

State Road from  
Independence  
to

State line in  
Mitchell County

Filed Feb 1st 1856

To the Secretary of State of Iowa

The undersigned Commissioners  
appointed by act of the General Assembly  
Approved January 24<sup>th</sup> 1855 to locate  
a State Road from Independence in Buc-  
hanan County via Barclay, Waverly, St. Charles  
and Floyd Center, to the State line in  
Mitchell County, beg leave to report,

That they met pursuant to agreement,  
at the Town of Littleton in Buchanan  
County, and after subscribing the accom-  
panying Oath, before Moses Little Esq., a  
Justice of the Peace for the said County  
of Buchanan, proceeded to employ D A Sovereign  
to Survey the same, also Freeman  
Reynolds & Josiah Jackson, as Chainmen George  
W Overfield as Axeman, John B. Wighton as  
Flagman, and Stephen Cullinan as Teamster,  
for which we engaged to pay the following  
prices viz,

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| For Surveyor per day             | \$3.00 |
| " Chainmen Axemen & Flagman each | 1.25   |
| " For Man & Team per day         | 3.00   |

We commenced the active work on said  
Road on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and reached  
the terminus, at the State Line on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Instant (November)

For a detail of the Course length &c of  
the Road we refer to the accompanying  
Report of Plat and field notes of the Surveyor

Number of Miles in each County through which  
the Road ~~runs~~ is laid

|              |    |       |    |        |    |       |
|--------------|----|-------|----|--------|----|-------|
| Buchanan     | 12 | Miles | 3  | Chains | 86 | links |
| Black Hawk   | 14 | Miles | 6  | "      |    |       |
| Bremer       | 27 | "     | 31 | "      | 75 |       |
| Floyd        | 25 | "     | 73 | "      | 00 |       |
| Mitchell     | 20 | "     | 6  | "      | 50 |       |
| Total length | 99 | 41    | 41 | "      | 11 |       |

The first ten miles from Independence in Buchanan County, was laid by State Commissioners appointed by act of General Assembly of 1853 Chapter 106 S. 51 also some eight ~~and~~ One half miles in Bremer County of a County Road duly recorded for which see Surveyors Report.

Owing to the inconvenience of procuring reliable plats and field notes of the Roads so adopted, we directed the Surveyor to adopt them without a resurvey, and to refer in his report to the record of the said Roads for the plats and field notes, believing that no inconvenience could result from such a course inasmuch as the sections of the Road so adopted were severally entirely in the limits of the Counties referred to.

We will add that the Road runs for the most part over dry rolling prairies, and is very direct from point to point, and will form as we believe when opened, one of the greatest and best thoroughfares in the State. Although we were obliged for the most part to run oblique lines, yet the damages resulting to lands will be light, in as much as for the greater part of the distance it is located through unimproved lands.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--|-----------|
| Statement of Expenses incurred                                    |      |  |           |
| At Sovereign, Surveying & platting and returning                  |      |  |           |
| home from Survey 20 days at \$3                                   |      |  | \$60.00   |
| Freeman Reynolds, Chairman & returning home 17 1/2 days at \$1.25 |      |  | 21.87     |
| J. J. Jackson, Same 16 1/2 days                                   | 1.25 |  | 20.63     |
| G. W. Overfield Orman 16 "                                        | 1.25 |  | 20.00     |
| John B. Wigton Flagman 15 "                                       | 1.25 |  | 18.75     |
| Stephen Cullinan & team 18 "                                      | 3.00 |  | 54.00     |
| O. P. Harwood Commissioner 20 "                                   | 2.00 |  | 40.00     |
| Samuel Sufficool " 20 "                                           | 2.00 |  | 40.00     |
| Total Expense                                                     |      |  | \$ 275.25 |

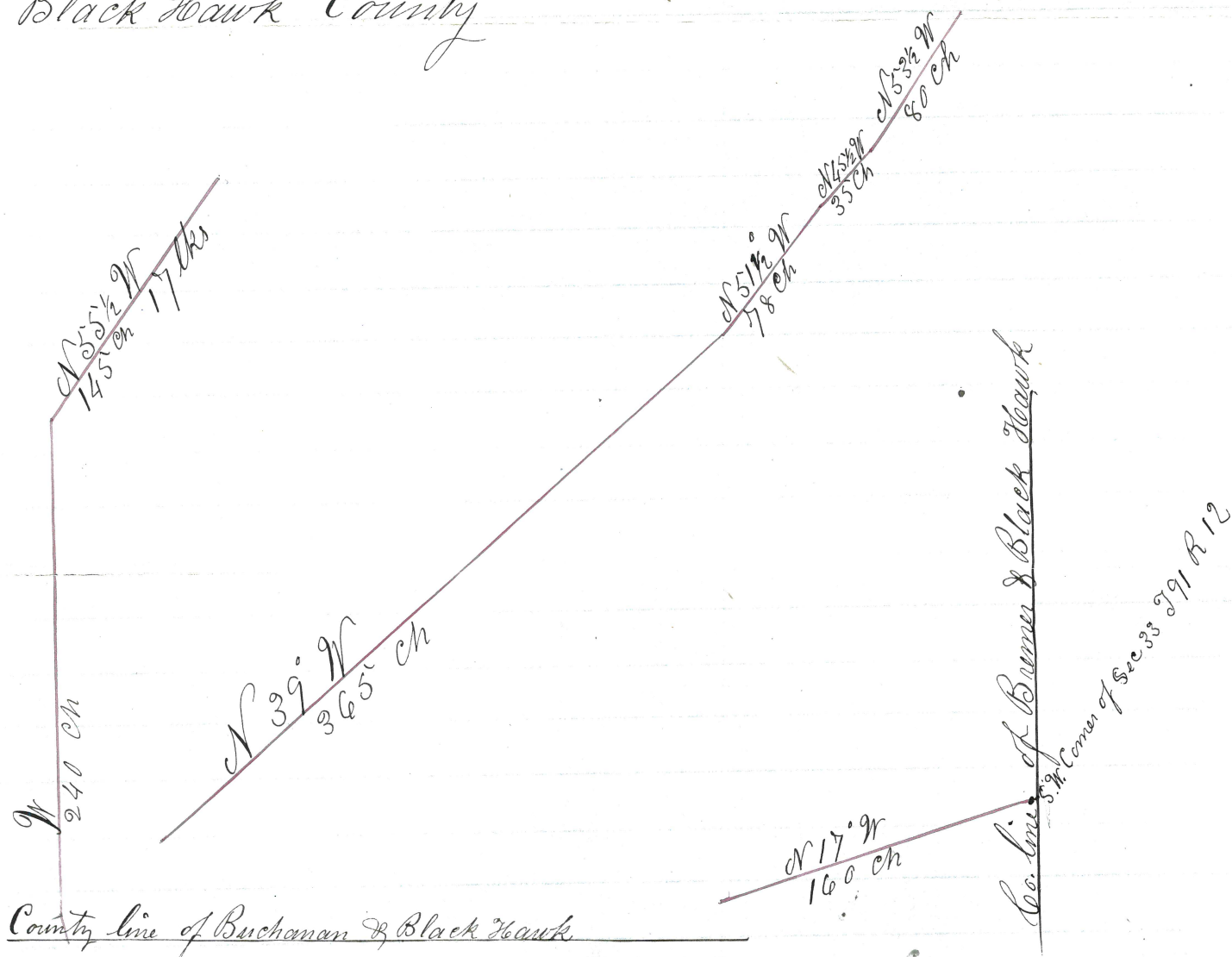
Of the above amount the proportion of cost properly taxable to each County is as follows.

|              |                     |  |          |
|--------------|---------------------|--|----------|
| viz:         |                     |  |          |
| To Buchanan  | 12 3/40 Miles       |  | \$33.32  |
| " Black Hawk | 14 3/40 "           |  | 38.93    |
| " Bremer     | 27 16/40 "          |  | 75.81    |
| " Floyd      | 25 36/40 "          |  | 71.63    |
| " Mitchell   | 20 3/40 "           |  | 55.56    |
| Total        | 99 29/40 = 99 1/2 " |  | \$275.25 |

In the above estimate, we have disregarded very small fractions of a mile, by which the distance as compared with that above is less by one chain & 11 links. But approximating so near the actual distance as to produce no appreciable difference in the amount of cost charged to either county

O. P. Harwood  
Samuel Sufficool Commissioners

Plat and field notes of that portion  
 of a State Road, from Independence  
 in Buchanan County, to State line in  
 Mitchell County, pertaining to Black Hawk  
 County. Commencing on the county line between  
 the Counties of Buchanan and Black Hawk  
 Thence S  $71\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  W to angle post  
 " W 240 ch  
 " N  $55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 145 ch 17  
 " N  $39^{\circ}$  W 365 ch 00  
 " N  $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 78 ch 00  
 " N  $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 35 ch 00  
 " N  $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  W 80 ch 00  
 " N  $17^{\circ}$  W 160 ch 00  
 " N  $26^{\circ}$  W to the County line of Bremer &  
 Black Hawk County



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I Certify the foregoing to be a true copy of  
the Report of the Commissioner, appointed by law  
to locate and establish a State Road, from Inde-  
pendence in Buchanan County to State line in  
Mitchell County, with that portion of the plat  
and field notes of said Road pertaining to  
Black Hawk County.

Geo. W. McPherson  
Secy of State

I certify that the within road  
commences on the county line at a  
point 18 chns 34 $\frac{1}{2}$  links South of  
the North East corner of section 25-  
Township 89 Range 11 West and  
running S 41 $\frac{1}{4}$  W. 21 chns and thence West  
as given in field notes.

D. A. Sovereign Surveyor  
of said Road

#43  
State Road from  
Independence

To

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