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On file in the Land office, in the office of Secretary of State, are two volumes, bound as one, of "MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES' LANDS (including the half breed Sac And Fox Reservation) IN IOWA TERRITORY. By Samuel Morrison, Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office, Cincinnati: 1888."

Maps of each congressional township forming part of the Half Breed Tract, reproduced by photostatic process, then assembled, we here reproduce by line engraving. Blotches yellowed by age show as meaningless dots.

Township 67, Range IV, is the southern portion of Washington Township, Lee County. The map shows it was surveyed in 1837 by Perrin Kent. The plot of Fort Madison is bounded on the south by the Half Breed line.

Township 67, Range V, shows Sugar Creek, surveyed in 1837 by Perrin Kent, is now Jefferson Township.

Township 67, Range VI, shows Sugar Creek, surveyed in 1837 by Perrin Kent, is now Charleston Township.

Township 67, Range VII, surveyed in 1837 by Uriah Biggs, is now Van Buren Township, Lee County.

Township 67, Range VIII, shows the Des Moines River, intersected by the Missouri boundary produced as the Half Breed line. The lands form the southern part of Farmington Township, Van Buren County, and were surveyed in 1837 by Uriah Biggs.

Township 66, Range V, shows "Tho’s Reddick’s survey” bordering “head of the rapids” in the Mississippi, now Montrose Township, surveyed in 1832-33 by Jenifer T. Sprigg.

Township 66, Range VI, shows Half Breed Creek, is now Des Moines Township, and was surveyed 1832-33 by Jenifer T. Sprigg.

Township 66, Range VII, now the west portion of Des Moines Township, was surveyed 1832-33 by Jenifer T. Sprigg.

Townships 64 and 65, Ranges IV and V, show “town reservation 640 acres” embracing "village Keokuck," bordering “foot of the rapids” in the Mississippi, surveyed in 1832-33 by “J. T. Sprigg, surveyer of the Half Breed Reserve.” Shows also Fort Edwards opposite the mouth of the Des Moines River.

Township 65, Range VI, shows Half Breed Creek and “no water in this channel when low” in the large bend of the Des Moines River. Also shows “Fort Pike” on the right bank of the Des Moines River below the west line of Section 4.