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Contract No 54

Oct 25 1855

Field Notes
of the subdivision lines and
meanders of the Missouri river
in Tacanship No 5 North of the base
line of Range No 16 East of the 6th
principal Meridian in
Nebraska Territory
surveyed by Diederich F. Siedemann
under his contract bearing date the
25th day of October 1855. (No 54)

Commenced January 24th 1856
Completed January 31st 1856.

List of Assistants

Albert Armack Chainman
Joseph Conrad Chainman
Theodor Waldschmidt Flagman
John Lugenbuhl Axeman
Theo Ernest Fiedemann Compassman.

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th prime. Meridian

To determine the proper adjustment of my compass for subdividing this Township I commence at the corner to Townships 4 and 5 N R 15 and 16 East and run

North, on a blank line along the West Boundary of section 31

Variation 12° East

39.99 To a point 1 lk East of the quarter section corner

80.00 To a point 3 lks East of the corner to sections 30 and 31

To retrace this line or run parallel thereto, my compass must be adjusted to a variation of 12° 1' East.

Thence I commenced at the corner to Townships 4 and 5 N R 15 and 16 East an run

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

East, on a blank line, ~~between~~ along the South Boundary of section 31
Variation 11° 30' East

39.98 To a point 4 lks South of the quarter section corner

79.96 To a point 9 lks South of the corner to sections 31 and 32

To retrace this line or run parrallel thereto, my compass must be adjusted to a variation of 11° 34' East

Subdivision commenced January 27th 1856

From the corner to sections 5. 6. 31 and 32 on the South Boundary of the Township I run

North, between sections 31 and 32
Variation 12° East

40.00 Set a lime stone, 17 in. long, 8 in. wide, 4 inches thick for quarter section corner

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

80.00 Set a lime stone, 14 in. long, 8 in. wide, 5 in. thick for corner to sections 29. 30, 31 and 32

Land level bottom prairie 1st rate soil

West, on random line, between sec 30 and 31
Variation 11° 34' East

12.68 Enter a cornfield bears N and S

32.62 Leave the cornfield bears N & S

33.75 East of bluffs bears N and S.

40.00 Set a post for temporary quarter section corner

80.34 Intersected the West boundary of the Township at the corner to sections 30 and 31 from which corner I run

East, on a true line, between sec 30 and 31
Variation 11° 34' East

40.34 Set a lime stone, 15 in. long, 13 in. wide, 4 in. thick for quarter section corner

80.34 The corner to sections 29. 30. 31 and 32

Township 5 N R 16 East, of the 6th princ. Merid.

Land bottom level 1st rate. Bluffs very broken 3d rate. Scattering trees on top of the same. various kinds of Oak

East, on a true line, between sec. 29 and 32
Variation 11° 34' East

18.90 A dry slough bears S E and N W

20.45 East bank of the slough enter timber bears N W and S E

40.00 A Cottonwood 18 in. dia. Smarked the same for quarter section corner no other tree convenient

80.00 Set a lime stone, 18 in. long, 9 inches wide, 3½ in. thick for corner to sections 28, 29, 32 and 33. from which an Elm 13 in. dia. bears N 61° E 35 lks dist. A Sycamore 17 in. dia bears S 3½ W 67 lks dist. no other tree convenient

Land part high bottom prairie 1st rate part low bottom with Timber.

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th princ. Meridian

Timber Cottonwood, Sycamore, Elm, undergrowth same line, Hazel, Willow.

East, on a true line, between sec 28 and 33
Variation 11° 34' East

5.50 Set a post on the right bank of the Missouri river for meander corner to fractional sections 28 and 33 no tree convenient

Land low bottom, Willow, Vine, Hazel.

January 24th 1856

South, on a true line, between sec 32 and 33
Variation 12° East

13.06 Set a post on the right bank of the Missouri river for meander corner to fractional sections 32 and 33

Land low bottom 1st rate Willow along the river

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

North, between sections 28 and 29
Variation 12° East

40.00 Set a lime stone, 12 in. long, 12 in. wide 3½ in. thick for quarter section corner.
No tree convenient

45.09 Set a post on the right bank of the Missouri river for meander corner to fractional sections 28 and 29
No tree convenient only Willow undergrowth along the river
Land Level bottom 1st rate soil
Timber Cottonwood, Sycamore, Elm; undergrowth same Line Hazel Willow.

North, between sections 29 and 30
Variation 12° East

9.45 A dry slough 1.15 chain wide bears S. E & N W
10.60 Enter timber bears S E and N W
40.00 Set a lime stone, 18 in. long, 8 in. wide,

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

3½ in. thick for quarter section corner from which.
A Cottonwood 15 in dia. bears S 75½ E 20 lks dist
No other tree convenient

58.90 A Cottonwood 25 in dia.

68.30 The same dry slough 1.15 chain wide bears S W and N E
Leave timber enter bottom prairie bears S. W and N E

80.00 Set a lime stone, 14 in. long, 10 in. wide 6 in. thick for corner to sections 19, 20, 29 and 30
Land level bottom 1st rate part wet
Timber Cottonwood Sycamore Elm Willow

West, on random line, between sec. 19 and 30
Variation 11° 37 East

14.20 Enter a field bears North and South
24.95 Leave field on foot of bluffs bears N and S.

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

32.50 Top of bluffs

40.00 Set a post for temporary quarter section corner

44.50 A hollow bears S.W

49.20 Intersected the West boundary of the Township 44 lks North of the corner to sections 19 and 30, from which corner I run

East, on a true line, between sections 19 and 30
Variation 11° 53' East

39.20 Set a lime stone, 16 in. long, 7 in. wide, 5 in. thick for quarter section corner

79.20 The corner to sections 19, 20, 29 and 30
Land part level bottom 1st rate. part bluffs 3d rate

East, on a true line, between sec. 20 and 29
Variation 11° 34' East

27.40 Dry slough 1.10 chain wide bears N E and S.W
Enter Timber bears N E and S W

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40.00 Set a lime stone 15 in. long, 9 in wide, 4 in. thick for quarter section corner
No tree convenient

60.30 Enter low bottom bears N and S.

63.94 Set a post on the right bank of Missouri river for meander corner to fractional sections 20 and 29
Only Willow undergrowth around the corner

Land part high bottom prairie 1st rate part low bottom with Willow 2d rate
Timber Cottonwood, Sycamore, Elm; undergrowth same Vine Hazel Willow
January 25th 1856

North, between sections 19 and 20
Variation 11° 55 East

40.00 Set a lime stone, 12½ in. long, 10 in wide, 5½ in. thick for quarter section corner

70.50 A Dry slough bears N W and S E 1.10 Chs. wide

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80.00 Set a lime stone, 14 in long, 13 in. wide, 3 in. thick for corner to sections 17, 18, 19 and 20

Land level bottom prairie 1st rate

West, on a random line between sec. 18 and 19
Variation 11° 34' East

2.51 A dry slough bears N W and S. E 1.25 Chs wide

14.81 Foot of bluffs bears N and S

19.36 Top of bluffs

40.00 Set a post for temporary quarter section corner

80.00 Intersected the West boundary of the Township 49 lks North of the corner to sections 18 and 19, from which corner

East, on a true line, between sec. 18 and 19
Variation 11° 55' East

40.00 Set a ~~post~~ lime stone 15 x 12 x 3 for quarter section corner from which

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

A Black Oak 9 in. dia. bears S 11° 10' E 30 lks dist.
No other tree convenient

80.00 The corner to sections 17, 18, 19 and 20

Land bottom ~~variation~~ prairie 1st rate

Bluffs 3rd. Scattering trees on top of the same. ~~diff~~ various kinds of Oak

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East, on a true line, between sec. 17 and 20
Variation 11° 55' East.

3.00 Set a post on the right bank of the Missouri river for meander corner to fractional sections 17 and 20 from which

A Cottonwood 10 in dia. bears S. 45° 35' W
18 lks dist. No other tree convenient

Land low bottom with willow undergrowth

North, between sections 17 and 18
Variation 11° 55' East

6.36 Set a post for meander corner ~~corner~~

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

on the right bank of the Missouri river
for meander corner to sections 17 and 18
Only willow undergrowth around the
corner
Land low bottom.

East, on a true line, between sec. 5 and 18
Variation 11° 55' East

2.00 A hollow bears S. E
4.25 Top of a hill
26.25 A branch 5 lks wide in a hollow runs N E
28.50 Top of bluffs
35.65 A big lime stone containing about 3 cubic
feet, partly above the surface, on the
right bank of the Missouri river.
I marked the same with M C for
meander corner to fractional sections
5 and 18
Land very broken 3rd rate

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

East, on a true line, between sec. 6 and 7
Variation 11° 55' East

39.00 Set a post ~~for meander~~ on the right bank
of the Missouri river for meander
corner to fractional sections 6 and 7
Land level bottom 1st rate.
Willow undergrowth along the river
January 26th 1856

Meanders

of the right bank of Missouri river
along the East boundary of the
Township.

Begin at the corner to fractional
sections 6 and 31 in the North boundary
of the Township and on the right
bank of a slough, and run thence
down stream with the meanders of
the right bank of said slough, in

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th princip. Merid.

		fractional section 6, as follows:
S. 3° W	7.00	
S. 6¾ E	9.75	Mouth of a small slough runs S. 13½ E
S. 17¾ E	4.30	
S. 26¾ E	11.63	
S. 52½ E	15.20	
S. 41¾ E	5.44	Mouth of same slough 3.65 chains wide.
	53.62	
S. 47° E	8.65	
S. 25¾ E	6.00	
S. 11¾ E	7.60	
S. 13¾ W	5.15	Mouth of the main slough
	27.40	Thence along the Missouri river
S. 31° W	17.07	To the corner to fractional sec.
	98.09	6 and 7. Thence along sec. 7
S. 34° W	10.40	
S. 35¾ W	10.00	
S. 25° W	7.22	
S. 22° W	3.81	
S. 20° W	8.85	
	40.28	

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S. 8° W	6.40	leave the bottom and run along the foot of the bluffs rocky shore
S. 12° E	21.90	
S. 34½ E	21.27	at 1.30 chain the N E corner of the Brownville Town tract.
	49.54	
	40.28	To the corner to fractional sections
	89.82	7 and 18. Thence along sec. 18
S. 35° E	28.90	Brownville Ferry landing
S. 28½ E	14.50	
S. 23° E	11.85	
S. 38¾ E	11.90	
S. 32½ E	8.10	at 7.26 the S. E corner of the Brownville Town tract
	75.25	
S. 22 E	4.85	
S. 25¾ E	6.31	To the corner to fractional sections
	86.41	17 and 18. Thence along sec. 17
S. 25¾ E	7.03	To the corner to fractional sec
	17.19	17 and 20. Thence along sec 20
	18.19	January 28th 1856

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		Thence along section 20.
S. 32¾ E	16.30	
S. 33¼ E	9.45	
S. 39½ E	20.80	
S. 50 E	7.40	
S. 42½ E	18.08	
S. 35¼ E	24.30	
S. 15¾ E	4.60	To the corner to fractional
	100.93	sections 20 and 29. Thence along
		section 29.
S. 15½ E	10.30	
S. 27¼ E	18.43	
S. 25¼ E	10.00	
S. 21¼ E	1.70	To the corner to fractional sections
	40.43	28 and 29; thence along section
		28.
S. 21¼ E	24.70	
South	5.92	
S. 12 W	7.28	
S. 18 W	7.45	To the corner to fractional sections
	45.35	

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		28 and 33. Thence along sec. 33
S. 22 W	13.00	
S. 32 W	1.19	To the corner to fractional sec.
		32 and 33 Thence along sec. 32
S. 32 W	10.40	
S. 49 W	16.50	
S. 41 W	15.40	
S. 42 W	33.00	
S. 25 W	12.00	To the corner to fractional
	101.49	sections 32 and 5 in the South
		Boundary of the Township

January 29th 1856

Field Notes

of the survey and connections of the Town tract of Brownsville.

I commenced at the corner to to sections 18 and 19 in the West Boundary of

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

Township 5 N R 16 East and run
North on the Range line
17.28 To a point in the South Boundary of the
Township tract and in the West Boundary
of section 18.
Thence
West, parallel to the line, between sections
13 and 24 Township 5 N R 15 East
3.16 To a point the S W corner of the Township tract
Thence
North, parallel to the ~~line betw~~ West Boundary
of section 18 Township 5 N R 16 East
22.72 To a point 3.16 chains West of the quarter
section corner
Thence
West, with the quarter section line in sec.
13 Township 5 N R 15 East
14.62 To a point
Thence
North, parallel to the Range line

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

56.33 To a point
January 30th 1856
Thence
East, parallel to the line between sec
12 and 13 Township 5 N R 15 East
17.78 Intersected the Range line between
Township 5 N R 15 and 16 East
16.33 chains North of the corner to
sections 7, 18, 12 and 13
Thence
East, parallel to the line, between sec.
7 and 18 Township 5 N R 16 East
24.43 To a point on the right bank of the
Missouri river
Thence
down stream with the meanders of
the right bank of the Missouri river
along the East boundary of the Township tract
as follows:
S. 37½ E 20.97 chains

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S 35 E 28.90 chains
S 28½ E 14.50 chains
S 23 E 11.85 chains
S 38½ E 11.90 chains
S 32½ E 7.26 chains To a post the S E corner of the Town tract on the right bank of the Missouri river

Thence

West, parallel to the line between sec. Nos 19 Township 5 N R 16 East

75.00 To the point of Beginning

January 31st 1856.

Township 5 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian

General description.

The land in this Township is about half bottom and half bluffs.
The bottom is situated along the Missouri river, which is the East Boundary of the Township. The bottom between the dry slough and the bluffs and also the upper bottom is high and rich and well adapted for cultivation. The bluffs are very broken 3rd rate soil.
Timber is East of the dry slough, a small grove in section 7 and also scattering trees on top of the bluffs. Oak, Cottonwood, Sycamore, Elm, Willow Hickory.
The town of Brownville was laid out by D. Brown and others about a year ago, on the right bank of the

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Missouri river. It now contains about 24 houses, has a good rock landing along the bluffs and a ferry. The ground is very broken

This Township is ~~quite~~ thickly settled and claimed.

List of names

of the individuals employed to assist in running, measuring or marking the lines and corner described in the foregoing field notes of Township No. 5 North of the base line & range No. 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian showing the respective capacities in which they acted.

Albert Armack Chainman
Joseph Conrad Chainman
Theodore Waldschmidt Flagman
John Bugenbuhl Axeman
Ernest Siedemann Compassman

Copied W. Miller

Island

Field Notes
of
The subdivision lines and
meanders of Missouri River
in
Township 5. N. Range 16 E. of
the 6th Principal meridian
in Nebraska Territory - by
James D. Whelo Deputy
Surveyor under instruc
-tions bearing date
October 1st 1857 —

Exd/

Names of Assistants

Thomas Sorton chainman
Geo. H. Hamlin chainman
Robt. A. Chandler axeman
Jesse Holmes axeman

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska

I, Thomas Sorton do solemnly swear that I will execute the duties of Chain carrier: that I will level the Chain upon uneven ground, and plant 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 —

Thomas Sorton

Subscribed ~~Sworn~~ to and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 1858

Martin W. Kiden Clerk
of the U. S. District Court 2d Jud. Dist. N.T.

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska

I Lee. H. Hamlin 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 drafing 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.

Lee, H. Hamlin

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 15th day of March 1858.

Martin W. Riden,
Clerk of the U.S. District Court in and for the 2d Jud. Dist. N.T.

Townh 5. N. R. 16 E 6th P.M.

From the Corner to Sections 5 and 6 31 and 32 on the Township line I run South between Sections 5 and 6 — on a true line, knowing that I would strike the Missouri River in less than 80 Chains —

Variation 11°30' East

10	00	Scare timber bearing S.W & N.E. and Enter thick underbrush ~~Timber bears S.E & N.W~~
22	50	Drove Chared Stake on right Bank of Missouri River raised mound with trench as per instructions for corner to fractional Sections 5 and 6 —

Timber: Cottonwood, Elm Sycamore &c —
Underbrush — Willow —

T. 5 N. R. 16 E. of 6 P. M.

Meanders of Missouri River, Section 5.

Begin at Corner to fractional Sections 5 and 32 on North Boundary of the Township and run thence down Stream with the Meanders of the right Bank of said River in Fractional Section 5. as follows.

S 7°	East	8.00	
S 7°30'	W	3.00	
S 12°30'	W	6.00	
S 21°30'	W.	3.00	
S 30°	W	4.00	To the Corner of fractional Sections 5 and 6; Thence in Section 6
S 30°	W	7.00	
S 34°	W	30.00	

Cours	Degs	Chns	
S 50	W	8.00	To the Lower point of the Island, and thence up Stream on left bank of Slough
W 23°30'	W.	18.00	
W 50°	W.	18.00	
W 51°30'	W	7.00	
W 32°	W	13.00	
W 16°	W	4.00	
W 4°30'	W.	11.30	To the Corner to fractional Sections 6 & 31.

March 17th 1858.

General Description

This Township is fractional - the Land is first rate - Black soil - lying low but not subject to annual inundation

The timber is of good quality - and very heavy, consists of Oak Elm, Cottonwood & Sycamore -

S 7
S 7.3
S 12.3
S 21.3
S 30
S 30
S 34

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska

I Robert A. Chandler 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 -

Robert A. Chandler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March A.D. 1858

Martin W. Riden
Clerk of U.S. Dist Ct for 2d Judl. Dist Nebraska Ter -

United States of America
Territory of Nebraska

I Jesse Holmes 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 —

Jesse Holmes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April A.D. 1858

Martin V. Kinden
Clerk of U. S. Dist. Court in and for the 2d Judl. Dist. Nebraska Territory

A list of the names of the individuals, employed to assist in running, measuring, or marking the lines ~~the lines~~ and corners described in the foregoing field notes of Township No 5 North, of Range No 16 East of the 6th Principal Meridian Showing the respective capacities in which they acted

Thomas Lorton Chainman
Lee H. Hamlin Chainman
Robert A. Chandler axeman
Jesse Holmes Flagman

Contract No. 54.

(Oct. 25 1855)

Meanders (Island)

Field Notes

of the meanders of the Missouri River in Township No 6 North of the base line of Range No 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian in

Nebraska Territory

surveyed by Diederich F Siedemann under his contract bearing date the 25th day of October 1855 (no. 54)

Commenced December 29th 1855.

Completed January 13th 1856

List of Assistants

Albert Armack Chainman
Joseph Conrad Chainman
Theodor Waldschmidt Flagman
John Lugenbuhl Axeman
Ernest Siedemann Compassman

Township 6 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Merid.

Meanders of the right bank of a slough in section 6.

Begin at the corner to fractional sections 6 and 31 in the West Boundary of the Township and on the right bank of a slough and run thence up stream with the meanders of the right bank of said slough in fractional section 6, as follows:

N 25 ½ E 15.69 chains To the meander corner of sections 6 and 31 in the North boundary of the Township

Meanders of the South part of an Island in Missouri river lying partly in section 6.

Begin at the corner to fractional sections

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6 and 31 in the North boundary of the Township, on the East side of the Island and on the right bank of the Missouri river and run thence down stream around the South part of the Island as follows:

S. 36¾ W	8.75 chains	
S. 45¾ W	10.95 chains	
S 51 W	13.18 chains	
S. 60¾ W	15.30 chains	Enter slough and run up stream with the meanders of the left bank of the slough along the West side of the Island
48.18		
N 21½ E	16.40 chains	
N 10¾ E	15.10 chains	To the meander corner of section 6 and 31 on the North boundary of the Township and on the West side of the Island
31.50		

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This Island is well timbered, various kinds of Oak, Hickory, Cotton wood, Sycamore, Elm, Willow, undergrowth same vine Hazel.

It is not subject to inundation

December 29th 1855.

Meanders of the right bank of a Slough in section 31.

Begin at the corner to fractional sections 31 and 6 in the South boundary of the Township and on the right bank of the Slough and run thence up stream with the meanders of the right bank of said Slough along fractional section 31. as follows:

N 12½ E.	4.75 chains
N 47¾ E	19.70 chains
N 5½ W	7.12 chains
31.57	

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N 12° W 6.18 chains

N 27 W 4.70 chains

N 46° W 17.10 chains To the corner to fractional sections 31 and 36 in the West Boundary of the Township and on the right bank of the slough

28.58

Land level Bottom prairie 1st rate

January 12th 1856.

Township 6 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Merid.

General description.

This Township consist only in 2 small fractions, one in the N W corner, the other in the S. W corner of the Township There are also parts of 2 Islands, one in the N W and the other in the S. W part of the Township. From the upper Island on the South point is in this Township and it is said to be 6 Miles long. It is well timbered various kinds of Oak Hickory, Cottonwood Sycamore, Elm Willow.

It is settled and claimed.

The lower Island is mainly situated in this Township, it is very well timbered, settled and claimed, but it is not subdivided because the Township and Range line were not extended on the same.

Township 6 N R 16 East of the 6th principal Merid.

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 Township No 6 North of the base line of Range No 16 East of the 6th principal Meridian, showing the respective capacities in which they acted:

Albert Armack, Chainman
Jacob Conrad Chainman
Theodor Waldschmidt Flagmann
John Lugenbuhl Axeman
Ernest Siedemann Compassman.

Field Notes
of
The subdivision lines and
Meanders of Missouri River
in
Township 6 N. Range 16 East
of the 6th Principal
Meridian, in
Nebraska Territory
by James D. White
Deputy Surveyor under
instructions bearing
date October 1st 1857

Names of Assistants
Thomas Lorton Chainman
Lee H. Hamlin Chainman
Chandler Jaxeman
Jesse Holmes Flagman

Township No. 6 N. R 16 E. 6th P.M.

Chains

From the corner to sections 5.6.
31 & 32. on the Township line
I run
North between Sections 31 & 32
on a true line knowing
that I would strike the
Missouri river in less
than 80 chains
Variation 11°30' E
11 00 Set a post on right bank
of Missouri River for corner
to fractional Sections 31 & 32.
from which
An Elm 12 in in diam bears
South 80° W. 30 links dist
A Box Elder 10. in in diam
bears S 15° E. 23 links dist.

Meanders of Missouri
River, Section 32.
Begining ~~at~~ at the corner
to fractional Sections

31 and 32. I run
Thence down Stream
with the Meanders of the
right Bank of Said River
in Fractional Section 32.
as follows —

		Chains	
S	29° E.	4.00	
S.	13° E.	7.80	To the Corner of fractional Sections 32 and 5 on Township line — Timber Cottonwood Sycamore Elm &c

Chains

From the Corner to Sections
30 and 31. on Range Line
I run
East ~~between~~ On a true line
Between Sections 30 and 31 —
Variation 11° 30' East

40.00 Seat a post for Quarter
Section Corner — From which
A Cottonwood 28 in in diam
bears S 70° East 15 links
dist
A Locust, 15 in in diam bears
N. 85° W. 75 lks dist.

53.00 Set a post on right bank
of Missouri River for Corner
to Fractional Sections
30 & 31 — from which
A Cottonwood, 30 in in diam
bears S. 65 W. 350 links
dist.
A Cottonwood 36. in. in

T. 6 N. R. 16 E. 6th P.M.

diam bears North 75°
W. 4.00 links dist
Sand - level. Soil 1st rate, Timber Cottonwood

Meanders of Missouri River, Section 31.
Begining at the Corner to fractional Sections 30 and 31. Irun
Thence down Stream with the Meanders of the right Bank of the Missouri River in Section 31 as follows

		Chains	
S	13°30'E.	20.00	
S.	24°E.	54.25	To Corner to fractional Sections 31 and 32 Land Level Bottom Soil 1st Rate Timber, Cottonwood Elm Sycamore &c.

T. 6 N. R. 16 E. 6th P.M.

Meanders of Slough in Section 31 —
Begining at the corner to fractional Sections 31 & 36. on Range Line Irun
Thence down Stream with the Meanders of the left Bank of the Slough in Section 31 as follows

SO	50°E	25.00	
S	6°E.	20.00	
S	3°30' W	31.00	To the corner to fractional Sections, 6 and 31 — on the Township line

T. 6. N R 16. E. 6th P.M.

Meanders of Missouri River - Section 30.
Beginning at the corner to fractional Sections 30 & 31 - Run thence up Stream with the Meanders of the Right Bank of the Missouri River in Section 30 as follows

	Chains	
N. 19° W	47.00	
N. 38° W	18.00	
N. 42° 30' W	9.00	
N. 53° 30' W	11.00	
N. 57° 30' W	14.00	To the corner to fractional Sections 30 on Range line

March 18th 1858

a list of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running, and measuring, or marking the lines and corners described in the foregoing field notes of Township No 6 North of Range No 16 East of the 16th Principal Meridian, showing the respective capacities in which they acted

Thos. Lorton Chainman
Lee H. Hamlin Chainman
Robert A. Chandler Axeman
Jesse Holmes Flagman

General Description

The Land in this Township is all Bottom of a rich Black soil - The timber is heavy - Cottonwood Elm, Sycamore, Lime &c. Underbrush same -

Surveyor Generals Office
Nebraska City N.T. 24 July 1858

The forgoing field notes of the Survey of the Subdivision and meander lines of Fractional Townships Five and Six North of Range Sixteen East and Fract. Townships Six North of Range Fifteen East in the Territory of Nebraska executed by James D White D.S. under Instructions dated 1st October 1857. during the month of March 1858. having been critically examined the necessary corrections and explanations being made the said field notes and the Surveys they describe are hereby approved

J Ken Moore
Surveyor General

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Compd
By Sherard & Tony

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Field Notes
of the
Survey of the Subdivision lines and
Meanders of the Right bank of the Missouri
River in Township No 7 North of
Range No 16 East of the 6th Prin. Merid.
Nebraska Territory by
J. D. White Dept. Surv.

Under instructions bearing date
October 1st 1857

Survey commenced Oct 18th 1857
Survey completed Oct 19th 1857

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I, Joseph H. Springer do solemnly swear that I will faithfully 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.

Joseph H. Springer

Subscribed to and sworn before me, Martin W. Riden, Clerk of the District Court within and for the Territory of Nebraska and County of Otoe, at Nebraskacity, this 16th day of October A.D. 1857.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed the day and year last aforesaid.

Martin W. Riden
Clerk.

I, Saml. A. Shum 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.—

Samuel A. Shum

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Martin W. Riden, clerk of the District Court within and for the County of Otoe and Territory of Nebraska, at Nebraskacity, this 16th day of October A.D. 1857.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed the day and year last aforesaid.

Martin W. Riden,
Clerk.

I, Aug. F. Harvey 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

Aug. F. Harvey

Subscribed to and sworn before me, Martin W. Riden, Clerk of the District Court within and for the County of Otoe and Territory of Nebraska; at Nebraskacity, this 16 day of October A.D. 1857.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed the day and year last aforesaid.–

Martin W. Riden,
Clerk.

I, Daniel Dutrige do solemnly swear that I will faithfully 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.-

Daniel Dutrige

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Martin W. Rider, Clerk of the District Court within and for the County of Otoe, and Territory of Nebraska, at My Office in Nebraskacity, this 16th day of October, A.D. 1857.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed the day and year last aforesaid

Martin W. Rider,
Clerk.

Names and Duties of Assistants

✓ Joseph H Springer	Chainman
✓ Daniel Deitrige	Chainman
✓ Aug. F. Harvy	Axeman
✓ Saml A Skrum	Flagman

Township 7 N R 16 E 6th Prin Merid

Begin at the corner to sections 25, 30, 31, 36 on the Range line and run thence East on a true line between Sections 30 and 31

Variation 11° 30' East

40.00 Set a post for quarter section corner from which

A cottonwood 5in diam bears S 38 E 36 lks dist.

A cottonwood 10in diam. bears N 44° E 36 lks dist

41.00 Leave large timber bearing N & S.

44.00 Enter willows bearing N and S

57.00 Set a post with trench as per instructions for corner to Sections 30 and 31.

Land dry level bottom
Soil 1st rate
Timber Cottonwood. Elm Oak.
Undergrowth Same and Briars

Township 7 N R 16 E 6th Pr. Md

Meanders of the Right bank of the Slough through the township

Begin at a post corner to fractional sections 31 and 36 on the Range line and on the Right and SW bank of the Slough and run thence downstream with the Meanders of the Right bank of the Slough in fractional section 31 as follows

Courses	Dist.	Remarks
	2.00	
S 62 3/4° E	~~3.09~~ 4.7	
S 40 1/4° E	4.50	
S 33 1/2° E	3.60	
S 44° E	5.08	
S 33 3/4° E	6.00	
S 3° E	16.50	
S 14° W	28.48	To the corner to fractional sections 6 and 31 on the South boundary of the township and on the Right and SW bank of the Slough.

Township 7 N. Range 16 E. of the 6th P. M.
Meanders of the Left bank of the Slough through the township

Begin at the corner to fractional sections 6 and 31 on the South boundary of the township and on the Left and East bank of the Slough and run thence upstream with the meanders of the Left bank of the Slough, in Section 31 as follows

Courses	Dist.	Remarks
N 14 1/2° E	27.78	
N 6 1/2° W	20.95	
N 40° W	10.20	
N 44 1/2° W	6.94	
N 61 1/4° W	6.50	To the corner to sections 31 and 36 on the Range line and on the Left and N E bank of the Slough
~~N 81 3/4~~	~~1.86~~	

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Township 7 N Range 16 E 6th P. M.
Meanders of the Right bank of the Missouri River through the township.

Begin at the corner to fractional sections 25 and 30 on the West boundary of the township, and on the Right and S W bank of the River and run thence down stream with the meanders of the Right bank of the river in fractional section 30 as follows

Courses	Dist	Remarks
S 57 1/2° E	31.32	
S 51° E	8.75	
S 48 1/2° E	14.60	
S 47° E	9.70	Leave large timber. Intersect willows, bear South
S 21° E	8.00	
S 10° E	15.78	
S 2 1/2° W	10.76	To the corner to fractional sections 30 and 31. Thence in Section 31
S 13° W	36.00	Intersect large timber bearing North

Township 7 N. R 16 E 6th P. M.

S 7½° W	7.18	
S 12° 30' W	12.00	
S 4° W	19.00	
~~S 22½° W~~	~~7.13~~ ~~6.60~~	To the corner to fractional sections 31 and 5 on the south boundary of the township
S 32¾° W	8.46	

Oct 19th 1857

General Description

The land in this township is dry level bottom. Soil 1st rate. Timber Cottonwood. Elm Sycamore and Willow.

Is susceptible of settlement

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 Township No 7 North of the Base Line in Range No 16 East of the 6th Principal Meridian. Showing the respective caracities in which they acted

Joseph H. Springer	Chainman
Daniel Dietrige	Chainman
Aug F. Harvey	Axeman
Samt. A. Shrum	Flagman

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