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Congress of the United States

At the Second Session

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

in the District of Columbia

on Monday the 5th day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one

AN ACT to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.

Be It Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That every person who is the head of a family, who has attained to the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his declaration of intention in the courts, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, and who has never borne arms against the United States government or given aid and comfort to its enemies, shall from and after the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three be entitled to enter one quarter section or a less quantity of unappropriated public lands, upon which said person may have filed a pre-emption claim, or which may, at the time an application is made, be subject to pre-emption at one dollar and twenty-five cents, only, per acre, or eighty acres or less of such unappropriated lands, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, to be located in a body, in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed: Provided, That any person owning and residing on land may, under the provisions of this act, enter other land lying contiguous to his or her said land which shall not, when the land is already owned and occupied,

the half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of entering, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person to whom it may be issued, but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver: Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre-emption right prior to the passage of this act, shall be entitled to all privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United States, as a regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefit of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty-one years.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the fifth section of the act intitled "An act in addition to an act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States and for other purposes" approved the third of March in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, required or administered by this act.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any person who has availed him or herself of the benefits of the first section of this act from paying the minimum price, or the price to which the same may have graduated, for the quantity of land as entered at any time, before the expiration of the five years, and obtaining a patent therefor from the government, as in other cases provided by law, on making proof of settlement and cultivation as provided by existing law granting pre-emption rights.

Julius K. Groves

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Abraham Lincoln

President of the United States

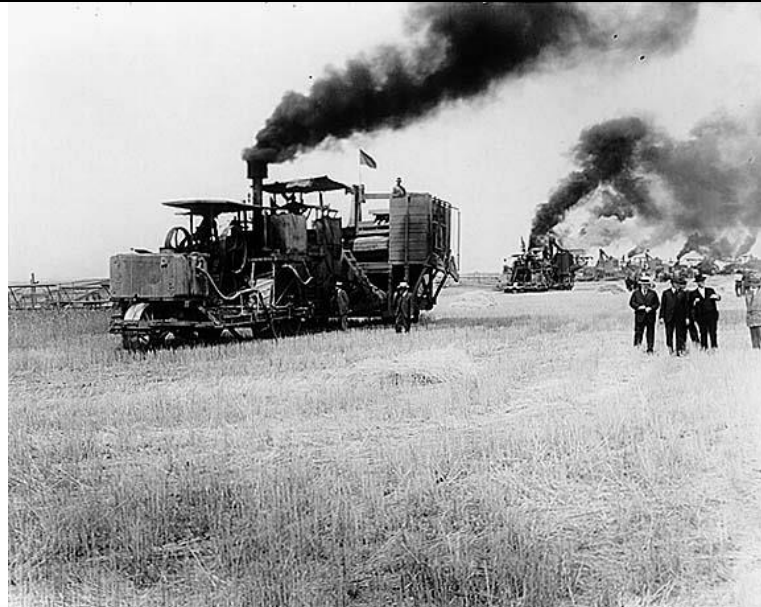
Approved, May 20, 1862

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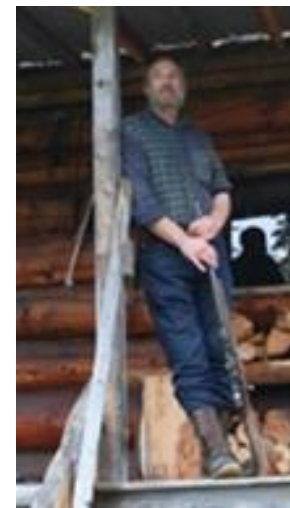
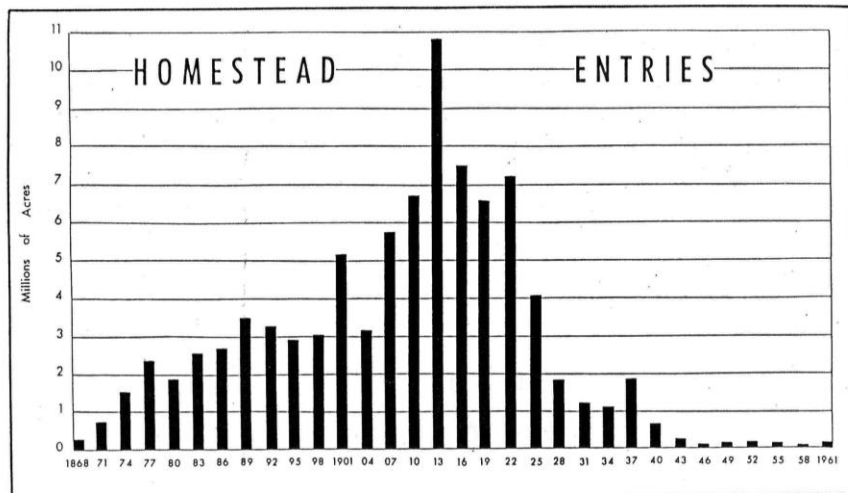
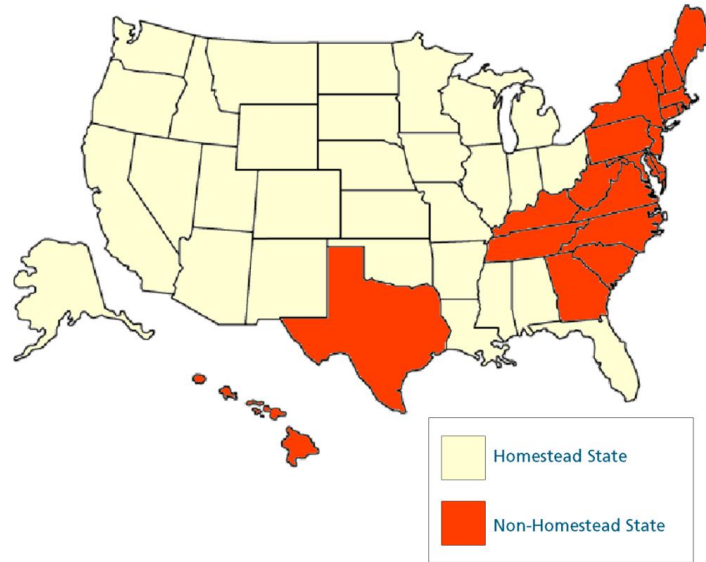
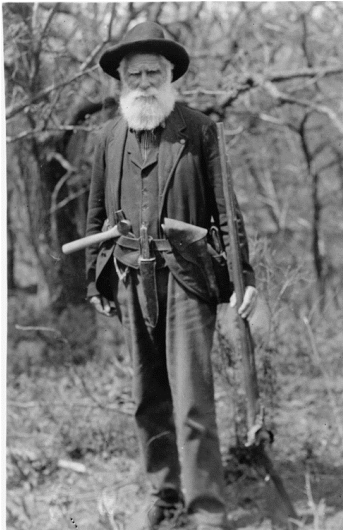


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The National Park Service commemorating the Homestead Act of 1862

March 19, 1936



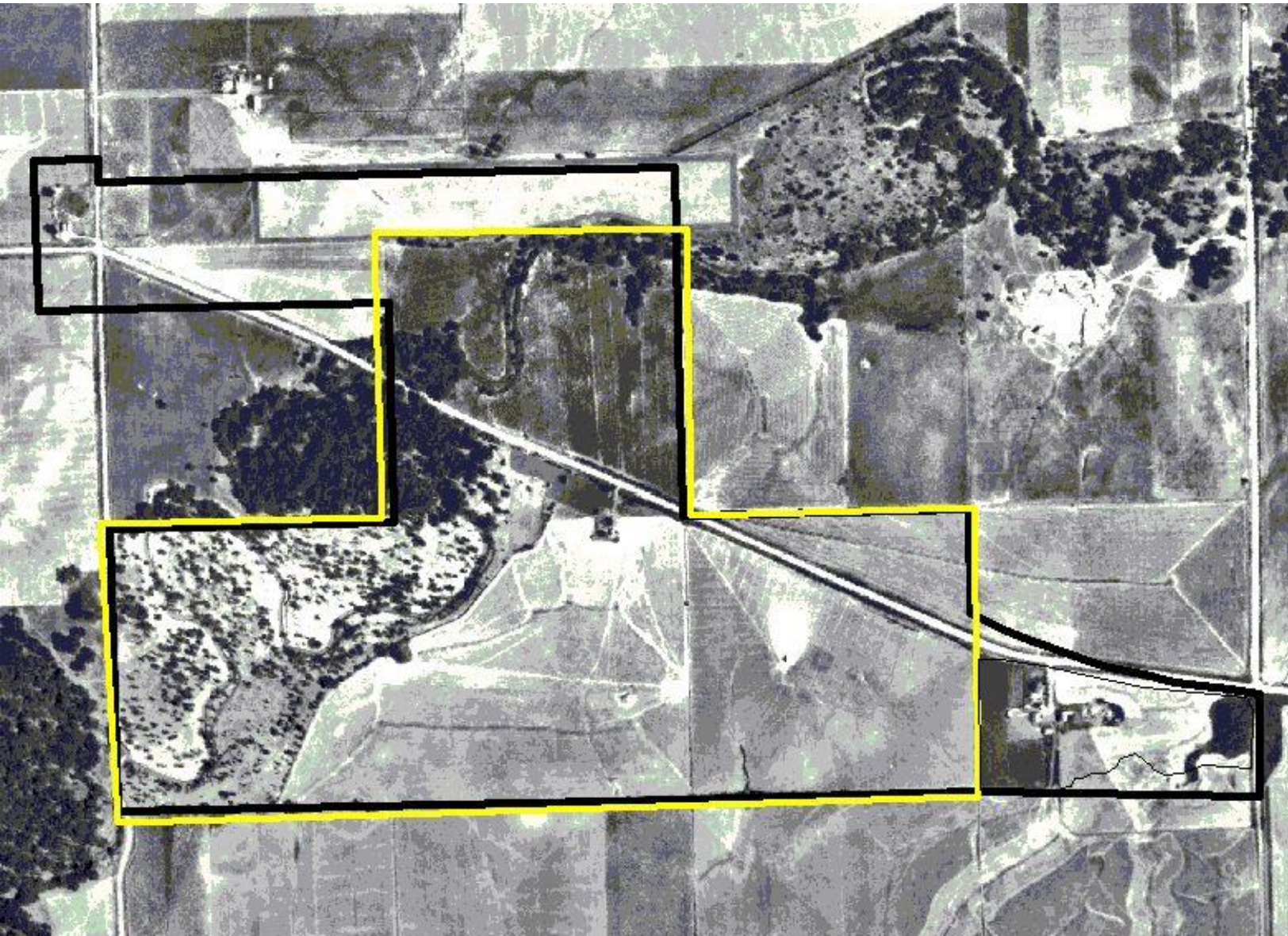
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With regards to the amount and types of forbs to be included Adolph Murie (1940 Restoration of Native Grassland at Homestead National Monument) suggested that...

“it would seem desirable to make an effort early in the program to restore some of the more prominent spring, summer and fall flowers to show a part of nature which no doubt gave some cheer to the first settlers.”



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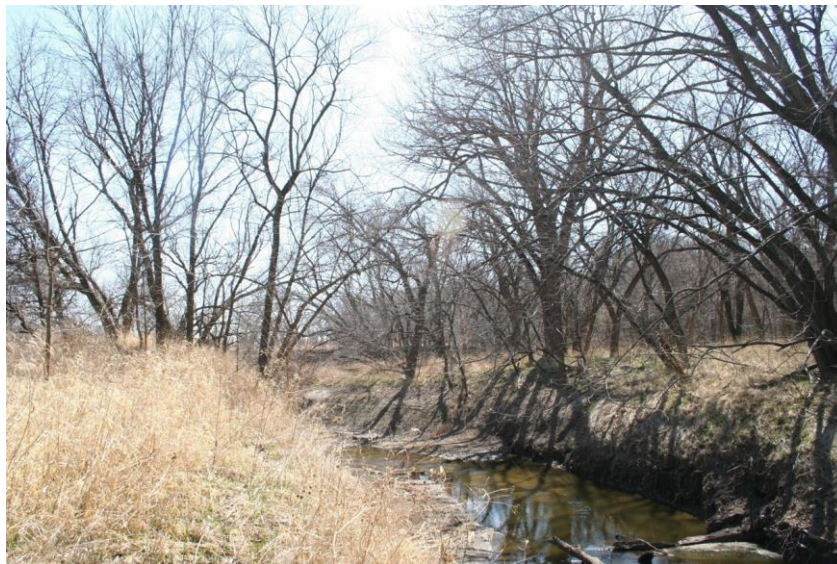
“The monument’s natural resources are managed in such a way as to maintain a heterogeneous landscape composed of a mosaic of high-quality remnant and restored tallgrass prairie, lowland bur oak forest and associated ecotones, as well as prairie streams and their hydrologic processes; that reflect the value of the site as a homestead, represents as accurately as possible the environment encountered by early settlers, and preserves native biodiversity.”

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Plants at Homestead

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Maintenance of Natural Resources

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Environmental Education

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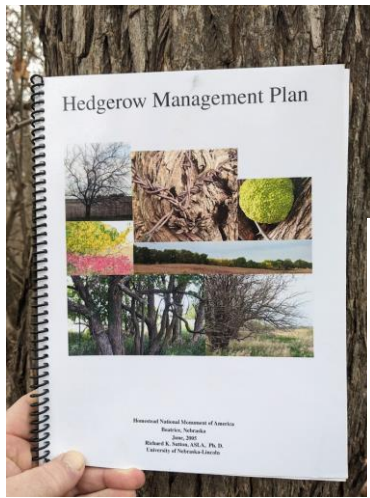
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Past CESU Projects



Down Woody Debris and Standing Dead Trees of Homestead National Monument Riparian Forest, 2019



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Roost Use and Movements of Northern Long-Eared Bats in a Southeast Nebraska Agricultural Landscape

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Figure 5. Verified roosting sites between both northern long-eared bats at Homestead National Monument, Nebraska in August 2019. Roost include the burned snag by the male (5a); shadowbox fence by the female (5b); multiple northern long-eared bats in the fence (5c); the hackberry cavity used by the female (5d).[¶]

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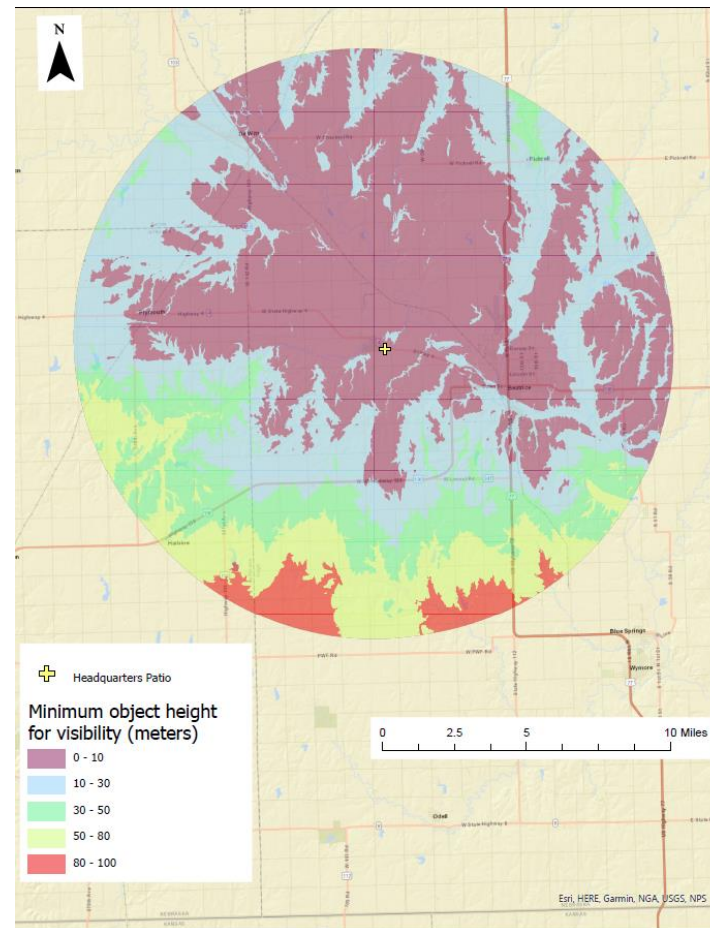
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-Common Name		
Mapleleaf	<i>Quadrula quadrula</i>	2020, 2021
Pimpleback	<i>Quadrula pustulosa</i>	2020, 2021
Pink papershell	<i>Potamilus ohioensis</i>	2020, 2021
Fragile papershell	<i>Leptodea fragilis</i>	2020, 2021
Giant floater	<i>Pyganodon grandis</i>	2020 shell only 2021 live
White heel splitter	<i>Lasmigona complanata</i>	2020 shell only
Fingernail clams	Family <i>Sphaeriidae</i>	2020, 2021
Yellow sandshell	<i>Lampsilis teres</i>	2021 shell only
Lilliput	<i>Toxolasma parvum</i>	2021 shell only
Fatmucket	<i>Lampsilis siliquoidea</i>	Reintroduced in 2020 found in 2021
Plain pocketbook	<i>Lampsilis cardium</i>	Reintroduced in 2020 found in 2021



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