

CHAPTER 50.

COUNTY SEAT.

AN ACT to locate the seat of justice of Black Hawk county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Commissioners—place and time of meeting. That A. J. Lowe, of Delaware county, and S. S. McClure and Edward Brewer of the county of Buchanan, be, and they are hereby appointed, commissioners to locate and establish the seat of justice of Black Hawk county. Said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at the house of E. D. Adams, in Black Hawk county, on the first Monday of May next, or within two months thereafter, as a majority of them may agree in pursuance of their duties under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. Oath—record. That said commissioners shall, before entering upon [86] the duties of their office, take and subscribe to the following oath, to wit: We do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will faithfully and impartially locate the county seat of Black Hawk county, according to the best interests of said county, taking into consideration the future as well as the present population of said county. Which oath shall be filed in the office of the county judge of Buchanan county, and by him recorded.

SEC. 3. Duty—certificate—filed—county seat. Said commissioners, after being qualified as aforesaid, shall proceed to locate the seat of justice of said county; and as soon as they come to a determination, they shall make out a certificate containing a particular description of the place so selected, and upon which they have located said county seat, which shall be signed by said commissioners, and filed in the office of the county judge of Buchanan county, and the place thus designated shall be the seat of justice of said county.

SEC. 4. Fees. The said commissioners shall each receive the sum of two dollars per day while in the discharge of their duties, and two dollars for every twenty miles' travel in going to and returning, to be paid by said county.

SEC. 5. Counties attached. That the counties of Bremer, Grundy and Butler shall be, and hereby are attached to the county of Black Hawk, for judicial, elective and revenue purposes.

SEC. 6. Take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after publication.

Approved, January 22d, 1853.

CHAPTER 51.

ESCHEAT.

AN ACT relinquishing an escheat.

Whereas, Robert Cummings, late of Van Buren county, in this state, died on the 17th day of May, 1847, seized and possessed of the fee in and to the following described tracts [87] of land, in said county, to wit: the south-west quarter of section number seventeen, township sixty-eight north, of range eight west, and the west half of the north-west quarter of section