50 50 Summit of Platte River Bluffs. E & W

55 50 Base of Bluffs

69 50 Set a Limestone 16 x 13 x 4 on the Bank of the Platte River, Meander Corner for Townships 12 of Ranges 13 & 14 E.

From which An Elm 24 in diam bears S 28.30 E. 55 Lks

I measure on Sand Bar, and at

78 10 I intersect the 3rd Standard Parallel 8.60 west of the Township corner, which I

determine by measuring Westward to the Meander and also the 1/2 Mile Corners, on the Parallel -

Land too rough for Cultivation, Scattering Oak

Wednesday Nov 14th 1855

General Description

The portion of Nebraska embraced in the foregoing Surveys is very valuable and is being thickly settled. It is unusually well watered, and consequently has more timber than less favoured portions. The Land lying along the Range Line between 13 & 14 is all preempted, and some very good farms are well improved. There are on the Missouri Four Town Sites. Plattsmouth, Rock Bluff, Kenosha being three of them, and back from the River are several more. The Land is generally 1st Class and the County nearly all claimed

Meriwether Thompson Q
Deputy Surveyor

List of Names

A List of the names of the individuals employed to assist me in running, measuring and Marking the Exterior Lines of Townships 9. 10. 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E. described in the foregoing notes, and the Capacity in which each acted

Edward W Blanerhassett	flagman
Patrick Coyle	Chainman
Thomas Blakely	Chainman
Philip Marker	Axeman
Wm. S. Mendell	Axeman

Meriwether Thompson Jr
Deputy Surveyor

We hereby certify that we assisted Meriwether Thompson deputy surveyor, in surveying the exterior boundaries of Townships 9. 10. 11 & 12 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E and that the said Townships have been, in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and beleif, well and faithfully surveyed and the boundary monuments planted according

to the instructions furnished by the Surveyor General—

Edwd. W Blennerhasset	Flagman.
Patrick Coyle	Axeman & Chainman
Thomas Blakley	Axeman & Chainman
Philip Marker	Axeman.
William S. Mendell	axeman

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named persons, before me chief justice of Sup Court Nebraska territory this 28th day of November A. D. 1855

Fenner Ferguson
chief justice
Sup. Court N.T.

I, Meriwether Thompson Jr deputy Surveyor, do solemnly swear that, in pursuance of a contract with John Calhoun Surveyor of the public Lands of the United States in the Territory of Nebraska, bearing date the 12 day of October 1855 and in strict

conformity to the Laws of the United States and the instructions furnished by the said Surveyor General, I have faithfully surveyed the Exterior boundaries of Townships 9.10.11 and 12 N of Ranges 13 and 14 East in the Territory of Nebraska aforesaid and do further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original field notes of such survey

Meriwether Thompson R
Deputy Surveyor

Subscribed by the said Meriwether Thompson deputy surveyor, and sworn to before me chief justice of Supreme Court of Nebraska territory this 28 day of November A.D. 1855,

Fenner Ferguson
chief justice S.C.

Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T 13 N

Having traced the 3rd Standard Parallel and finding the Variation to be 11°40' E. I start from the 1st 1/2 Mile Corner East of the Township Corner (which is in the Platte River) and run

		Diff Latt	Departure
West	16. chs		16.
N 29° W	36.70	32.10	17.79
N 58° W	5.	2.65	4.24
N 56° W	2.38	1.33	1.97
		36.08	40.00
South	.29	.29	
		35.79	

35 79 A Cottonwood 15 inch Diam on Left Bank of Platte River which I mark as witness or Meander Corner and from it begin the Range Line and run North between Sec 36 & 31 –

Variation 11°.40 E

40 ~ Set a Post from which A Cottonwood 36 in Diam bears N 5° E. 44 Lks
A Cottonwood 18 in Diam bears N 13° W 47 Lks

41 75 A Cottonwood 36 in Diam

45 75 A Dry Slough. runs SE

44.21

58 ~ Leave Slough. Strike main land

80 ~ Set a Limestone 21 X 13 X 3
The Island or Land South of Slough well timbered with cottonwood

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. Township 13 N

North on true Line between Sec 25 & 30 –

Variation 11°.40' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 22 x 6 x 4

80 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 9 x 4 Corner Sec 25 & 24

Land pick wet bottom

Town of La Platte about ½ mile East –

North between Sec 24 & 19.

Variation 11°.35' E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 13 x 3

51 50 Descend 8 feet. bluff into Valley of Papillion Creek. Timber

53 45 Right Bank of Papillion Cr

I place a flag on left bank in line, then run N 62.30 E 100 lks to a point from which the flag on left bank bears N 48.30 W. making 123 lks from bank to Bank, Stream runs East

54 68 Left Bank of Papillion Creek

72 ~ Strike Right Bank of Missouri River at a bend

Set a Meander Post from which a Cottonwood 4 ft diam bears S 88½ E 110 lks.

River runs off S.E.

November 18th 1855

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T 13 N.

72 ~ From this Meander Post I offset West 5 chs then continue North and at

80 ~ I offset 250 Lks East to Bank of Missouri River and place a Witness Corner.

a Limestone 20 x 12 x 3

Land 1st Class Bottom. Timber in North half.

Cottonwood and Walnut

I continue North on Offset Line 25 chs

25 ~ and then run 5 chs East to true Line, then South 50 Lks to Bank of Missouri and at

24 50 Set a Meander Corner a Limestone 17 x 14 x 3

Variation 11°.35' E

North on true Line between Sec 13 & 18

34 ~ A Road runs NE & SW

40 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 14 x 2, at foot of small bluff in edge of Willows. Leave the Timber. enter Willows. E & W. Overflowed or Swamp Land

52 ~ Leave the Willows – enter bottom Prairie

80 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 14 x 2. Corner Sec 13 & 12

Land mostly wet bottom.

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E & T 13 N.

North on True Line between Sec 7 & 12

Variation 11°.35

40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 13 x 3

80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 13 x 2

1 Hotel in Bellevue bears N. 14 W

Sand Bottom Prairie

North on True Line between Sec 1 & 6

Variation 11°. 40 E

31 50 Road from Bellevue to St Mary N W & S E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 13 x 3

Hotel at Bellevue N 38 1/4 W

68 25 Strike a Swampy piece of ground

75 85 A Picket fence runs E & W

76 50 Leave Swamp. at foot of Bluff

78 67 Summit of Bluff or Platteau of Bellevue

80 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 8 x 7. Corner to T 13 & 14 of R 13 & 14.

in a small ravine.

This Stone is near the SE corner of the Mission Field, and in the NE 1/4 of Sec 1 in that Portion of Bellevue owned by the Bellevue Company or Land Association. and

has a large Hotel and several stone houses in course of construction. North of and contiguous to this stone is the Mission property

Line between Townships 13 & 14 N. Range 14 E

Starting from the Corner to Townships 13 & 14 North of Ranges 13 & 14 East. I run

East on true Line between Sec 6 & 31

Variation 11°.50 E

3 50 Foot of Bluffs or Platteau N E & S W

31 — The Road from Mission to St Mary N W & S E

40 — Set a Limestone 18 X 7 X 6

56 50 Road from Sarpys to St Mary

59 — Descend to lower bottom

60 — Strike Willows N W & S E

71 — Set a Limestone 15 X 11 X 4 Corner to Fractional Township 13 & 14 N of R. 14 E. — 20 Lks from Bank of a Slough of Missouri River which runs S E the Sand Bar or Island is near ½ Mile wide to the River proper but is valueless

Monday Nov 19th 1856

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 East T. 14. N.

Starting from the Corner of Townships 13 & 14 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E. I run

North on true Line between Sec 36 & 31 —

Variation 12° E.

3 50 Center of Road or Street. E of N.

4 00 A Sod fence of the Mission Field. E of N

40 — Set a Limestone 18 X 8 X 4 —

Old Mission House. S 67½ E (5 chs)

42 50 North fence of Mission field. E & W

64 — New Mission House East 3 chs

66 — Enter brush —

80 — Set a Limestone 20 X 8 X 3. Corner Sec 36. 31. 25 & 30

Along this Line is the Bellevue Mission Reserve but their claim stakes I have not seen

Sec 36 in the Bellevue Platteau and is staked out for a city — Sec 31 is mostly bottom Land

The Magnetic Needle is not to be depended upon on this Line — though I have taken pains to get its nearest approximation

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E. T 14 N

North on True Line between Sec 30 & 25

Variation 12° E.

5 00 A Road in Ravine. N W & S E

15 50 Enter Sarpys field. fence N W & S E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 20 x 13 x 2½

Variation 12°.15

42 ~ Leave Sarpys field. fence E of N.

49 ~ Corner of Sarpy field 30 Lks East

73 25 Ferry on Missouri N 10 E

75 ~ A Deep Ravine runs E

80 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 13 x 3 Corner Sec 25 & 24

This Line is on the slope of the River Bluffs. and the North half is very rough – and brushy.

North on True Line between Sec 24 & 19

Variation 12°.15'

2 75 A Road from Ferry runs West

21 ~ Brow of a Bluff Ravine

22 ~ Ravine runs East. Missouri River 3 chs East. Rock Bluff

34 ~ The foot of Missouri River Bluffs N W & S E

Line Between Ranges 13 & 14 E. Town 14 N.

between Sec 24 & 19

34 50 Road along foot of Bluff. Allens Mill to Belleme N W & S E

40 ~ Set a Limestone 19 x 11 x 4, in Willow Bottom

Variation 13° E

Nov 21st 1855 –

49 ~ Strike Road running North follow it

53 ~ Leave Road – runs N W

56 50 Road runs N E

79 50 A Branch 10 Lks wide runs E

80 ~ Set a Post from which

A Cottonwood 10 in diam bears N 23° W 12 Lks

A Cottonwood 12 in " " N 54° E 10 Lks

A Cottonwood 8 " " " S 56° E 9½ Lks

A Willow 8 " " " S 9° W 27 Lks

Land. Rough Bluffs. and Willow Bottom

Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E of Township 14 N.
North on True Line between Sec 13 & 18
Variation 13° E

1 05 A Cottonwood 8 in diam
5 50 A Swamp or Slough - E & W
6 50 Leave Swamp - Willows Continue
40 - Set a Limestone 20 x 11 x 3
48 40 Set a Limestone 16 x 12 x 3 Corner to Fractional Township 14 of Ranges 13 & 14 East. on the right bank of the Missouri River. which runs North of East - and shows that this is the terminus of this Range Line. This Bottom is new made ground. and is nearly valueless
Throughout this whole Line the Needle cannot be relied upon. yet it seems rather to creep than indicate local attraction -

Thursday Nov 22nd 1855

Line between Townships 13 & 14 N of Range 13 E.
Starting from the corner of Townships 13 & 14 N of Ranges 13 & 14 E. with Mr Johnson's Pearsons party. I run West on Random and at -
49 25 I intersect the Range Line between 12 & 13 E. 110 Lks North of Township corner - being satisfied that the chainmen have not measured accurately. I determine to try it again

Monday Dec 17th 1855

Starting again from same corner I run with Herman Kloene and Joseph Braght as chainmen A. Nichols and Theodore Keep as flagman and axeman being Pearsons party. Mine having been disbanded

West on Random between Towns 13 & 14 N and at
48 35 0 I intersect the Range line at the Township corner - I now run

East on True Line between Sec 6 & 31 -
Variation 11° E

43 50 Set a Limestone 18 x 9 x 5
61 50 A Long drain runs N E. deep banks
75 50 A Ravine runs North, into other
83.50 Set two Limestones 17 x 8 x 3 and 17 x 3 x 3 together
Land 1st Class Prairie, well watered -

Line between Townships 13 & 14 N of Range 13 E

East on True Line between Sec 5 & 32

Variation 11°-E

10 ~ Enter Brush
15 ~ Enter Timber leas N E & S W
18.50 A Branch 6 Lks wide runs N E
27.50 Leave Timber N & S
40 ~ Set a Limestone 12 x 8 x 8
42 ~ Enter Brush & Timber N & S
55 ~ A Branch at forks. 5 Lks wide runs N E
59 ~ Leave Timber N & S
60.75 Enter McCartys field. fence N & S
72.05 Leave McCartys field. fence N & S
80 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 13 x 3. Corner Sec 5 & 4
Land 1st Clas. Timber Oak — well watered

East on True Line between Sec 4 & 33

Variation 11°.15 E

25 Road to Salin Mill. N W.
40 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 9 x 3
55.50 A Road N E & S W
80 ~ Set a Limestone 18 x 15 x 3 Corner Sec 4 & 3
Land 1st Clas Prairie

Line between Townships 13 & 14 N. Range 13 E

East on True line between Sec 3 & 34

Variation 11°.30 E

13 ~ A Bluff Bank 30 Lks North
15 ~ Enter Valley of Papillion Creek N W. & S E
40 ~ Set a Limestone 16 x 10 x 4
42.50 Strike Papillion Creek, 41 Lks wide runs S E
44 ~ Corn ground, no fence
50.50 A Deep Gully runs South
80 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 4. Corner Sec 3 & 2
Land nearly all Bottom. and rather wet

East on True line between Sec 2 & 35

Variation 11°.50 E

14 ~ Leave Papillion Bottom. Strike a fence. leas N of E
18 ~ Leave field fence N & S.
40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 9 x 6
55 ~ Summit of Hills
80 ~ Set a Limestone 17 x 9 x 8. Corner Sec 2 & 1
Land Rather rough, Soil good Prairie

Line between Townships 13 & 14 N of Range 13 E

East on True Line between Sec 1 & 36

Variation 11°.50

40 ~ Set a Limestone 14 x 12 x 5

45 ~ Road from Bellevue to Omaha – N & S

49 90 Enter Mission field, fence N & S

78 73 Leave Mission field. Sod fence. E of North

79 30 Road or Street

80 ~ Township Corner to Townships 13 & 14 N of R 13 & 14 E.
Land superior quality, being the Bellevue Plateau and is claimed on each side by the Mission and Bellevue Land Association

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Being now convinced that Mr. Johnson Pearsons. Line is not to be depended upon until proved by the lines west of it. I decline running the fractional lines between Townships 14. 15 and 16 until further orders. believing it would have to be done over again by the Range Line being moved westward –

The Land along this Line is 1st Class and is all claimed,

A List of the Names of the individuals who assisted me to run, measure and mark the Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E in Townships 13 & 14 North and the Township Line between 13 & 14 North of Range 14 East, and their respective capacities

Edd W. Blanchasset	flagman
Patrick Coyle	chainman
Thos Blakely	chainman
Orlett Marker	axeman
Wm Mendall	axeman

Meriwether Thompson Jr
Deputy Surveyor

We hereby certify that we assisted Meriwether Thompson Jr Deputy Surveyor in Surveying the Range line between Ranges 13 & 14 East and of Townships 13 & 14 N and also the Line between Townships 13 & 14 N of Range 14 East, and that said Lines have been in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and beleif, well and faithfully surveyed, and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions furnished by the Surveyor General

Edwd. Blennerhassett Flagm
Thos. his X mark Blakley Chain
Patrick boyle "
Phillip martin Jr

State of Missouri
County of Buchanan

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named persons, and this 27th December 1855

Loami McArthur
Justice of the Peace

St. Joseph Mo.

A List of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running, measuring and marking the Lines and corners described in the foregoing Field Notes of the Line between Townships 13 & 14 N of Range 13 East, Showing their respective Capacity

Herman Klone chainman
Joseph Braght chainman
Jonah Nichols Flagman
Thedore Keep axeman

M Thompson Jr
Deputy Surveyor

We hereby certify that we assisted Meriwether Thompson Jr deputy Surveyor, in surveying the Line between Townships 13 & 14 North of Range 13 East, and that said Line has been in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and belief, well and faithfully surveyed, and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions of the Surveyor General.—

Jonah T. Nichols
Hermann Kloene
Theodore F. Kup
Joseph Bracht

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 19th day of December 1855
Bellevue N.T. Johnson Pierson
Witness. Ar L Stewart Dep Sur

I Meriwether Thompson Jr, Deputy Surveyor, do solemnly swear that, in pursuance of a contract with John Calhoun surveyor, of the Public Lands of the United States in the Territory of Nebraska, bearing date the day of October 1855, and in strict conformity to the laws of the United States and the instructions furnished by the said Surveyor General, I have faithfully surveyed the Range Line between Ranges 13 & 14 E of Townships 13 & 14 North, and the Township Line between Townships 13 & 14 North of Ranges 13 & 14 East, and do further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original field notes of such survey

State of Missouri
County of Buchanan

Meriwether Thompson Jr

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 3 day of January AD 1856
L. McArthur
Justice of the peace

I Meriwether Thompson Jr deputy Surveyor do solemnly swear that in pursuance of a Contract with John Calhoun Surveyor of the Public Lands of the United States in the Territory of Nebraska, bearing date of the day of October 1855 and in strict conformity to the Laws of the United States and the instructions furnished me by said Surveyor General I have faithfully surveyed the Range Line between Ranges 12 and 13 East between the 2nd and 3rd Parallels North the Range Line between Ranges 13 and 14 East, between said Parallels. and the Township Lines between Townships 9 and 10. 10 and 11. 11 and 12 North. of Ranges 13 and 14 East and do further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original field notes of such survey

Meriwether Thompson

Buchanan County
& State of Missouri } Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of January AD 1856. L McArthur Justice of the Peace

Surveyor General's Office Iowa and Ot K.T.
August 9. 1856.

The foregoing field notes of the survey of the Exterior lines of Townships No. Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, & Fourteen, ~~Fifteen~~ and Sixteen North of Ranges No. Thirteen & Fourteen East. Executed by Meriwether Thompson Jr. under his contract of the 12th day of October 1855. in the months of October, November & December 1855. having been critically examined, the necessary corrections & explanations made the said field notes and the surveys they describe are hereby approved.

J. Calhoun
Surveyor General

(1)

Field Notes

of the extension of line between Townships No 9 and 10 North of Range No 14 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Across island lying in the Missouri River, Surveyed by Thomas Patterson Deputy Surveyor under instructions bearing date the 5th day of November 1855

Survey commenced April 7th 1856
" completed April 7th 1856

(2)

Names and duties of assistants

Cyrus K. Ingraham, Chainman,
Sebastian Vogler, Chainman.
Thomas Pierce, Axeman,
William Vogler, Flagman,

(3)

Field Notes of the extension of line between townships No 9 and 10 North of Range No 14 East of the 6th Principal Meridian

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Begin at meander corner on the Township line between Townships 9 and 10 North Range 14 East, on the right bank of the Missouri river.
To ascertain the distance to the island I cause a flag to be set on the N. W. bank of the island and in the line between Townships 9 and 10 North. From the corner to said Townships on the right bank of the river I run a base line North 200 links to a point from which the flag on the island bears S. 85° 46' E. which gives for the distance 26 chains and 93 links, to which add 12,00 chains, makes 38 chains and 93 lks, from the corner to sections 4, 5, 32 and 33

(4)

Line Between T. 9 and 10 N. R. 14 E.

38 93 to the flag. Set a post in the place of the flag for meander corner on the island from which
A Cottonwood 20 in. diam. bears S. 43° W. 81 links distant,
A Cottonwood 20 in. diam. bears N. 30° E. 121 lks. dist.
I then run East continuing the Township line across the island from the meander corner between sections 4 and 33

Variation 10° 30' East,

40 00 Set a post for quarter section corner from which
A Cottonwood 20 in. diam. bears N. 62° E. 50 links dist
An Elm 5 in. diam. bears S. 8½ W. 23 links dist,
80 00 Set a post for corner to sections 3, 4, 33 and 34 from which
A Cottonwood 15 in. diam. bears S. 60 E. 5 links dist,
A Cottonwood 12 in. diam. bears N. 81 E. 15 lks. dist,
A Cottonwood 18 in. diam. bears N. 12 W. 65 links dist
A Cottonwood 12 in. diam. bears S. 75 W. 86 links dist,
Land level Soil 1st rate

(5)

Line between Ts 9 and 10 N. R. 14 E.

Timber Cottonwood & Elm, undergrowth same, willow and vines,

East on true line between sections 3 & 34

Variation 10° 30' East,

5 18 Set a post on the East side of the island for corner to fractional sections 3 and 34 from which
A Cottonwood 6 in. diam. bears S. 83½ W. 104 lks. dist,
A Cottonwood 4 in. diam. bears N. 47 W. 104 links dist,
Land level Soil 1st rate,
Timber Cottonwood, undergrowth same willow and vines.

April 7th 1856,

General Description

This island lies above ordinary overflow, soil 1st rate,
It is well timbered with Cottonwood, Elm and willow,

List of Names

A list of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running, measuring and marking the lines and corners described in the foregoing field notes of the line between Townships 9 and 10 North of Range No 12 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, showing the respective capacities in which they acted.

Cyrus R. Ingraham Chainman
Sebastian Vagler, Chainman
Thomas Pierce. Axeman
William Vagler. Flagman

Field Notes

of the extension of line between Townships No 11 and 12 North of Range No 14 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, across island lying in the Missouri river. Surveyed By Thomas Patterson Deputy Surveyor under instructions bearing date the day of

Survey commenced April 28th 1856
" completed April 28th 1856

(2)

Names and duties of assistants

Sebastian Vogler, Chainman
Thomas Pierce, Chainman,
Jesse A. Cox, Axeman,
William Vogler, Flagman

(3)

Field Notes of the extension of line between Townships No 11 and 12 North of Range No 14 East of the 6th Principal Meridian.

Begin at meander corner on the Township line between Townships 11 and 12 North Range 14 East on the right bank of the Missouri river.
To ascertain the distance to the island I continue the Township line east by actual measurement across the Slough the water being about 2 feet deep.

24.25 West edge of water counting the distance from corner to sections 4, 5, 32 and 33

25.45 East edge of water, which is back water having no current

27.75 Top of bank on West edge of island where set a limestone 17 in. long, 11½ in. wide and 4 in. thick for meander corner on the west bank of the island from which

27.75
45.71
17.96

Line between Ts 11 and 12 N. R. 14 E.

A Cottonwood 12 in. diam. bears N. 15 E. 82 lks. dist.

A Cottonwood 11 in. diam. bears S. 29 E. 72 lks. dist.

31 20 A Cottonwood 18 in. diam.

36.06 A Cottonwood 16 in. diam.

40 00 Set a post for quarter section corner from which

A Cottonwood 18 in. diam. bears N. 58 W. 22 lks. dist.

An Elm 8 in. diam. bears S. 27½ W. 43 lks. dist.

41 77 An Elm 6 in. diam.

45 71 Set a limestone 18 in. long, 18 in. wide and 4 in. thick for meander corner to fractional sections 4 and 33 on the East bank of the island from which

A Cottonwood 12 in. diam. bears N. 70 W. 13 lks. dist.

Land level soil 1st rate.

Timber Cottonwood and Elm

April 28th 1856

Line between Ts. 11 and 12 N. R. 14 E. 6th P. M.

General Description

This island lies above ordinary overflow soil 1st rate

It is well timbered with Cottonwood and Elm.

List of Names

A list of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running, measuring and marking the lines and corners described in the foregoing field notes of the line between Townships 11 and 12 North of Range 14 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, showing the respective capacities in which they acted,

Sebastian Vogler, Chainman

Thomas Pierce, Chainman

Jesse A. Cox, Axeman

William Vogler, Flagman

Field Note
of
Exterior Boundaries of
Townships 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23 & 24 North,
Range 11 East
Townships. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21 & 22 North
Range 12 East
Township 17 North
Range 13 East

Executed by Charles Turner under his
Contract No. 91 bearing date of
December 10 1855

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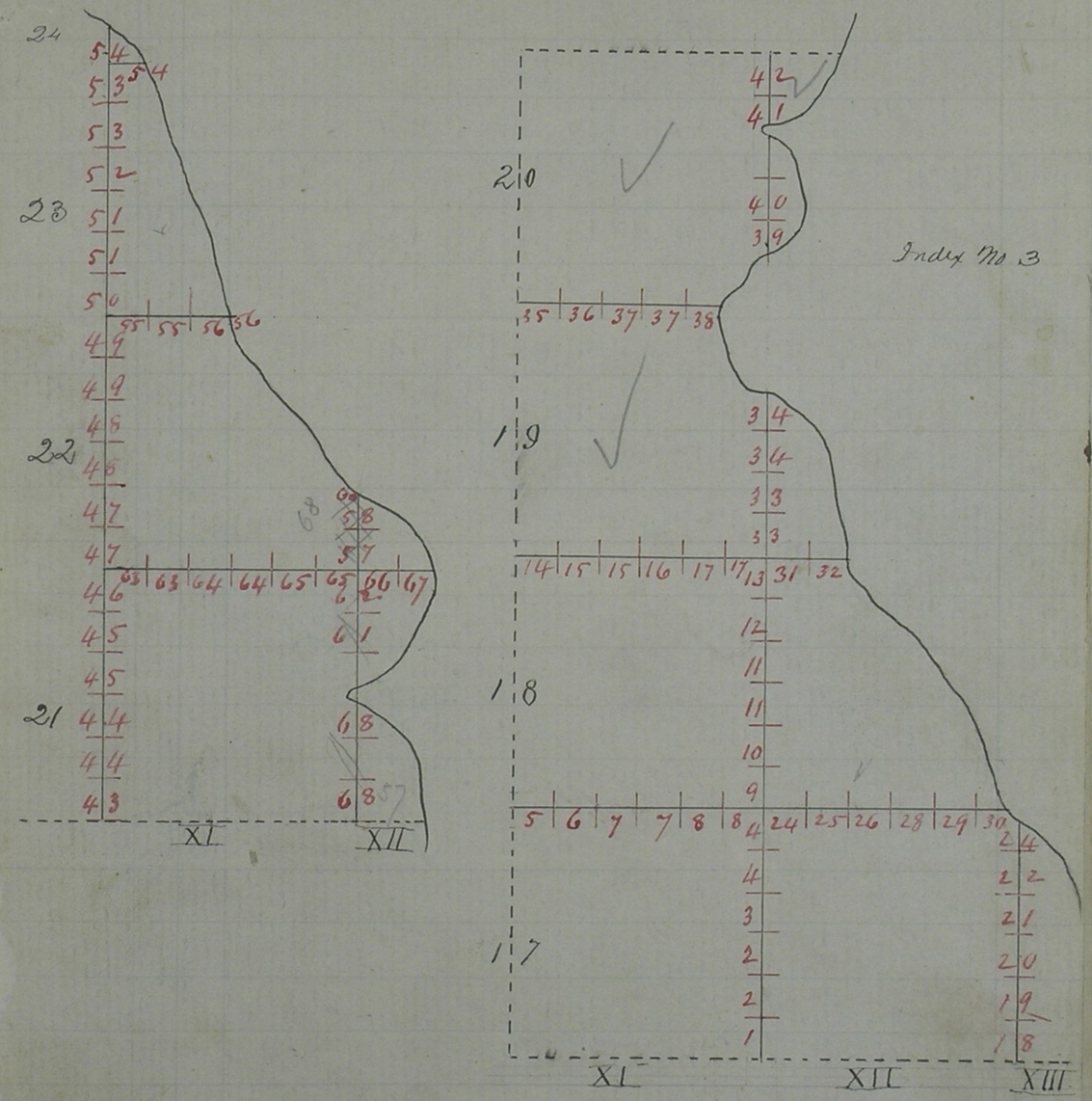

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF Nebraska

I Alfred Brotherton do solemnly Swear that I will execute the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins, whether by sticking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill and ability.

Alfred Ubi's Brotherton
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February 1856

A J Koppleton
~~Justice of the Peace.~~
Notary Public
Douglas Co N.Y.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF Nebraska

I Wm F Goodwill do solemnly Swear that I will execute the duties of chain carrier; that I will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins whether by striking or dropping the same; that I will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that I assist in measuring, to the best of my skill and ability.

William F Goodwill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of February 1856

A J Koppleton
~~Justice of the Peace.~~
Notary Public
Douglas Co N.Y.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF Nebraska }

I Richard Williams do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of Flagman according to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Richard Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Twenty Fifth day of February 1856

A D Appleton
Notary Public ~~Justice of the Peace~~
Douglas County N.T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF }

I do solemnly that I will well and truly perform the duties of according to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 185

Justice of the Peace.

Field Notes of the Survey of the exterior boundaries of Township 17 North of range 11 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in the Territory of Nebraska by Charles Turner Deputy Surveyor under his contract bearing date the 10th day of Dec. 1855

Chains East boundary of Town 17 North Range 11 East

I commenced at Post in mound on the 4th Standard Parallel the Standard corner of Township 17 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

I found the variation by my instrument to be 10°38' East as compared with the Parallel I run thence north

Variation 10°38' East

Between Sections 31 & 36 on Prairie

39.50 Lone Prairie bears N. W. & S. E. and into marsh

Chains Township 17 North Range 11 East

40 00 Set Sandstone for quarter Sec. corner
2 inches thick 12 wide 24 long
54 50 Leave marsh brass N. W. & S. E. & enter Prairie
80 00 Set Limestone for corner of Sections
25, 36, 30 & 31
4 inches thick 8 wide 24 long
Rolling Prairie Except marsh
Soil first rate

North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 11° East

40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec. corner
3 inches thick 16 wide 16 long
53 00 Emigrant road bears S. W. & N. E.
80 00 Set Limestone for corner of Sections
24, 25, 19, & 30
4 inches thick 12 wide 20 long
Rolling Prairie Soil first rate

North between Sections 19 & 24
Variation 11° East

8 00 Enter cornfield bears E & W

Chains Township 17 North Range 11 East

11 00 Leave cornfield bears E & W
40 00 Set limestone for quarter Section corner
3 inches thick 10 wide 20 long
80 00 Set Limestone for corner of Sections
13, 24, 18 & 19
3 inches thick 12 wide 20 Long
The first 40 chains is rolling Prairie & first rate The remaining is broken and second rate

North between Sections 13 & 18
Variation 11° East

3 50 cross 6 links wide runs N. E.
31 00 cross 4 links wide runs N. E.
37 50 cross 4 links wide runs E.
40 00 Set Sandstone for quarter Sec. corner
6 inches thick 8 wide 16 long
72 50 Road to Fontanelle bears W.
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections
12, 13, 7 & 18 4 inches thick 12 wide 18 long
February 28th 1856

Chains Township 17 North Range 11 East
Broken Prairie Soil good

North between Sections 7 & 12
Variation 11° East

10 00 Leave Prairie & Enter Burr Oak timber bears N.E.
12 50 Crook 6 Links wide runs N E
15 00 Leave Burr Oak timber & Enter Prairie bears N.E
27 00 Leave Prairie & Enter Burr Oak & Black Walnut timber bears East
32 00 Crook 8 links wide runs E
34 50 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears E
40 00 Set limestone for ~~quarter~~ Sections corner 3 inches thick 14 wide 14 long
80 00 Set limestone for corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7 3 inches thick 12 wide 18 long
Broken Prairie & Second rate

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 11° East
20 00 Spring Runs N E

Chains Township 17 North Range 11 East

40 00 Set limestone for quarter Sec corner 3 inches thick 12 wide 16 long
80 00 Set limestone for corner to Towns 17 & 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East 4 inches thick 12 wide 20 long
Broken Prairie Soil Second rate
February 9th 1856

I then run West on a random between Towns 17 & 18 North Range 11 East
Variation 11° East
48 00 Intersected Range line between ranges 10 & 11 East two chains & ten links (2.10) South of town corner and corrected back on a variation of 10° 45' E
March 1st 1856

East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 10° 45' East
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec. corner 3 inches thick 10 wide 20 long

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 11 East

44 00 Leave Prairie and enter Marsh bears N. W. & S. E.
57 00 Leave Marsh & Enter Prairie bears N. W. & S. E.
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections
5. 6. 31 & 32 3 inches thick 10 wide 20 long
Rolling Prairie Soil first rate.

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 10° 45' East
38 00 Road to Fontainville bears N. 80° W.
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec. corner
4 inches thick 10 wide 18 long
48 00 Leave Prairie & Enter creek bottom bears N. & S.
67 50 ~~Xxxx~~ creek ~~xxxxxx~~ & 15 links wide runs S. 10° E.
72 00 Leave creek bottom & Enter rolling Prairie N.
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 4
5. 32 & 33 3 inches thick 16 wide 16 long
Rolling except creek bottom which
is Level Soil first rate

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 11 East

East between Sections 4 & 33
Variation 10° 45' East
12 50 Enter creek bottom
13 50 Creek 10 links wide Runs S. 60° W.
33 50 Leave creek bottom & Enter Prairie
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
2 inches thick 12 wide 16 long
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 3. 4. 33. 32 / 3 inches thick 12 wide 16 long
Rolling Prairie Soil good

East between Sections 3 & 34
Variation 10° 45' East
Enter Marsh bears S. & N. W.
5 50 Leave Marsh and Enter Prairie bears
N. W. & S. E.
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
4 inches thick 10 wide 16 long
74 50 Creek 4 links wide Runs N. W.
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 11 East

2, 3, 34 & 35 / 3 inches thick 10 wide 22 Long
Rolling Prairie Lost first rate
March 1st 1856

East between Sections 2 & 35
Variation 10° 45' East
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
3 inches thick 12 wide 20 long
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections
1, 2, 35 & 36 6 inches thick 10 wide 16 Long
Broken Prairie Second rate

East between Sections 1 & 36
Variation 10° 45' East
21 50 Leave Prairie & Enter Burr Oak timber
bears N & S. 32
22 50 Cross 64 links wide Runs N
27 50 Leave timber & Enter cornfield N & S.
34 50 Leave cornfield & Enter timber N & S
35 50 Cross 3 links wide Runs N
38 00 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 11 East

N & S
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
2 inches thick 8 wide 20 Long
80 00 Intersect corner of Towns 17 & 18
North Ranges 11 & 12 East
Broken Prairie Lost good

Town 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East
I then run north between Sections
31 & 36
Variation 11° East
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
2 inches thick 14 wide 16 Long
From which a Burr Oak bears N 65° W
2.55 Chains 20 in diam
46 50 Enter Burr Oak & Black Walnut timber E
50 50 Cross 64 links wide Runs N E
55 00 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears N E
62 50 Enter Burr Oak timber bears S E
63 75 Cross 3 links wide Runs S E

Town 18 North Range 11 & 12 East

68 00 Leave timber and enter Prairie bears S 6

80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 25.36.30 & 31

From which a Bur Oak bears S 12° W 1.26 chains 4 in diam

a Bur Oak N 39° W 1.69 chains 10 inches in diameter

No timber east of the line for bearing

Land broken Second rate

North between Sections 25 & 30

Variation 10° 30' East

8 00 Enter Bur Oak timber

11 00 Spring creek Runs S 10° W

14 00 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears S 10° W

40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner 3 inches thick 12 wide 20 Long

80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 24.25.30 & 19 4 inches thick 12 wide 20 Long

Broken Prairie Soil Second rate

Town 18 North Range 11 & 12 East

North between Sections 19 & 24

Var 10°55' East

20 00 Enter Bur Oak timber in head of Gulley Lying East

22 50 Leave timber

40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner 2 inches thick 10 wide 20 Long

50 50 Enter Broken Gulley with Scattering Oak timber East

65 00 Leave timber & Gulley at Summit of high ridge with almost perfect circular Side on the South

80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 13.24.18 & 19

Land very broken & Second rate

North between Sections 13 & 18

Variation 10°55' East

This line commences on the Side of the hill which gradually descends

Town 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

to the north and runs out upon table land

23 50 Road to Tekamah bears N. W.

41 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner 3 inches thick 14 wide 18 long

48 00 Breaking bears E & W

51 00 Leave breaking bears E & W

75 00 Leave Prairie & Enter Marsh bears N & S

80 00 Set limestone for corner to Sections 7, 18, 12 & 13 3 inches thick 8 wide 18 long

Land Prairie or table land first rate

North between Sections 7 & 12
Variation 10° 30' East

40 00 Set limestone in Edge of Marsh for quarter Section corner 3 inches thick 12 wide 20 long

The above Marsh is about 4 chains

Town 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

wide E & W and at the point where the line leaves makes a right angle to the East

41 50 Leave Marsh & Enter Prairie

80 00 Set limestone for corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7 3 inches thick 12 wide 18 long

Prairie gently rolling

Soil first rate

March 2d 1856

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 10° 55' East

2 00 Leave table land and enter Marsh or low Prairie Subject to overflow

11 60 Creek 25 links wide Runs East

19 40 Creek South East

22 50 Leave Creek South East

40 00 Set limestone for quarter Sec. corner 2 inches thick 10 wide 24 long

80 00 Set limestone for corner to Sections 18 & 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

Chains Town 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

4 inches thick 12 wide 22 long
Level bottom land subject to
overflow from creek
March 3d 1856

I then sandomed west
Variation 10° 50' East
478.40 Chains and intersected range
line between Ranges 10 & 11 E, 15 links
North of corner of Towns 18 & 19 North
Ranges 10 & 11 East
I then returned & corrected
back 2½ links to the mile

Towns 18 & 19 North Range 11 East
East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 10° 51' East
38 40 Set Limestone for quarter Section
corner 3 inches thick 16 wide 20 long
41 50 Enter marsh bears N & S
52 50 Leave marsh bears N & S
78 40 Set Limestone for corner to Sections

Chains Towns 18 & 19 North Range 11 East

5. 6. 31 & 32 2 inches thick 16 wide 22 long
Rolling Prairie except marsh
Soil good

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 10° 51' East
6 30 Traders Trail bears N & S
37 75 Creek 4 links wide runs north E
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec corner
3 inches thick 12 wide 18 long
80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sec
4. 5. 32 & 33 3 inches thick 10 wide 18 long
Rolling Prairie Soil good

East between Sections 4 & 33
Variation 10° 51 East
14 50 Creek 3 links wide runs N
40 00 Set Post in mound with charred
stake for quarter Sec. corner
62 25 Creek 3 links wide Runs North

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Chains Towns 18 & 19 North Range 11 East

80.00 Set Post in Mound with charred Stake for corner to Sections 3. 4, 33 & 34 Rolling Prairie Soil good March 5th 1856

East between Sections 3 & 34
Variation 10° 51' East

13.00 Enter Burr Oak timber in Sollow N & S
16.00 Enter Prairie
40.00 Set Post in Mound with charred Stake for quarter Sec. Corner
43.50 Leave Rolling Prairie & enter table land bears N & S
57.50 Road to Cumming City bears N
80.00 Set Post in Mound for corner to Sections 2, 3, 34 & 35
Rolling Prairie good
Table Land first rate

Chains Towns 18 & 19 North Range 11 East

East between Sections 2 & 35
Variation 10° 51' East

16.00 Leave table land & Enter low bottom Subject to overflow N & S
17.75 Crook 8 links wide North
40.00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec. Corner 3 inches thick 10 wide 20 Long
80.00 Set Limestone for Corner to Sections 1, 2, 35 & 36 / 3 inches thick 12 wide 22 long / Level bottom & Subject to overflow from creek Soil first rate

East between Sections 1 & 36
Variation 10° 51' East

23.00 Crook 62.75 Chains Wide runs S E
40.00 Set Limestone for quarter Sec Corner 3 inches thick 10 wide 20 long
45.00 Road N W & S E
80.00 Intersect corner of Towns 18 & 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East
Level bottom land Subject to overflow
Soil first rate March 6th 1856

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

I then returned to the Standard corner of Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East and ascertained the variation to be 10° 40' East by tracing the Standard Parallel

I run thence north between Sections 31 & 36

Variation 10° 40' East

3 70 Leave Prairie & Enter Bur Oak timber bears E & W
3 90 Crek 15 links wide runs N E
4 00 Set Post for quarter corner from which
a Black Walnut 6 inches in diameter bears S 35° West 16 links
a Bur Oak 10 in diam bears North 40° East 9 links
4 10 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears N E
8 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 25 36 30 & 31 from which
a Bur Oak 10 inches in diameter bears

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

North 20° West 4.40 chains
a Bur Oak 4 inches in diameter bears
North 29° East 7.16 chains
a Bur Oak 5 inches in diameter bears
South 21° 30' East 4.44 chains dist
No other convenient Broken Prairie with Scattering Bur Oak & Hazle brush

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North between Sections 25 & 30

Variation 10° 40' East

17 50 Leave Prairie & Enter Bur Oak timber bears E & W
39 80 Crek 5 links wide runs North East
40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner from which
an Elm 14 inches in diameter bears
South 31° 30' East 40 links
a Bur Oak 10 inches in diameter bears North 61° 30' West 81 links
42 50 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears E & W

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 24, 25, 19 & 30 – 6 inches thick 8 wide 18 Long
Rolling, timber & Prairie Soil first rate
March 8th 1856

North between Sections 19 & 24
Variation 10° 40' East

7 50 Leave broken Prairie & Enter Table land and road to Fort Calhoun N. W. & S. E
39 00 Road to Fort Calhoun bears N W & S. E
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Section corner 6 inches thick 8 wide 16 Long
51 00 Enter timber on Edge of Bluff
53 25 Creek 3 links wide runs N E
54 30 Leave timber at foot of bluff & Enter Low bottom Subject to overflow bears N. W. & S E
80 00 Set Post in low bottom for corner to Sections 13, 24, 18 & 19
From which

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

A Black Walnut 12 inches in diam bears South 30' West 25.50 Chains
The table land is first rate, Low bottom third rate Marsh filled with cattails and at Present covered deep with water
No timber near for bearings

North between Sections 13 & 18
Variation 10° 40' East

39 00 Leave Marsh or low bottom and Enter Small willow Thickett N W & S E
40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner from which
A cottonwood 8 inches in diameter bears North 69° West 4.12 Chains
No others to be found Large enough for bearings
51 00 Leave willow thickett and Enter Bayou bears N W & S E

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

53 00 Leave Bayou and enter willow thicket bears N & S E

71 50 Leave willow thicket and enter cottonwood grove bears N & S E

80 00 Set Post for Corner to Sections 12, 13, 7 & 18 From which

a cottonwood 20 in diam bears North 7° 30' East 75 Links

a Cottonwood 16 in diam bears South 40° 30' East 1,92 Chains

a Cottonwood 20 in diam bears South 78° West 70 Links

a cottonwood 20 inches in diam bears North 21° West 1,21 Chains

Land Level First 3,7 chains is Low bottom and all third rate

North between Sections 7 & 12

Variation 10° 40' East

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section Corner from which

Chains Town 17 North Ranges 12 & 13 East

a cottonwood 24 inches in diam bears North 37° East 47 links

a Willow 8 inches in diameter bears North 82° 30' West 23 links

59 78 Station cottonwood 12 inches in diameter

80 00 Set Post for Corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7 from which

an Elm 10 inches in diameter bears South 43° West 33 links

an Elm 8 inches in diameter bears North 30° West 35 links

an Elm 12 inches in diameter bears North 14° East 2,79 chains

a cottonwood 14 inches in diameter bears South 30° 30' East 1,93 chains

Land Level & Subject to overflow Soil Rich Scattering cottonwood Elm and willow

Chains Town 17 North Range 12 & 13 East

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 10° 40' East

10 50 Intersect Right bank of Missouri River and Lil Muddy Fork from which
an Elm 24 inches in diameter bears South 67° East 3.95 chains
an Elm 16 inches in diameter bears South 29° 30' West 4.48 chains
Sand Land Subject to overflow
Scattering Elm timber Soil Second rate

March 9th 1856

(X) I then went to the corner of Towns 17 & 18 North Ranges 11 & 12 East and run thence East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 10° 45' East

15 50 Cross 62 links wide Runs North
40 00 Set Limestone for quarter Section corner 4 inches thick 12 wide 16 Long

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 12 East

East between Sections

7 50 Leave Prairie & Enter Burr Oak & Ironwood bears N E
80 00 Set Fork for corner to Sections 5, 6, 31 & 32 from which
an Ironwood 8 inches in diameter bears North 85° 30' West 45 links dist
an Ironwood 5 inches in diameter bears South 57° West 42 links dist
an Ironwood 4 inches in diameter bears North 30° East 22 links dist
an Ironwood 8 inches in diameter bears South 45° East 4 links dist

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 10° 45' East

5 00 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears N. E.
12 50 Enter Burr Oak & Hickory and Black walnut timber bears North & South
28 65 Cross 8 links wide runs South East

Mains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 12 East

30 00 Leave timber & Enter crossing bottom bears North West & South East

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner from which
A Burr Oak 6 inches in diameter bears South 36° West 5.72 chains dist
A Burr Oak 10 inches in diameter bears North 78° West 6.32 chains dist

60 00 Leave crossing bottom & Enter rolling Prairie bears S.E. & N.W.

80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 4, 5, 32 & 33 3 inches thick 8 wide 24 long Timber & bottom fine rate Rolling Prairie good

East between Sections 4 & 33 variation 16° 40 East

31 75 crossing 15 links wide Runs North East and Enter timber

40 00 Set Post for quarter Sec. Cor. from which
A Black walnut 8 inches in diameter bears South 15° 30' East 74 links dist
an Elm 10 in diameter bears North 17° 30' West 1.24 chains dist

47 50 Leave timber & Enter Prairie bears North

69 00 Road to De Soto bears North East

73 00 Leave Prairie & Enter Burr Oak & Black Walnut timber in deep Gulley

80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 3, 4, 33 & 34 from which
an Elm 10 inches in diameter bears South 42° 30' East 10 links dist
A Hickory 5 inches in diameter bears South 16° 30' West 25 links dist
an Ironwood 6 inches in diameter bears North 34° East 23 links dist
an Elm 4 inches in diameter bears North 48° West 69 links dist
Land broken Soil good

March 10th 1856

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 12 East

East between Sections 3 & 34

Variation 10° 45' East

29 00 Leave timber on the N and enter Prairie bears S & S

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section Corner from which

a Lin 24 inches in diameter bears North 3° 30' East 6.19 chains dist

a Burr Oak 8 inches in diameter bears North 41° East 5.57 chains dist

40 50 Leave broken Prairie & Enter table land bears S E & N W

48 50 Leave Table and enter timber on Edge of Bluff bears S E

58 50 Leave timber at foot of Bluff and enter low bottom or Cattail Marsh

79 00 Leave Cattail Marsh & Enter bottom Subject to overflow

80 00 Set Limestone for corner to Sections 2, 3, 34 & 35 / 3 inches thick 12 wide 16 long
from which a Burr oak 8 in diam bears N 66° E 8.56 chains
Rolling land good Table first

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 12 East

rate cattail bottom third rate
Timber Burr Oak Black Walnut
Ironwood & Elm

East between Sections 2 & 35

Variation 10° 45' East

14 00 Road to DeSoto bears North

30 10 Lake bears N & S marked Willow 4 inches in diam for Meander Post

63 50 Leave Lake & Enter Willow thickett bears N & S and Set Post in Mud for Meander Post No bearings can be found for the above corner and the water is about two feet deep at Present making it impossible to build a Mound

80 00 Set Post in Mound for corner to Sections 1, 2, 35 & 36 The water from the above lake at Present flows through the willow thickett to this corner

Lake

Chains Towns 17 & 18 North Range 12 East

East between Sections 1 & 36
Variation 10° 45' East

1750 Leave willow thickett & Enter large willow bears North & South

2182 Intersect the right bank of Missouri river bears South and marked willow 8 inches in diameter for meander cor

March 11th 1856

I then made an offsett from the above meander Post one mile North across a small bend in the river Thence East 5818 chains which carried me to a sand bar on the right bank of the river & find that there is no range line to be run further north between Ranges 12 & 13

Chains Town 18 & 19 North Range 12 East

I returned to the corner between Towns 18 & 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East and run thence East

Between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 10° 51' East

3700 Bottom road to Tekamah bears North 20° West

4000 Set Limestone 4 inches thick 14 wide 16 long for quarter Section corner

4100 Road from Cumming city to Missouri river bears N 80° W & S 80° E

8000 Set Post for corner to Sections 5, 6, 31 & 32 from which
a cottonwood 12 inches in diam bears South 69° West 1.71 chains dist.
a cottonwood 10 inches in diam bears North 58° West 1.64 chains dist
a willow 8 inches in diam bears North 19° 30' East 1.69 chains dist
No others convenient

Chains Towns 18 & 19 North Range 12 East

Land Level Soil good The Last 40 chains is on the edge of the Prairie & adjoining a willow thickett

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 10°51' East

15 00 Leave Prairie and enter willow thickett interspersed with cotton wood

39 30 Intersect the right bank of Missouri river and Set Meander Post from which a
A cottonwood 8 inches in diameter bears South 61° 30 West 48 links dist
A cottonwood 8 inches in diameter bears North 75° West 1.61 chains dist
Land Level & third rate
March 12th 1856

Chains Town 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

I then returned to the corner of Towns 18 & 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East and run thence North between Sections 31 & 36
Variation 10°55' East

40 00 Set Limestone 6 inches thick 8 wide 18 Long for quarter Sec corner

79 00 Road to Tekamah bears North 20° West

80 00 Set Limestone 4 inches thick 10 wide 14 Long for corner to Sections 25. 36 30 & 31
Level Prairie Subject to overflow

North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 10°55' East

40 00 Set Limestone 6 inches thick 8 wide 14 long for quarter Sec corner

80 00 Set Limestone 5 inches thick 12 wide 14 Long for ~~corner to~~ Sections 24. 25. 19 & 30 Level Prairie Subject to overflow
Soil good

Chains Town 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

North between Sections 19 & 24
Variation 10° 55' East

19 00 Road from Cumming City to Coopers Ferry Bears N E & S W

40 00 Set Limestone 6 inches thick 12 wide 18 Long for quarter Section corner

80 00 Set Limestone 8 inches thick 12 wide 18 Long for corner to Sections 18. 19, 13 & 24 Level Prairie Subject to overflow Soil good

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North between Sections 13 & 18
Variation 10° 55' East

31 30 Leave Prairie & Enter low willow thickett E & W

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner from which
a Willow 4 inches in diamiter bears South 30° West 3.64 Chains dist.
No others large enough for bearings

Chains Town 19 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

51 50 Intersect Right bank of Missouri river and Set Post in Mound for Meander corner
Prairie Level & Subject to overflow Soil good
Willow thickett third rate

March 13th 1856

I then commenced at the corner of Towns 19 & 20 North Ranges 10 & 11 East and by comparing my instrument with the Said range line find the variation 11° 17' East I then run East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 11° 17' East

11 70 Creek 3 links wide Runs N E

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner from which
a Box Elder 4 inches in diamiter bears South 5° West 68 links dist

Chains Town 19 & 20 North Range 11 East

an Elm 3 inches in diam bears South 14° East 58 links dist

65 00 Leave broken Prairie & Enter creek bottom

77 00 creek 15 links wide Course N E

80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 5, 6, 31 & 32 from which a cottonwood 18 inches in diam. bears South 83° 30' West 3.25 Chains dist a cottonwood 18 inches in diameter bears North 75° West 2.65 Chains dist

Broken Prairie good. creek bottom first rate

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 11° 33' East

25 00 Leave creek bottom & Enter table land N & S

26 50 Road to Klamath bears North

40 00 Set Post in mound with charred Stake for quarter Section corner

Chains Town 19 & 20 North Range 11 East

54 50 Leave Table & Enter Low marsh N & S

80 00 Set Post in mound with charred Stake for corner to Sections 4, 5, 32 & 33

creek bottom & Table land is first rate marsh third rate

March 14th 1856

East between Sections 4 & 33
Variation 11° 33' East

40 00 Set Post with charred Stake in mound for quarter Section corner

70 00 Leave marsh & Enter Low Prairie bears N & S

80 00 Set Post with charred Stake for corner to Sections 3, 4, 33 & 34

marsh is third rate Low Prairie is good

East between Sections 3 & 34
Variation 11° 33' East

40 00 Set Post in mound with charred Stake for quarter Section corner

Chains Towns 19 & 20 North Range 11 East

5447 Station Cottonwood 20 inches in diam-
80.00 Set Post in Mound with Charred
Stake for corner to Sections 2, 3, 34 & 35
Low level Prairie Subject to
overflow Soil first rate

East between Sections 2 & 35
Variation 11° 22' East
40.00 Set Post in mound with Charred Stake
for quarter Section corner
5950 Road to Tekamah bears N 20° W
6600 Intersect right bank of Mis-
souri river and Set Post with
Charred Stake in Mound for
Meander Post
Level Prairie & Subject
to overflow Soil ~~[illegible]~~
first rate

Chains Town 20 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

I then commenced at the first
Post between Sections 2 & 35 Towns
19 & 20 North Range 11 East and
run thence north 160 chains
thence East 120 chains to find
the range line between ranges
11 & 12 East Town 20 north. I then
run South 4 chains to the right
bank of the Missouri river
to find a Starting Point

March 15th 1856

North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 12° 30' East
7600 Set Post in mound on the right
bank of Missouri river for Mean-
der Post
8000 Set Post in mound with Charred
Stake for corner to Sections 24, 25, 19 & 30
Low Willow thicket & third
rate

Chains Town 20 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

North between Sections 24 & 19
Variation 12° 30' East

40 00 Set Post in Mound with Charred Stake for quarter Sec corner

75 00 Leave willow thicket & Enter Point of Prairie bears S. W

80 00 ~~Set~~ Intersect right bank of Mississippi River and Set Post for corner to Sections 18, 19, 13 & 24 from which

A cottonwood 14 inches in diameter bears South 1° East 1,70 chains dist.

A cottonwood 10 inches in diameter bears North 52° 30' W 3,76 chains dis.

Willow thicket level & third rate Prairie food

I then offset North 45° West 65,22 chains Thence North 38,61 chains Thence North 45° East 65,22 chains

Chains Town 20 North Range 11 & 12 East

which brings me back on the ~~corn~~ Range line I then run South 38,61 chains and intersect the right bank of Mississippi River and find that the distance across the bend in the river is 97,23 chains I then set meander Post in Mound between Sections 7 & 12 March 16th 1836

17 00 Set meander Post in mound and run thence North between Sections 7 & 12

Variation 12° 30' East

40 00 ~~Stake~~ willow 2 inches in diameter for quarter Sec corner

48 00 Leave willow thicket bearing E & W and enter cottonwood grove circular

53 00 Leave cottonwood grove and enter Prairie

Chains Town 20 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

80 00 Set Limestone 6 inches thick 6 wide 24 long for corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7 Willow thicket third rate Prairie line Soil good

North between Sections 1 & 6
variation 12° 40' East

40 00 Set Limestone 4 inches thick 12 wide 18 long

81 76 Intersect the 5th Standard Parallel 8.30 chains west of the Standard corner to Town 21 North Ranges 11 & 12 East and Set Limestone 4 inches thick 12 wide 18 long for corner to Sections 1 & 6
Line Prairie Soil good
March 17th 1856

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

I proceeded to the Standard corner to Town 21 North Ranges 10 & 11 East on the 5th Standard Parallel and by using my Instrument find the variation to be 12° 26' East I run thence North between Sections 31 & 36
variation 12° 26' East

40 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 10 wide 24 long for quarter Sec Cor

60 00 Enter breaking bears N & E

65 00 Leave breaking bears N & E

80 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 10 wide 18 long for corner to Sections 25, 36, 30 & 31
Prairie descends to the East
Soil first rate

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 12° 30' East

10 80 Creek 3 links wide Runs N E
28 00 Creek 2 links wide runs E
40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
18 Long for quarter Sec. corner
49 30 Creek 2 links wide runs S E
80 00 Set Landstone 6 inches thick 10
wide 18 long for corner to Sections
24, 25, 19 & 30
Rolling Prairie Soil good
March 18th 1856

North between Sections 19 & 24
Variation 12° 36' East

3 00 Enter creek bottom bears N E
14 04 Creek 20 links wide runs N E
27 30 Leave creek bottom & Enter Rolling
Prairie
40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
16 Long for quarter Sec corner

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

68 90 Creek 2 links wide runs South East
80 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12
wide 22 long for corner to
Sections 18, 19, 13 & 24
Creek bottom first rate
Rolling Prairie good

North between Sections 13 & 18
Variation 12° 30' East

40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
16 Long for quarter Section corner
54.50 Creek 3 links wide Runs East
80 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12
wide 18 Long for corner to Sections
7, 18, 12 & 13
Rolling Prairie Soil good

North between Sections 7 & 12
Variation 12° 35' East

40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

16 Long for quarter Section corn
48 50 ~~Leave Bluff~~ & Enter ~~bottom~~ Land
~~bears North~~ 20° West
63 00 Road N 20° W
80 00 Set Sandstone 3 inches thick 18
wide 24 Long for corner to Sections
1, 12, & 7 Rolling Prairie
good. Bottom land first rate

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 12° 27' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 14 wide
18 long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Set Post in mound with charred
Stake for corner to Towns 21 & 22
North Ranges 10 & 11 East
Level bottom land Soil
first rate

Chains Town 22 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 31 & 36
Variation 12° 30' East
22 65 Creek 20 links wide Runs East
40 00 Set Sandstone 3 inches thick 14
wide 18 Long for quarter Sec. Cor.
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
14 Long for corner to Sections 25,
36, 30 & 31 Level bottom land
Subject to overflow with water coming from bluffs
Soil first rate

North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 12° 32' East
30 00 Enter Marsh bears N 30° E
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 14
wide 22 Long for quarter Section
corner
75 00 Leave Marsh & Enter Prairie bears N 20° E
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
20 Long for corner to Sections 24, 25, 19 & 30
Prairie first rate Marsh second
March 17th 1856

Chains Town 22 North Range 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 19 & 24
variation 12° 52' East
40 00 Set Hardhead 4 inches thick 14 wide 16 Long for quarter Sec cor
81 00 Set Hardhead 12 inches thick 14 wide 18 long for corner to Sections 13, 24, 18 & 19 Level Prairie Soil first rate

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North between Sections 13 & 18
variation 12° 46' East
40 00 Set Hardhead 10 inches thick 10 wide 16 Long for quarter Section corner
58 50 Spring 3 Chains west in bluff
68 00 Spring 2.50 Chains west in Bluff
80 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 16 wide 20 Long for corner to Sections 12, 13, 7 & 18
Level Prairie & first rate

Chains Town 22 North Range 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 7 & 12
variation 12° 43' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide 16 Long for ~~quarter~~ Section corner
45 00 Enter Bluff bears N 10° E
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide 20 Long for corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7 The first 45 Chains was at the base of Sandstone Bluff Soil first rate The remainder was on the Summit of Bluff & Second rate

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North between Sections 1 & 6
variation 12° 44' East
6 00 Cross bottom bears E
8 00 Cross 2 inches wide runs East
11 00 Leave Creek bottom & Enter Bluff
40 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide 16 Long for quarter Sec. corner

Chains Town 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

74 50 Enter Creek bottom bears East
76 50 Spring
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 16 wide 18 Long for corner to Towns 22 & 23 north Ranges 10 & 11 East The most of the above line is on the brow of Sandstone Bluff Soil 3d rate

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Town 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East
North between Sections 31 & 36
Variation 12° 50' East

15 00 Creek 2 links wide runs S E
22 00 Leave Creek bottom bears S E
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 8 wide 20 Long for quarter Sec. corner
40 50 Creek Bottom Bears E & W
47 00 Marsh bears E & W
53 00 Leave marsh bears E & W
57 00 Leave Creek bottom bears E & W

Chains Town 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

and enter broken land
80 00 Set Standard 6 inches thick 8 wide 18 Long for corner to Sections 25, 36, 30 & 31 Creek bottom first rate Broken Land second rate

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North between Sections 25 & 30
Variation 12° 52' East

6 50 Enter Creek bottom bears E & W
18 60 Creek 3 links wide runs East
39 00 Leave Creek bottom & Enter bluff
40 00 Set Standard 4 inches thick 12 wide 22 Long for quarter Sec. corner
80 00 Set Standard 10 inches thick 10 wide 18 long for corner to Sections 24, 25, 19 & 30 Land broken and second rate Except Creek bottom which is first rate

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North between Sections 19 & 24
Variation 12° 54' East

Chains Town 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

15 65 Creek 2 links wide Runs East
19 50 Base of Bluff Enter level Prairie
40 00 Set Hardhead 6 inches thick 8 wide
20 Long for quarter Section corner
42 50 Creek 2 links wide Runs East
80 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
18 Long for corner to Sections 13
24, 18 & 19
Bluff Second rate Level Prairie
first rate

North between Sections 13 & 18
Variation 13° East
40 00 Set Landstone 9 inches thick 10 wide
22 Long for quarter Section corner
50 00 Enter Low Prairie
80 00 Set Landstone 5 inches thick 9 wide
24 Long for corner to Sections 12
13, 7 & 18
Level Prairie first rate Low
Prairie Second rate
March 20th 1856

Chains Town 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 7 & 12
Variation 13° East
40 00 Set Landstone 6 inches thick 10
wide 20 long for quarter Sec corner
80 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 16
wide 16 Long for corner to Sections
1, 12, 6 & 7
Low level Prairie & Subject
to overflow Soil Second rate

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 13° 17' East
40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
16 Long for quarter Section corner
70 00 Leave low wet Prairie & Enter
dry Prairie bears N 35° W
72 00 Road bears N 35° W
80 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 10
wide 28 Long for corner to Towns 23 & 24 North Ranges 10 & 11 East. Low Prairie covered
with water & third rate Dry Prairie first rate

Chains Town 24 North Ranges 10 & 11 East

North between Sections 31 & 36
Variation 13° 15' East

1 23 Intersect the right bank of Missouri river and Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide 16 Long for meander corner

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I then commenced at the corner of Towns 23 & 24 North Ranges 10 & 11 East and run thence East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 13° 15' East

2 00 Chains and Intersect the right bank of Missouri river and Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 18 wide 18 Long for meander corner

Level Prairie Soil good

March 21st 1856

Chains Towns 22 & 23 North Ranges 11 East

I then returned to the corner to Towns 22 & 23 North Ranges 10 & 11 East and run thence East between Sections 6 & 31
Variation 12° 30' East

3 00 Cross 4 Links wide runs S. E.
4 00 Leave Creek bottom at the base of Sandstone Bluff
19 00 Base of Sandstone Bluff
20 00 Head bears South
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 8 wide 18 Long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 9 wide 18 Long for corner to Sections 5. 6. 31 & 32
Level Prairie Soil first rate

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 13° East

40 00 Set Sandstone 3 inches thick 16 wide 18 Long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Set Standard 4 inches thick 12 wide

Chains Towns 22 & 23 North Range 11 East

20 Long for corner to Sections 4, 5
32 & 33 Level Prairie first rate

East between Sections 4 & 33
Variation 12° 42' East

40 00 Sandstone 4 inches thick 16 wide 18
Long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 12 wide
18 Long for corner to Sections 3, 4
33 & 34 Level Prairie first rate

East between Sections 33 & 34
Variation 12° 39' East

40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 12 wide
16 Long for quarter Section corner
45 00 Leave Prairie and enter weedland
with brush & burnt Cottonwood timber
bears N & S
64 32 Intersect the Right bank of Missouri
river Runs South and Meander Col

Chains Towns 21 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

conical 4 inches in diameter for
meander corner

March 22nd 1856

I then returned to the corner to
Towns 21 & 22 North Ranges 10 & 11 East
and run Random line East 480,00
Chains Placing temporary corners
I then run Random South by going
back on the town line to the corner
to Sections 2, 3, 34 & 35 and running
thence South 478.47 Chains and intersected
the Standard Parallel corner of Sections
34 & 35 on the 5th Standard Parallel
I then Proceeded to the Standard
corner to towns 21 & 22 North Ranges 11
& 12 East and run thence north
Variation 12° 44' East

4 00 Set Post in Mound for quarter Section
corner from which
a Cottonwood 30 in. diam. bears North 88° East 106 Chains

Chains Town 21 North Range 11 & 12 East

55 00 Leave Prairie & Enter Marsh & Willow thickett bears N. W. & S. E.

80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 25, 36, 30 & 31

From which

A cottonwood 6 inches in diameter bears South 30° W 1.34 chains dist

A cottonwood 3 inches in diameter bears South 45° East 94 links

A willow 4 inches in diameter bears North 52° West 35 links dist

Prairie land & first rate Willow thickett third rate

North between Sections 25 & 30

Variation 12° 40' East

17 00 Leave Willow thickett & Enter cottonwood bears S. E.

37 00 Leave cottonwood & Enter Willow thickett

40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner

from which

A cottonwood 10 inches in diameter bears South 5° West 3.38 chains dist

A cottonwood 14 inches in diameter bears South 10° East 3.40 chains dist

59 00 Leave willow thickett & Enter cottonwood bears N. W. & S. E.

80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 24, 25, 19 & 30.

from which

A cottonwood 10 inches in diam bears South 33° East 49 links dist

A cottonwood 14 inches in diameter bears South 18° West 33 links dist

A cottonwood 14 inches in diameter bears North 79° West 1.25 chains dist

A cottonwood 16 inches in diam bears North 48° West 1.53 chains dist

Land first cottonwood second rate Willow thickett third rate

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

North between Sections 24 & 19
Variation 13° East
1 69 Intersected the right bank of Missouri river bears South East and
Set meander Post from which
A Cottonwood 12 inches in diameter
bears South 42° West 65 Links dist
A Cottonwood 12 inches in diameter
bears North 71° West 42 Links dist

I then carry the line 117.24 chains
North by offsetts which brings me back
to the range line on the right
bank of the Missouri river which
gives me a Point 38.93 chains North
of the corner to Sections 13.24, 18 & 19
I then established a meander Post
at the Said Point
38 93 Set meander Post in Mound
40 00 Set Post with charred Stake for quarter

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

Section corner
80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 7, 18
12 & 13 from which
A Willow 5 inches in diameter bears
North 80° 30' East 11 Links dist
A willow 4 inches in diameter bears
North 36° 30' West 16 Links dist
A Willow 4 inches in diameter bears
South 80° East 34 Links dist
A Willow 4 inches in diameter bears
South 54° West 18 Links dist
Level Willow thickett & third rate

North between Sections 7 & 12
Variation 12° 30' East
17 00 Leave Willow thickett & Enter Weedland
bears E & W
39 00 Leave weedland & Enter Prairie bears
N E & S W
40 00 Set Post for quarter Section corner

Chains Town 21 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

from which
A Willow 8 inches in diam bears
South 49° East 7.58 chains dist
A cottonwood 10 inches in diam
bears South 79° East 8.08 chains dist
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
18 Long for corner to Sections 1, 12, 6 & 7
Willow thickett third rate Wood-
Land & Prairie first rate

North between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 12° 40' East
40 00 Set Sandstone for quarter Section
corner from which
A cottonwood 30 inches in diam-
bears North 51° 30' West 3.94 chains dist
80 00 Set Sandstone ~~8 inches~~ thick 8 wide
24 Long for corner to towns 21 &
22 North Ranges 11 & 12 East
Level Prairie & first rate

March 24th 1856

Chains Towns 21 & 22 North Range 11 East

I then Established the corners between
Towns 21 & 22 North Range 11 East by going
to the west and working East
Variation 12° 40' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 5 inches thick 9 wide
18 Long for quarter Section corner
74 00 Enter Low Marsh bears N & E
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 10 wide
24 Long for corner to Sections 5, 6, 31 & 32
Prairie Level & first rate Marsh
third rate

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 13° East
40 00 Set Sandstone 8 inches thick 10 wide
12 Long for quarter Section corner
50 00 Leave Marsh & enter Prairie bears
N & S
80 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 14 wide
18 Long for corner to Sections 4

Chains Towns 21 & 22 North Range 11 East

5, 32 & 33
Marsh Low & third rate Prairie
Level & Subject to overflow Soil
first rate

East between Sections 4 & 33
Variation 13° 30' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 10 wide
16 Long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Set Sandstone 8 inches thick 12
wide 20 Long for corner to Sec-
tions 3, 4, 33 & 34
Level Prairie Soil first rate

East between Sections 3 & 34
Variation 13° 48' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 10
wide 16 Long for quarter Sec Corner
80 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick 12
wide 20 Long for corner to Sec

Chains Towns 21 & 22 North Range 11 East

tions 2, 3, 34 & 35
Prairie Gently rolling Soil third
first rate

East between Sections 2 & 35
Variation 14° 42' East
40 00 Set Sandstone 6 inches thick & wide
22 Long for quarter Section Corner
57 00 Highwater run 60 chains wide bears S
80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide
18 Long for corner to Sections
1, 2, 35 & 36 Gently Rolling
Prairie Soil first rate

East between Sections 1 & 6
Variation 14° 42' East
1350 Leave Dry Prairie bears No. N & E
40 00 Set Sandstone 3 inches thick 6 wide.
24 Long for quarter Section corner
80 00 Intersect the corner to Towns 21 & 22

Chains Towns 21 & 22 North Range 12 East

North Ranges 11 & 12 East
Rolling and Level are both
first rate

I then run East between Towns
21 & 22 North Range 12 East
Variation 13° 42' East
40 00 Set Landstone 4 inches thick 12
wide 16 Long for quarter Sec cor-
ner from which a "
An Elm 18 inches in diameter bears
North 42° 30' East 3.03 chains dist
62 50 Leave Prairie & Enter Cottonwood
timber bears N & S
80 00 Set Post for corner to Sections 5. 6. 31 &
32 from which
An Elm 10 inches in diameter
bears South 4° East 41 Links dist
A cottonwood 20 inches in diam
bears South 19° West 82 Links

A cottonwood 20 inches in diameter
bears North 65° 30' W 57 Links dist
A cottonwood 18 inches in diam
bears North 2° East 65 Links dist
Prairie is Level and first rate
Cottonwood timber is heavy
Soil Second rate

East between Sections 5 & 32
Variation 13° East
2 94 Intersect the right bank of Mis-
souri river bears South 55° E
and Set Meander Post from
which
An Elm 10 inches in diameter
bears North 75° 30' West 50 Links dist
An Elm 12 inches in diameter bears
South 52° 30' East 33 links

Chains Town 22 North Ranges 11 & 12 East

I then returned to the corner to Towns 21 & 22 North Ranges 11 & 12. East and run thence north between Sections 31 & 36

Variation 13° 42' East

40 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 12 wide 16 Long for quarter Section corner

80 00 Set Sandstone 4 inches thick 14 wide 16 Long for corner to Sections 25, 36, 30 & 31

Level Prairie & first rate

North between Sections 25 & 30

Variation 14° 05' East

25 27 Intersect the right bank of Missouri river (bears South 60° East) and set meander Post a cottonwood 4 inches in diam bears North 5° 30' West 23 Links dist a cottonwood 5 inches in diam bears North 87° West 20 Links dist

Level wooded land Soil first rate

March 25th 1856

I Charles Turner Deputy Surveyor do Solemnly swear that in pursuance of a contract with John Calhoun Surveyor of the Public Lands of the United States in the Territory of Nebraska Territory bearing date the tenth day of December 1855, and in strict Conformity to the laws of the United States and the instructions furnished by the Said Surveyor General. I have faithfully surveyed the exterior boundaries of Townships No 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, North of Range No 11, 12 and 13. East of the 6th principal Meridian in the Territory of Nebraska, aforesaid and do further Solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original field notes of said Survey

Charles Turner
Deputy Surveyor

Subscribed by said Charles Turner Deputy Surveyor and sworn to before me a Deputy Clerk of the first District Court for the first Judicial District of Kansas Territory this 16th day of April 1856

Edwin T. Vallier
Deputy Clerk

A list of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running measuring or marking the lines and corners described in the foregoing field notes of Townships 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. & 24 North of Ranges 11. 12 & 13 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian showing the respective capacities in which they acted

William T. Goodwill Chainman
Alfred Brotherton Chainman
Richard Williams Flagyman
Jacob Hycus Axeman
Charles Turner Compassman

We hereby certify that we assisted Charles Turner Deputy Surveyor in surveying the exterior boundaries of Townships 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. and 24. North of Ranges. 11. 12. and 13. East of the Sixth principal Meridian in Nebraska Territory, and that said Townships have been in all respects to the best of our knowledge and belief. well and faithfully surveyed and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions furnished by the Surveyor General,

~~I~~ Sworn to and subcribed to before the undersigned Justice of the peace with in and for the county of Holt on the 18th day of April 1856

Alford his + mark Brotherton
Chainman

I certify that Alford Brotherton taken and subcribed the above affidavid before me on the 18th day of April 1856

John F Williams
Justice of the Peace
in Holt County Missouri

We hereby certify that we assisted Charles Turner Deputy Surveyor in Surveying the exterior boundaries of Townships 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23 & 24 North of Ranges 11. 12 & 13. East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Nebraska Territory and that said Townships have been in all respects to the best of our knowledge and belief well and faithfully surveyed and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions furnished by the Surveyor General

Jacob
Lyons Ayman
William F. Goodwill
Chainman

Richard Williams
Flagman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April 1856
A. S. Poppleton
Notary Public
Douglas Co. N.T.

Sur General's Office
Wyandott K.T. 4 June 1856

The foregoing feild notes of the Survey of the Exterior Boundaries of Townships 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23 and 24 North of Ranges 11. 12 and 13 East of the 6th Principal Meridian in Nebraska Territory executed by Charles Turner under his contract of the 10th day of December 1855 in the months of February and March 1856 having been critically examined the necessary corrections and explanations made, the said feild notes and the surveys they describe, are hereby approved.

J. C. Mouse
Surveyor General
of Kansas & Nebraska

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