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146

1st Guide Meridian East through the Omaha and Winnebago
Indian Reservations in Townships 24 to 27 North

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1st Guide Meridian 8

Field Notes
of the
1st Guide Meridian 8.
(Between Ranges 8th & 9th)
of the
6th Principal Meridian
from the
South Boundary
of the
Omaha Indian Reservation
to the
6th Standard Parallel North
in
Nebraska

Executed by
Theodor H. Barrett U.S. Deputy Sur-
under his Contract bearing date September 14th 1866.

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Omaha Reservation
Guide Meridian and Sixth Standard Parallel

Field Notes of the survey of that portion of the Guide Meridian intersecting the Omaha Indian Reservation, embraced between Ranges 8 and 9 East of the 6th Principal Meridian and South of the 6th Standard Parallel, and also of that portion of the Sixth Standard Parallel intersecting said Reservation and embraced between townships 24 and 25 N. Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 East of the 6th Principal Meridian

Survey commenced October 3rd 1866
and completed November 15th 1866.

Range 10 E. Completed May 18th 1867

List of Names

A list of the names of the individuals employed to assist in running, measuring, or marking the lines and corners described in the following field notes of that portion of the Guide Meridian intersecting the Omaha Indian Reservation, embraced between Ranges 8 and 9 East of the 6th Principal Meridian and South of the 6th Standard Parallel, showing the respective capacities in which they acted.

John R. Wells	Chairman
J. W. Smith	do
H. Archambault	Mound Builder
Fredrick Gearwick	do
L. G. Reynolds	Flagman
Richard Cronk	do

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Omaha Reservation
Guide Meridian.

In pursuance to special instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, bearing date August 23rd 1866.

I carefully retrace and preserve so much of the Guide Meridian as falls within the Reserve, - establishing thereon additional corners at every 20 Chains as directed by said instructions.

Beginning at a point on the Meridian 79.15 Chains north of the South west corner of Township 24 N. Range 9. East, the same being a mound established where the South Boundary of the Reservation intersects the Meridian. I run due North between Ranges 8 and 9. Township 24 North as follows.

Chains

00.85 North on East Boundary of Section 36
To Corner of sections 25 and 36. & 30 and 31.
I found the old Post still standing and the mound in good condition.

North on East Boundary of Section 25.
Variation by Solar Compass

126° 30' East.

9.00 Intersect new wagon trail bearing West.
200.00 Establish Post in mound for corner to 1/4 Section
40.00 Old mound in good condition, but the Post had been burnt off. I set new Post.
60.00 Establish Post in mound for 1/4 Section corner.
80.00 Old Post and mound in good preservation
High rolling prairie. Soil good 2nd rate.

Chains

20.00

40.00

60.00

80.00

200.00

40.00

60.00

73.50

80.00

200.00

39.50

40.00

60.00

80.00

20.00

40.00

60.00

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Guide Meridian.

- Chains North on East Boundary of Section 24.
Variation $12^{\circ}30'$ East.
- 20.00 Establish Post in mound for corner to $\frac{1}{16}$ section.
- 40.00 Old mound in good condition, Post had been destroyed by fire. I set new Post.
- 60.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ sec. corner.
- 80.00 Old mound in good condition. Old Post gone. I set new Post. High rolling prairie Soil 2nd rate.

North, on East Boundary of Section 13.
Va. $12^{\circ}35'$ East.

- 20.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Section Cor.
- 40.00 Old mound in good condition. But Post had been destroyed - I set new Post.
- 60.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ sec. Cor.
- 73.50 Intersect old Trail - bears E. & W.
- 80.00 Old Post mound & Pits in good condition Rolling prairie. Soil 2nd rate.

North, on East Boundary of Section 120.
Variation $12^{\circ}12'$ East.

- 20.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ sec. Corner.
- 39.50 Intersect small stream 10 links wide, running west. Water pure & sweet.
- 40.00 Quarter section corner. Mound and Pits in good condition. Set new Post.
- 60.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ section Cor.
- 80.00 Corner to sections 6, 7, 1 and 12. Post and mound in good order.
South half of line is high rolling prairie. The north half is much lower and less uneven. Some places are good meadow Soil 2nd rate.

North, on East Boundary of Section 1.
Variation $12^{\circ}15'$ East.

- 20.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ sec. Cor.
- 40.00 Quarter section corner. I rebuilt the mound and set new Post.
- 60.00 Establish Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ section corner.

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Chains
80.00

Township corner at the N. E. Corner of
Township 24 North, Range 8 East.
Post and mound in good preservation.
High rolling prairie. Soil 2nd rate
October 3rd 1866.

We hereby certify that we assisted
Theodore H. Bennett, W.S. Surveyor in re-
-surveying (and establishing thereon addi-
-tional corners) that portion of the Guide
Meridian intersecting the Omaha Indian
Reservation embraced between ranges 8
and 9 east of the 6th Principal Meridian,
and north of the Standard Parallel.
and that said meridian has been in
all respects to the best of our knowledge
and belief well and faithfully surveyed
and the additional boundary monuments
planted according to the instructions of
the Commissioner of the General Land
Office

Jos. B. Wells	Chairman
J. W. Smith	do
J. B. Archambault	Mound Builder
Frederick Gearwick	do
L. G. Reynolds	Flag-man
Rich ^d . Crank	do

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named
persons before me the 8th day of December 1866
Albert White
Justice of Peace.
Paul County
Territory of Nebraska

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Resurvey of 1st Guide Meridian E.

Field Notes
of the
1st Guide Meridian East
(Between Ranges 8 and 9)
of the
6th Principal Meridian
through
Township No. 26 North
and
Township No 27 North
to the
North Boundary of the
Marinebago Indian Reservation

Omaha Indian Reservation.

Guide Meridian ^{through} ~~between~~ Tps 26 & 27 Ranges 8 & 9 East 6th Principal Meridian.

Chains Beginning at the old mound on the Guide Meridian at the corner to Townships 25 & 26 N. Ranges 8 and 9 East of the 6th Principal Meridian. Pre-run and re-establish the Guide Meridian through Townships 26 & 27 N. between Ranges 8 & 9 E. to the N. Boundary of the Winnebago Reservation as follows:
North between sections 31 and 36.

Pa 11° 50' E.

20.00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec corner.

40.00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec corner.

Set new post and rebuilt mound.

56.40 Brook 5 links wide running West.

60.00 Post in mound - in creek bottom for 1/16 Sec. corner - from which

A double Box Alder 12 in dia

bears S 86 3/4° W. 171 links dist

An Elm 36 in dia bears N.

35 3/4° W. 170 links dist.

80.00 The old mound at corner to Secs 30, 31, 25 and 36.

Set new post and rebuilt mound.

Rolling prairie 2^d rate soil.

North between secs 25 and 30.

Pa 11° 45' E.

20.00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.

40.00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec. corner.

Set new post and rebuilt mound.

60.00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.

80.00 The old mound at corner to Secs 25 and 30
19 & 24.

Set new post and rebuilt mound.

Rolling prairie, 2^d rate soil.

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Guide Meridian ^{through} between Tps. 26 & 27 Ranges 8 & 9 East 6th Principal Meridian.

Chains North between Secs 19 & 24.

Ra 11° 30' E.

20. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.

25. 00 Enter brush land bearing East and West.

40. 00 No traces of old 1/4 Sec. corner except a stake burned off. Established a new 1/4 Sec. corner and set post from which -

A Black Walnut 24 in dia
bear S 35 1/4° W. 260 links dist.An Oak 6 in dia bears N.
70° E. 373 links dist.

60. 00 Set post for 1/16 Sec. corner from which

An Oak 15 in dia bears S 81 1/4°
W. 170 links dist.

An Oak 16 in dia bears S 7 1/2°

W. 154 links dist.

75. 00

INTERSECTS THE WINNEBAGO LINE
The field notes from the General Land Office show that the N. Boundary of the old Omaha Reservation intersects the Guide Meridian 4 miles due N. of this point.

Winnebago Res

I then for set post in mound dug 2 pits and deposited charcoal to mark the intersection of the line (not yet run) between the Omaha and Winnebago Reservations, with the Guide Meridian. Post marked "O. R." "W. R."

80. 00

The old corner to Secs 19 & 24, 18 and 13.

Set new post and rebuilt mound.

Rolling prairie with brush and a few trees.
2nd rate soil.

North between Secs. 13 & 18.

Ra 12° E.

8. 75 Brook 5 links wide - 2 ft deep runs N. W.

30. 00 Enter brush bearing S. E. and N. W.

32. 50 Small grove of timber bearing N. W. and S. E.

37. 75 Leave timber and cross a brook 5 links wide
3 feet deep runs N. W.

40. 00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec. corner.

Set new post and rebuilt the mound.

81. 00 The old mound at corner to Secs 13, 18, 7 and 12.

Set post and rebuilt mound. Rolling prairie with
brush and trees, 1st and 2^o rate soil.

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Meridian ^{through} between Tps 26 and 27 Ranges 8 and 9 E. 6th Principal Meridian

Chains. North between Secs 7 and 12.

Pa 12° E.

- 40.00 The old mound at the $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. corner.
Set new post and rebuilt mound.
- 51.00 Brook 2 links wide running N.W.
- 80.00 The old mound at corner to Secs 7 and 12. 1 and 6
Set new post and rebuilt mound.
Rolling prairie. 2^d rate soil.

North between Secs. 1 and 6.

Pa 11° 45' East.

- 11.00 Small grove of timber bearing East and West.
- 17.00 Brook 5 links wide running N.W.
- 18.00 Lean timber bearing East and West.
- 29.00 Road bearing N.W. and S.E.
- 40.00 The old mound at $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec corner faintly visible.
Set new post and rebuilt mound
- 46.75 Brook 10 links wide runs West.
- 80.00 The old mound at corner to Townships 26 and 27
North Ranges 8 and 9 East. Set new post and re-
built the mound. Rolling prairie. 2^d rate soil.
Indian village in Sec. 1 T. 26. N. R. 8 E.

North between secs 31 and 36 T. 27. N. Ranges
8 and 9 East = Pa 11° 25' E.

- 6.00 Road bearing N.W. and S.E.
- 40.00 Set post for $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. corner, in center of Ravine 30
50 feet deep and 100 feet wide from which
A Lind 6 in dia
bears N 65° W. 48 links dist.
A Lind 8 in dia bears S 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W.
68 links dist.
- 52.50 No traces of old corner could be found.
Brook in ravine runs N. 60° W.
- 75.00 Contact the North line of the Winnebago Reservation
(old Omaha Reservation). The field notes from
the General Land Office represent a mound
as being here; I could find no trace of it. In
order therefore to establish with certainty this cor-
ner, I measured N. along the Meridian 5 chains
to the corner to Secs 30 and 31, 25 and 36, &

Winnabago Indian Reservation

Guide Meridian ^{through} Between Ranges 8 and 9 Tps 26 & 27 E 6th Principal Meridian

6 chains, then set post in mound with three pits and charcoal to mark the intersection of the N. Boundary of the Winnabago Reservation with the Guide Meridian 5 chains S. of the corner to Sec 25, 36, 30 and 31.

Rolling prairie, 2^d rate soil.

May 6th 1867.

Resurvey of 1st Guide Meridian

through

Township No. 25 N.

of
Between 8 & 9 E.

(See next page)

Guide Meridian between Ranges 8 and 9 East Township 25 North.

Leaving at a new post and rebuilt the mound at the intersection of the Guide Meridian with the Sixth Standard Parallel - from said point of intersection I re-run and re-establish (with additional corners) the Guide Meridian between Ranges 8 and 9 Town 25 N. as follows:
North between Secs 36 and 31.

Pa 12° 20' E.

- 20. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 40. 00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec. corner.
- Set new post and rebuilt mound
- 60. 00 Set post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 68. 42 Creek 3 links wide running N. W.
- 80. 00 The old mound at the corner to Secs 31, 36, 30 and 25.
- Set new post and rebuilt the mound.
- Rolling prairie, 2^d rate soil.

North between Secs 25 and 30.

Pa 11° 45' E.

- 20. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 40. 00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec. corner.
- Set new post and re-built mound.
- 60. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 80. 00 The old mound at the corner to Secs. 25, 30, 19 and 24.
- Set new post and rebuilt the mound.
- Rolling prairie, 2^d rate soil.

June 22^d 1867.

North between Secs 19 and 24.

Pa 11° 45' E.

- 20. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 40. 00 The old mound at 1/4 Sec. corner.
- Set new post and rebuilt mound
- 60. 00 Post in mound for 1/16 Sec. corner.
- 80. 00 The old mound at the corner to Secs 19, 24, 13 & 18.
- Set new post and rebuilt mound.
- Rolling prairie - 2^d rate soil.

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Guide Meridian between Ranges 8 and 9 Township 25 North.

Chains North between Sections 13 and 18.

Pa 11° 55' East.

- 20.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 40.00 The old mound at $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. corner.
 Get new post and rebuilt mound.
 60.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 80.00 The old mound at the corner to Secs 13, 18, 7 & 12.
 Get new post and rebuilt mound.
 Rolling prairie - 2^d rate soil.

North between Secs 7 and 12.

Pa 120 E.

- 20.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 40.00 The old mound at $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. corner.
 Get new post and rebuilt the mound.
 60.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 80.00 The old mound at the corner to sections 1, 6, 7
 and 12.
 Get new post and rebuilt the mound.
 Rolling prairie - 2^d rate soil.

North between Secs 1 and 6.

Pa 11° 30' E.

- 20.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 37.00 Enter timber bearing N. W. and S. E.
 46.00 Get post for $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec corner from which an old
 bearing tree (dead elm) marked " $\frac{1}{4}$ S" bears S.
 19° E. 19 links dist.
 A Bar Oak 6 in dia bears N
 82° E. 28 links dist.
 A Red Elm 8 in dia bears
 S. 80° W. 26 links dist.
 43.00 Creek 3 links wide runs N. W. & bears timber
 46.50 Creek 4 links wide runs S. W.
 60.00 Post in mound for $\frac{1}{16}$ Sec. corner.
 80.00 The corner to Townships 25 and 26, N. Ranges 8
 and 9 East. Rolling prairie, 1st & 2^d rate soil.
 Grove of timber mostly East of the line.
 June 25th 1867.

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We hereby certify that we assisted Theodore A. Barrett U. S. Surveyor in running & marking that part of the sixth standard parallel, between the sixth guide Meridian and the Missouri river, and that part of the sixth Guide Meridian between the sixth standard parallel and the North Boundary of the Winnebago Reservation, and that said lines have been in all respects run to the best of our knowledge and belief well and faithfully surveyed and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions furnished by the Commissioner of the Genl. Land Office.

Henry A. Gilbert

Richard Cronk

Orville Smith

George Patterson

James Kennedy

George Fox

James Shobe

Andrew Armstrong

Henry C. Williams

Karl Wilhelm Bokke

Willie Trainer ^{his} mark.

Subscribed and sworn to by the above named persons before me a Notary Public for the County of Bent in the State of Nebraska this 28th day of June 1867.

Watson Parish
Notary Public

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