

## REPORT OF COMMISSION TO REAPPRAISE KAW LANDS IN KANSAS.

COUNCIL GROVE, KANS., June 15, 1878.

SIR: The undersigned, commissioners appointed to reappraise the Kaw Indian lands in Kansas, have the honor to submit the following report:

Pursuant to instructions from your office dated November 30, 1877, the commission convened in Council Grove, said State, were individually sworn and affirmed, and selected Thomas S. Huffaker as chairman of the board. Preliminary to active field operations, careful and thorough inquiry was made in the best informed and most reliable quarters to ascertain the average depreciation in the prices of real estate since the appraisement of 1872, and the present cash value of lands outside, but in the vicinity of the reservation. Full information was also obtained as to the facilities for transportation from the Indian lands in question, and the market value of all agricultural productions, and every effort was made to secure reliable data upon which to base an equitable reappraisal.

Securing the service of a surveyor and flagman the commission entered regularly upon its field-work and prosecuted the same with all practicable speed. During the winter and a portion of the spring months unprecedented rains and swollen streams greatly retarded our labors, but in view of the magnitude of the task, and the difficulties to be surmounted, we felicitate ourselves upon the dispatch with which we have completed an exceedingly difficult and laborious duty.

The result of our labors we respectfully submit as follows:

1st. A schedule embracing all the unpaid-for "trust lands" in said reservation described by the smallest legal subdivision, together with the appraised value of each tract, and a statement of the nature and value of the improvements thereon (where such were found), and the names of the former and present occupants of such improved lands.

2d. A schedule containing a similar description and valuation of all the unpaid-for lands in the "diminished reserve," with a statement of the nature and value of the improvements made thereon by the government, and by individuals, with the names of the former and present occupants thereof.

3d. An abstract showing the names of all settlers upon, and claimants of, the "trust lands," with a description and valuation of the tracts claimed by each, with the nature and value of the improvements thereon, and the names of the former and present occupants of the same.

4th. A journal of the daily proceedings of the commission.

In all cases where two or more persons claimed the same lands, we have reported the names of all as contestants, our instructions expressly forbidding us to take testimony as to questions of settlement, and, by consequence, priority of right.

The second and third abstracts required by said instructions cannot be furnished, for the reason that no unclaimed improvements were found upon the "trust lands," and no improvements, whatever, made by Indians, were found upon the "diminished reserve."

Many improvements, such as buildings, breaking, and fencing, reported by the commission of 1872, have since disappeared or become worthless, and do not appear upon the schedules submitted herewith.

We have the honor to say that, after careful personal inspection of every tract of unpaid-for land upon the entire Kaw Indian Reservation, we have appraised the same at what appeared to us, acting unanimously in all cases, to be its present actual cash value.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

T. S. HUFFAKER,  
H. W. JONES,  
M. H. NEWLIN,  
*Commissioners.*

Hon. E. A. HAYT,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

COUNCIL GROVE, KANS.,  
December 20, 1878.

SIR: We, the undersigned, commissioners appointed to reappraise the Kaw Indian lands in Kansas, have the honor to submit our final report.

Reassembling here pursuant to instructions from your office dated October 25, 1878, we deemed it advisable after full consultation to re-examine some portions of said lands. In this work we spent several days, after which we agreed upon a basis of

increased valuations for the various localities, and took a recess to await the completion of the clerical work by our secretary. Reconvening, we now submit this report, with accompanying papers, as follows:

1st. Schedule of all the unsold and unpaid-for Kansas Indian trust lands in Kansas, embracing areas, valuations, character and value of improvements, and names of settlers thereon.

2d. Abstract of settlers upon said trust lands, showing tracts occupied or claimed by each, with appraised value of same and nature and value of improvements upon each 40 acres legal subdivision.

3d. Schedule of all unsold and unpaid-for Kansas Indian diminished reserve lands in said State, embracing areas, valuations of lands, character and value of improvements, and names of persons by whom the same were made.

4th. A journal of the daily proceedings of the commission since reassembling as aforesaid.

Our action has been unanimous and harmonious in all cases, and the work in hand has been completed with all possible dispatch and economy.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

T. S. HUFFAKER,  
H. W. JONES,  
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*Recapitulation of the appraisement of the Kansas trust lands in Kansas.*

Town.	Range.	Number of acres.	Value of land.	Value of im-provements.	Total value.
14	8 E.	6,193.95	\$9,946 69	\$2,074 00	\$12,020 69
14	9	5,411.67	8,060 90	1,670 00	9,730 90
14	10	5,423.86	8,155 81	1,225 00	9,380 81
14	11	1,727.02	2,630 55	345 00	2,975 55
15	8	16,694.02	24,414 75	6,291 00	30,705 75
15	9	21,043.61	29,834 09	4,810 00	34,644 09
15	10	18,960.07	28,324 97	4,380 00	32,704 97
15	11	6,271.46	9,407 25	400 00	9,807 25
16	8	8,042.93	13,296 31	2,919 00	16,215 31
16	9	9,557.59	14,226 66	3,125 00	17,351 66
16	10	18,200.83	28,795 84	4,810 00	33,605 84
16	11	5,899.68	10,161 13	970 00	11,131 13
17	10	11,996.45	25,113 48	12,450 00	37,563 48
17	11	2,337.44	4,968 99	2,185 00	7,153 99
18	11	47.55	71 33	-----	71 33
Total	-----	137,808.13	217,408 75	47,654 00	265,062 75

*Recapitulation of the appraisement of the Kansas Indian diminished reserve lands in Kansas.*

Town.	Range.	Number of acres.	Value of land.	Value of im-provements.	Total value.
16	8	10,244.67	\$18,869 80	\$5,081 00	\$23,950 80
16	9	9,905.47	26,192 17	10,790 00	36,982 17
16	10	2,642.41	4,949 20	1,705 00	6,654 20
17	8	24,459.37	36,990 72	7,447 00	44,437 72
17	9	21,849.96	43,776 51	22,220 00	65,996 51
17	10	6,017.56	19,087 13	9,285 00	28,372 13
18	8	1,594.64	2,054 93	.115 00	2,169 93
18	9	1,513.24	2,344 01	665 00	3,009 01
18	10	343.02	857 99	700 00	1,557 99
Total	-----	78,570.34	115,122 46	58,008 00	213,130 46
Kansas Indian trust lands	-----	137,808.13	217,408 75	47,654 00	265,062 75
Kansas Indian diminished reserve lands	-----	78,570.34	155,122 46	58,008 00	213,130 46
Grand total	-----	216,378.47	372,531 21	105,662 00	478,193 21