

## The Errors in the Census Map

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## THE ERRORS IN THE CENSUS MAP.

THE ANNALS is under obligation to Col. Alonzo Abernethy, of Osage, for the following statement of the specific errors in the map prepared for the recent Census of Iowa (1905) purporting to show the original boundary lines of the several accessions of territory secured from the Indians. The map in question, and the notes and comments thereon, were reprinted in the January ANNALS.

1. The original boundary line between the Sac and Fox, and the Sioux Indians, provided for by treaty of 1825, is erroneously extended from the Des Moines to the Big Sioux. The extension was never made. (See letter of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.)

2. The north boundary of the neutral ground stops at the east branch of the Des Moines in Kossuth county, while the actual terminus was at the west branch in Palo Alto county. (See copy of same map in Pt. 2, 18th An. Report, Bureau of Am. Ethnology for 1896-97, Plate 131.)

3. The two eastern sections of the south boundary of the neutral ground are wholly wrong. The second section appears longer than the first, whereas the first section west of the Mississippi, is twenty-one miles long, and the second seven miles. The west section of this line reached the Des Moines farther south than indicated, namely, about four miles above the mouth of the Boone, crossing the Boone less than nine miles east of its terminus.

4. The southwest corner of the Black Hawk Purchase is seven or eight miles too far west. The point is but twenty-one miles, thirty chains west of the Des Moines, and probably less than five miles west of the southwest corner of Van Buren county.

5. The northwest corner of the neutral ground is also too far west. This corner is not in Bremer county as shown, but in Fayette county nearly or quite three miles east of the east line of Bremer.

ALONZO ABERNETHY.

Osage, Iowa, May 4, 1906.

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