

## 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

number twenty, in the same township and range; and whereas the said Robert Cummings, at the time of his death was an alien, and a subject of the kingdom of Great Britain, and died leaving a widow, Isabella Cummings, and no heirs of his body; and whereas, by the constitution and laws of this state, said real estate escheats to the school fund of this state to the injury of the said Isabella Cummings—therefore,

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

**SECTION 1. Title of state relinquished.** That all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of the state, or of the superintendent of public instruction, or of the school fund of the state, in and to the said real estate, be forever released, and conveyed to said Isabella Cummings, widow of the said Robert Cummings, and to her heirs, as aforesaid.

*And be it further enacted,*

**Limitations.** That the right of title hereby relinquished to said widow, shall not, in any way or manner enure to or vest in any prior purchaser, their heirs and assigns, by any contract made with said widow prior to the taking effect of this act; nor shall the same enure to any purchaser, their heirs or assigns, under any executor or administrator's sale, nor under any judicial sale, made prior to the taking effect of this act; but the title hereby relinquished shall vest in said widow, for her sole and separate use, unincumbered or affected by any incumbrance or lien prior to the taking effect of this act.

Approved, January 22d, 1853.

## CHAPTER 52.

### WEBSTER COUNTY.

AN ACT to create the county of Webster.

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

**SECTION 1. Counties united—name.** That the counties of Yell and Risley, be and the [88] same are hereby united into one county, to be called "Webster."

**SEC. 2. Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa Star; provided the state shall incur no expense for such publication.

Approved, January 22d, 1854.

## CHAPTER 53.

### DECATUR COUNTY.

AN ACT to locate the seat of justice of Decatur county.

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

**SECTION 1. Vote to decide—time of election—points—centre—majority—second vote—time—permanent seat of justice—deed.** That the legal voters of Decatur county, may vote on the first Monday of April next, for the following points, to-wit; for either of the situations where locations have been selected,