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By

C. W. Pierce, Surveyor,

1855.

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Field Notes
of the Survey of the Reservation of the Confederate Tribes of Otoe and Missouri Indians, commencing at the initial point specified in the first article of the supplementary Treaty made and concluded at Nebraska City Nebraska Territory - (the last mentioned treaty being a supplement to the Treaty made and concluded previously at the City of Washington on the fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty four) the supplementary Treaty having been made and concluded as aforesaid on the ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, between the United States of America and the aforesaid confederate tribes. At the aforesaid initial point erected a mound, two feet wide two feet thick, and three feet high, two pits, one six links West and one six links North.

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1. Variation eleven degrees and fifteen minutes E. - thence

West from said initial point

chs.	lks.	
40.00		A mound, pit 6 lks. N.
80.00		A Mound, pit 6 lks. N.

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2.

40.00		Mound - pit 6 lks. N.
62.38		Creek 15 lks. wide course N.W.
71.00		Creek course S.W.
79.38		Creek 15 lks. wide course N.W.
80.00		Rock 14 in. wide, 12 in. high 3 in thick

Prairie rolling - Soil good.

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3.

40.00		Mound - pit 6 lks. N.
80.00		Mound - pit 6 lks. N.

Prairie rolling

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chs.	lks.	
		4.
40.00		Mound - pit 6 lks. N.
80.00		Mound , pit 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling
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		5.
36.35		Creek 20 l. wide course N.W.
40.00		Set rock 6 in. wide 3 in. thick 15 in. high
75.00		Set a rock 24 in. wide, 6 in. thick, 24 in high, 10 in. in the earth
77.00		Enter timber.
80.00		To the middle of the main Channel of the Big Blue River.
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		6.
0.85		West bank of Blue River.
40.00		Mound pit 6 l. N.
63.00		Leave the bottom of the Big Blue
80.00		Mound - pit 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling - soil good.
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chs.	lks.	
		7.
40.00		Rock 10 in. wide, 12 in. high - 3 in. thick.
80.00		Mound - pit 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling
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		8.
40.00		Mound pit - 6 l. N.
80.00		Mound pit - 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling. Soil good.
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		9.
40.00		Mound - pit 6 l. N.
80.00		Mound pit 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling - soil good.
		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
		10.
40.00		Mound, pit 6 l. N.
80.00		Mound, pit 6 l. N.
		Prairie rolling. Soil good.
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chs.lks.

11.

40.00 Rock 16 in. wide, 4 in. thick, 20 in. high

80.00 A mound- pit 6 l. N.

Prairie good.

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12.

1.00 Creek 40 l wide, course S.E.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

Prairie rolling.

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13.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

Prairie rolling

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14.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

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chs.lks.

15.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

Prairie rolling, soil good.

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16.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 lks. N.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

Prairie rolling soil good.

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17.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. N.

51.00 Enter timber

58.00 Creek 10 l. wide course S.E.

59.00 Leave timber

80.00 Mound pit 6 lks. N.

Prairie rolling soil tolerably good.

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18.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. N.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. N.

Prairie rolling, soil black loam.

chs.lks.	
	19.
40.00	Mound pit - 6 l. N.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
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	20.
33.50	Enter timber.
36.00	Creek 15 l. wide course S.E.
38.00	Leave timber
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
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	21.
3.00	Road from Ft Leavenworth to Ft. Kearney
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
	Prairie rolling - Soil poor.
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	22.
35.00	To branch 4 l. wide bearing S.E.

chs.lks.	
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
80.00	Mound pit 6 l. N.
	Prairie rolling soil poor.
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	23.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
	Prairie rolling Soil poor.
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	24.
12.50	Branch 7 l. wide, course S.E.
40.00	Rock six in. wide 4 in. thick - 10 in. high
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. N.
	Prairie rolling Soil poor.
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	25.
40.00	Rock 8 in. wide, 4 in. thick, 15 in. high
80.00	To S.W. Corner of said Reservation Set a rock 18 in. wide, 6 in. thick - 20 in. high.

chs.lks.

26.

Running North from the S.W. corner of said Reservation

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

Soil poor.

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27.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

Prairie rolling soil sandy and poor

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28.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. E.

Prairie rolling, soil poor.

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29.

23.50 Creek 15 l. wide course S.W.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

chs.lks.

Prairie rolling, soil poor.

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30.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

Prairie rolling, soil poor.

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31.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

79.00 To Fort Leavenworth and Fort Kearney road

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

Prairie rolling - Soil poor.

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32.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. E.

Prairie rolling Soil good.

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chs.lks.	
	33.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. E.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. E.
	Prairie rolling soil good
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	34.
17.50	Creek 10 l. wide course E.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. E.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. E.
	Prairie rolling soil good
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	35.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. E.
80.00	To N.W. corner of said reservation a mound 2 ft thick 2 feet high, Two pits, one 6 lks. E. and one 6 l. S.
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	36.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
73.50	Creek 35 l. wide bearing S.E.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
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chs.lks.	
	37.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
	Prairie rolling Soil good
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	38.
40.00	Mound - pit 6 l. S.
65.00	Enter timber
80.00	Burr Oak 10 inches diameter
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	39.
16.50	To creek 50 lks. wide bearing S.E.
17.00	Enter Prairie
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
	Prairie rolling soil good.
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	40.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
	Prairie rolling soil good.

chs.lks.

41.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

5 80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling, Soil good.

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42.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

6 80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling, soil good

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43.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 lks. S.

7 80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good.

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44.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

8 80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling - soil good

chs.lks.

45.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

9 80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling Soil good

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46.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

10 80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

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47.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

70.00 Enter timber

76.00 Creek 4 lks wide bearing S.E.

77.15 Leave timber

11 80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good

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48.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

12 80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling Soil good.

chs.lks.	
	49.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
13 80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
	Prairie rolling Soil good
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	50.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
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	51.
40.00	Mound, pit 6 l.S.
80.00	Mound, pit 6 l. S.
	Prairie rolling, soil good.
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	52.
40.00	A mound, pit 6 l. S.
74.75	Enter timber
76.75	Creek 30 l. wide bearing N.E.
80.00	Set post.

chs.lks.	
	Bearing trees) Elm 10 in. diam S. 45° (W. 25 l.) Elm 15 " " N. 7° (W. 38 l.
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	53.
15.00	Leave timber
40.00	Mound pit 6 l. S.
46.00	Enter timber
58.00	Big Blue River bearing S.E. river bed rocky
67.00	Leave Big Blue River
80.00	Set post.
	Bearing trees Cottonwood 24 in. diam 50 l. E.
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	54.
1.25	Leave timber
40.00	Set rock 15 in. high 12 in. wide 4 in. thick
41.15	Leave "Blue" Bottom
80.00	Set a rock 8 in wide 4 in thick 15 in. high
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chs.lks.

55.

40.00 Rock 3 in. thick 6 in wide 12 in. high

80.00 Mound pits 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good

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56.

40.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

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57.

40.00 Stone mound 2 ft. high 18 in. diam.

69.20 Enter timber

75.00 Leave timber

75.52 Creek 20 lks. wide bearing S.

80.00 Mound, pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good

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58.

40.00 Set a rock 6 in. wide, 6 in. thick 8 in. high

chs.lks.

80.00 A mound, pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good

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59.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

Prairie rolling soil good

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60.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. S.

80.00 To N.E. corner of said Reservation a mound 2 ft. wide 2 ft. thick 3 ft. high. Two pits - one W. 6 l.

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61.

Running S. from said N.W. (E?) corner

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. W.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. W.

Prairie rolling, Soil good

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chs.	lks.	
		62.
	6.00	Enter timber
	17.48	Creek 52 lks wide bearing S.W.
	32.50	Creek 50 l. wide bearing S.E.
	35.25	Creek 50 l. wide bearing S.W.
	38.70	Creek 50 l. wide bearing S.E.
	40.00	Set post
		Bearing trees - Elm 24 in. dia. N. 75 W. 24 l.
	41.25	Creek 25 l. wide bearing W.
	42.45	Leave timber
	80.00	Mound - pit 6 l. W.
		Prairie rolling
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		63.
	40.00	Mound pit 6 l. W.
	80.00	Mound pit 6 l. W.
		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
		64.
	25.00	Enter timber

chs.	lks.	
	26.00	Creek bearing S.W.
	31.00	Creek bearing S.E.
	35.00	Leave timber
	35.35	Creek 16 lks. wide
	40.00	Mound pit 6 l. W.
	49.48	Creek 4 l. wide bearing N.W.
	80.00	A Rock 8 in. high 6 in wide - 4 in thick
		Prairie rolling. Soil very good.
		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
		65.
	40.00	Mound pit 6 l. W.
	80.00	Mound pit 6 l. W
		Prairie rolling. Soil good.
		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
		66.
	40.00	A Mound, pit 6 l. W.
	57.80	Creek 20 l. wide bearing S.W.
	80.00	Set a rock 15 in high 12 in. wide - 3 in thick
		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

chs.lks.

67.

40.00 A Mound, pit 6 l. W.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. W.

Prairie rolling - Soil good

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68.

40.00 Mound pit 6 l. W.

80.00 Mound pit 6 l. W.

Prairie rolling Soil good

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69.

26.00 Enter timber

26.80 Creek 25 l. Wide bearing S.W.

34.52 Creek 25 l. wide bearing S.E.

39.25 Creek 15 lks. wide running W.

40.00 Set a post

Bearing trees (Elm 8 in. dia. N. 55° E. 24 l.
Cottonwood 18 in dia. N. 30° 30' W 54 l.

43.00 Leave timber

80.00 Set a rock 8 in. wide, 8 in. thick - 12 in. high

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70.

40.00 A Mound, pit 6 l. W.

80.00 To the intial point at the S.E. corner of said Reservation it being the place of beginning.

C. W. Pierce

Surveyor.

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Department of the Interior

General Land Office,

Washington, D. C.

August 7, 1914.

I hereby certify that the annexed copy of the field notes of the survey of the boundary lines of the Otoe Indian Reservation, Nebraska, is a true and literal exemplification of the official field notes which are in my custody in this office.

SEAL

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this office to be affixed, at the city of Washington, on the day and year above written.

C. M. Bruce
Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Nebraska State Land Office.

Lincoln, Nebraska,
October 1, 1914.

I, Fred Beckmann, Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true exemplification of a photographic copy of the ~~original~~ field notes of the original survey of the boundary lines of the Otoe Indian Reservation, East of the 6th Principal Meridian in Kansas and Nebraska, as certifed August 7, 1914, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., said photographic copies being on file in this office and numbered Vol. 155.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at the City of Lincoln on the day and year above written.

Fred Beckmann
Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings and Custodian of Government field notes of surveys in Nebraska.

By G E Emery Deputy

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