

BOX BUTTE COUNTY DAWES COUNTY
SIOUX COUNTY SHERIDAN COUNTY
NEBRASKA

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(It) lies in the northwestern part of the state. It has 5478 inhabitants. Hemingford is the county seat while Alliance is the office of the land agency of the United States, besides being the site of the railroad repair shops of the B & M.

The topography is moderately rolling in the center of the county, but here and there are deep gullies. In other places as in northwestern tip of the county, there is more gravel, steep slopes and high hills. The land is mostly sand and gravel, its use is mostly for pasture (grazing) where along the streams the herds can get to water. And if the water runs steadily, riches can be found.

The rolling land is interspersed with gravel and sand but if there is enough moisture in the pastureland, the results are unbelievable. However, to the contrary, the moisture is never enough (insufficient).

Water for drinking goes down to a great depth, 250 feet and more. And in most places, the water is salty and alkaline. In the northwestern part of the county, the water is much better tasting and not so deep to find. The administration mentions water here is rightly treasure when found near the top, but one finds it deep and a greater amount of money besides hard work and labor is needed to pull up and connect with the water.

To the south is the Snake river, but along its banks the soil is sandy. In the eastern part, you find the Box Butte Creek. There are a few Czechs along either river, and just those who availed themselves of the advantages.

Czech settlements, or single family dwellings, are found throughout the whole county. Most are settled on the level land west of Hemingford around the postoffice of Lawn. The other greater settlement is found in the northeastern tip of the county, south and southeast of Dunlap, and yet others are in Dawes County.

Their national community life is carried out in harmony, without anger or ill will toward their neighbors. At times they put on a theatrical play in front of a building, many visitors came to view as distance or circumstances allow, that is from Dawes County. The eastern settlement have their own hall.

Of the Czech Lodges is the C.R.V.V.S., it was founded against hail, they have considerable members. There are 2 Czech churches, one on the land of Mr. J. Sazama in section 18 T, 28 Sec., 47 R. . The other on the land of Mr. J. Turka in 8T, 27 Sec, R. 51 Both are of the Roman Catholic faith under the administration of the priest, Father St. Broz who resides in Howard County.

The first heavy contingent of settlers of this place seemed willing to tell of remembrances of times past. Those who endured all those griefs, troubles, and shortages in the cropless years and then there were those who were able to help themselves in spite of all adversities of nature and now seem satisfied and look to the future that their successors might have a happier time. In spite of all hardships they can boast of the flourishing settlement in the eastern part.

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<u>Name and postoffice</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Box Butte:</u>							
Jak. Hrbacek	160	8	28	47	Radenice	Novy Kdyne	Plzen
Jan Sazama	160	18	28	47	Radenice	Novy Kdyne	Plzen
Jos. Jechout	160	19	28	47	Dobriz	Dobriz	Praha
Fr. Jechout	160	19	28	47	Dobriz	Dobriz	Praha
Jos. Zabka	160	34	28	47	Pecin	Zamberk	Kr. Hradec
Fr. Jirsa	160	12	27	47	Krta	Strakonice	Pisek
Jan. Plasek	160	23	28	48	Provodov	U. Brod.	Hradiste
Jan Kovarnik	320	24	28	48	Karolin	Mor. Budej.	Znojmo
Ant. Jelinek	160	24	28	48	Krizanov	Hrotovice	Znojmo
	160	12	4	30	Red Willow	County, Nebraska	
Jan Urbanovsky	160	24	28	48	Fribram	Rosice	Brno
Jan Patocka	160	25	28	48	Fribram	Rosice	Brno
Fr. Jirsa	160	12	27	47	Krta	Strakonice	Pisek
<u>Dunlap, Dawes Co.:</u>							
Jan Stanek	160	4	28	47	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav
Jan Potmesil, Jr.	160	6	28	47	M. Opolany	Podebrady	Caslav
Jos. Lamplot	160	11	28	48	Spulkov	Novy Mesto	Jihlava
Fr. Topinka	160	11	28	48	Odranec	Novy Mesto	Jihlava
Jak. Kriz	160	14	28	48	Hrotovice	Hrotovice	Znojmo
<u>Hemingford:</u>							
Jan Pelz	245	19,20	28	48	Litostrov	Rosice	Brno
Jind. Pelz	160	20	28	48	Litostrov	Rosice	Brno
Jan Jelinek	160	20	28	48	Litostrov	Rosice	Brno
Marie Tucek	160	24	28	49	Litostrov	Rosice	Brno
	80	23	28	48			
Jos. Sabatka, Sr.	160	31	28	50	Albrechtice	Vl. Tyn	Pisek
Jos. Sabatka, Jr.	320	25	28	51	Albrechtice	Vl. Tyn	Pisek
	160	8	28	50			
Jan Sabatka	160	31	28	50	Albrechtice	Vl. Tyn	Pisek
Jos. Duhon	160	34	28	51	Brez. Hora	Pribram	Praha
Jos. Dvorak	160	35	28	51	Drnov	Slany	Praha
Vacl. Civis	160	1	27	51	Dozice	Blovice	Plzen
Ant. Civis	160	1	27	51	Ceradice	Slany	Praha
Jos. Bame	320	11,14	27	51	D. Lukavice	Prestice	Plzen
Karel Rendla	320	6	27	50	Volesna	Horovice	Praha
	160	11	27	51			
Fr. Mracek	160	13	27	50	Volesna	Horovice	Praha
Jan Zajic	160	19	27	49	Zajecov	Horovice	Praha
Alois Zajic	160	19	27	49	Zajecov	Horovice	Praha
Ant. Zajic	160	19	27	49	Zajecov	Horovice	Praha
<u>Lawn:</u>							
Matej Simek	Rent	19	28	51	Svina	Veseli	Budejovice
Jos. Valta	160	21	28	51	Brez. Hora	Pribram	Praha
Matej Duhon	160	22	28	51	Brez. Hora	Pribram	Praha
Frank Duhon	160	24	28	51	Brez. Hora	Pribram	Praha
Ant. Chytka	160	25	28	51	Kozlany	Namest	Znojmo
Jan Kratochvil	160	26	28	51	Pribram	Rosice	Brno
Jan Studeny	160	27	28	51	Cikov	V. Meziric	Jihlava
Jindrich Simek	160	28	28	51	Vel. Retova	Usti n Orl.	Chrudim
Fr. Krajicek	160	29	28	51		Kutna Hora	Caslav
Tom. Hovorka	480	30,31	28	51	Svina	Veseli	Budejovice
Mat. Herian	160	31	28	51	Brez. Hora	Pribram	Praha

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Lawn:							
Jos. Stika	160	20	28	52	From the area of Tabor		
Jan F. Posvar	320	9	27	52	Blatnice	M. Budej.	Znojmo
	160	31	28	52			
Vac. Honomichl	160	33	28	52	Vobora	Kralovice	Plzen
Jan Honomichl	160	4	27	52	Nem. Briza	Plzen	Plzen
Jos. Kapr	160	35	28	52	Bezdekov	Benesov	Tabor
Matej Posvar	160	8	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budejovice	Znojmo
Fr. Posvar	320	8	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budej.	Znojmo
Karel Posvar	160	17	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budej.	Znojmo
Martin Posvar	160	17	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budej.	Znojmo
Jan Posvar	320	19,29	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budej.	Znojmo
Fr. Severin	480	18,19	27	52	Hamry	Rokyt.	Kr. Hradec
Vac. Bruna	320	20,32	27	52	Knezice	Caslav	Caslav
Jan Cadek	320	20,21	27	52	Trebon	Trebon	Budejovice
Jos. Prokop	160	21	27	52	Strasice	Strakonice	Pisek
Fr. Prokop	160	22	27	52	Strasice	Strakonice	Pisek
Vojt. Kroupa	160	26	27	52	Horazdovice	Strakonice	Pisek
Jos. Kapr, Sr.	160	26	27	52	Bezdekov	Benesov	Tabor
Jos. Janda	480	27	27	52	Volenice	Strakonice	Pisek
Fr. Subrt	160	27	27	52	Kamen	Habry	Caslav
Jos. Barta, Sr.	160	28	27	52	Prosec	Habry	Caslav
Jos. Barta, Jr.	160	28	27	52	Prosec	Habry	Caslav
Alois Barta	160	28	27	52	Prosec	Habry	Caslav
Jan Barta	160	28	27	52	Prosec	Habry	Caslav
Jan Sedlacek	320	29	27	52	Kornout	N. Straseci	Praha
Ant. Honomichl	160	29	27	52	Vobora	Kralovice	Plzen
Jan Posvar	160	29	27	52	Ujezd	M. Budej.	Znojmo
Jos. Matejovsky	160	35	27	52	Sobesice	Susice	Pisek
Fr. Prochazka	160	7	27	51	Nova Ves.	Chotebor	Caslav
Jos. Turek	160	8	27	51	Nova Ves.	Chotebor	Caslav
Vac. Turek	160	9	27	51	Nova Ves.	Chotebor	Caslav
Matej Soukup	160	15	27	51	Do not know		
Vac. Planansky	160	18	27	51	Vestec	Nimburk	Ml. Boleslav
	160	30	26	52			
Jos. Planansky	160	19	27	51	Vestec	Nimburk	Ml. Boleslav
	160	19	26	52			
J. Planansky, Jr.	160	20	27	51	Vestec	Nimburk	Ml. Boleslav
Matej Slajs	Rent	20	27	51	Do not know		
Jos. Vanek	160	21	27	51	Civice	Kralovice	Plzen
Moric Bartos	160	8	26	51	Bobob	Trencin	Uhry
Fr. Pokorny, Sr.	80	7	26	51	Krasna Hora	Selc	Tabor
Fr. Pokorny, Jr.	160	7	25	51	Krasna Hora	Selc	Tabor
Jos. Novotny	80	7	26	51	Skuc	Vys. Myto	Chrudim
Fr. Stajgr	160	7	26	51	Chvalkovice		Olomouc
Jos. Caha	320	29	26	51	N. Vilimovice	Trebic	Jihlava
Fr. Cahova (lady)	320	20	26	51	N. Vilimovice	Treb.	Jihlava
(Caha)							
Anna Caha	160	29	26	51	N. Vilimovice	Treb.	Jihlava
Molinda:							
Jos. Nerud	160	21,22	24	52	Novo Sedla	Lomnice	Budejovice
Alliance:							
Jos. Strasak	160	34	26	48	Sedlec	Vys. Myto	Chrudim
Dunlap, Dawes Co.							
Jan Potmesil, Jr.	320	30	29	47	Dawes County, Nebraska		
Jan Potmesil, Sr.	320	1	28	48	M. Opalany	Podebrady	Caslav

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Marsland, Dawes Co.							
Jos. Klos	160	3	28	51	Zleby	Caslav	Caslav
Vac. Hamsa	160	3	28	51	Kneze	Habry	Caslav
Fr. Koura	160	12	28	52	Hradecko	Kralov	Plzen
	160	18	29	52	Dawes County, Nebraska		
	80	4	5	4	Saline County, Nebraska		
Canton, Sioux Co.							
Josefa Habrman (lady)	320	19,30	27	52	Hostasovice	N. Jicin	Moravia
Victor Hranac	320	33	27	52	Cernice	Horazdovice	Pisek
Vac. Barta	160	31	27	52	Prosec	Habry	Caslav
Ant. Krajicek	160	32	27	52	Skuhrov	Habry	Caslav
Jos. Forejt	320	33,34	27	52	Tejnice	Horazdov.	Pisek
Jan Moravek	480	3	26	52	Sloupnice	Litomysle	Chrudim
Jiri Rynes	160	9	26	52	Near Nova Kdyne,	Plzen	
Jiri Holub	160	9	26	52	Near Nova Kdyne,	Plzen	
Fr. Frank, Sr.	320	14	26	52	Jilov	Nova Kdyne	Plzen
Fr. Frank, Jr.	160	15	26	52	Jilov	Nova Kdyne	Plzen
Jos. Frank	320	13	26	52	Jilov	Nova Kdyne	Plzen
Vac. Frank	160	22	26	52	Jilov	Nova Kdyne	Plzen
Fr. Zila	160	15	26	52	Brezany	Horaz.	Pisek
Ant. Prokop	160	5	26	52	Strasice	Strakonice	Pisek
Cenek Prokop	160	4	26	52	Strasice	Strakonice	Pisek
	160	22	27	52	Veselicko	Milevsko	Tabor
Jos. Mlady	320	9,10	26	52			
He has a general store besides farming.							

LIVES IN TOWN

Hemingford:							
F. Fittl	Innkeeper				Pohor	Vesely	Tabor
V. Rubes	Innkeeper				Zhor	Pacov	Tabor
V. Hrnkal	Business				Zderaz	Skuc	Chrudim
	160	28	28	53			
V. Bame	Business				D. Lukavice	Prest.	Plzen
	160	33	27	53			
F. Simek	Business				Vel. Ret.	Usti n Orl.	Chrudim
	160	18	26	49			
J. Moudry	Athletic				M. Ihota	Vlasim	Tabor
	160	14	28	51			
F. Jechout	Butcher				Dobris	Dobris	Praha
	160	18	28	48			
Alliance:							
J.F. Jandera	Tailor				Bily Kun	Litomysle	Chrudim
	160	25	25	48			
K. Jandera	Exchange				Bily Kun	Litomysle	Chrudim
J. Tvrz	Tailor				Ruda	N. Strasice	Praha
J. Cecha	Watchmaker				Roven	Rychnov	Kr. Hradec

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Owns land in County but lives elsewhere</u>				<u>Residence</u>
	<u>A.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>R.</u>	
Fr. Vydlak	160	19	28	47	Octavia, Butler County, Nebraska
Fr. Tenka	160	34	28	47	Schuyler, Colfax County, Nebraska
K.J. Vanicek	160	14	28	48	David City, Butler County, Nebraska
Jan Liska	160	34	28	48	Unadilla, Otoe County, Nebraska
Jos. Mensik	160	13	23	48	Octavia, Butler County, Nebraska
Petr Havel	160	4	27	52	Prague, Saunders County, Nebraska
Cenek Svoboda	160	19	26	51	Thornburgh, Hayes County, Nebraska
Anton Zabka	160	13	28	47	Clarkson, Colfax County, Nebraska
Jos. Sadil	160	30	28	51	Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska
Adam Knejdl	160	21	28	48	Chicago, Illinois
Alois Civis	320	1	27	51	Chicago, Illinois
Jan Stava	160	11	28	48	Tracy, Lyons County, Minnesota

Remarks: There is a possible chance that there are more land owners in this area. A Mr. Ant. Kucera, Cuba, Republic County, Kansas, owns 100 acres here, but was unable to learn in what place in spite of every possible search. Further, according to be determined, I was informed as living to be in Alliance or around, a Mrs. Frantiska Kabel, who is the landlady of one-fourth section here as was the information given to me at the postoffice, but was unable, however, of telling to me if she is living here; at present it is left to me a mystery.

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