

## Orville Chester Brown to Mr. Ward

This letter, written by Orville C. Brown from Osawatomie, was addressed to Mr. Ward. For the most part, it related information about the development of Osawatomie and various land claims, including a discussion about the boundaries of the town.

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Lawrence, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear Sir

I wrote you on the 24<sup>th</sup> in relation to Oliver's claim. Updegraff does not suppose he can hold it if Oliver comes back to claim it. It is highly important for us to have this claim adjusted, and yet would at this stage pay too much, perhaps not more than I named in last, as we may not need to use his Prescription at all. I mark a map and send you that you may understand all about the various lines, as the unofficial surveys of our Town Surveyor Mr. Roscoe made from the Town lines, that U.S. Surveyors have made. We know not why they delay sectionizing our Town when all around it they are at work. Mr. Foster is putting up a house on the high Prairie and Mr. Gardner will do some on the Chestnut portion. We shall be able to hold 2 miles on Sage Woodbury Yellow Brown Bussan, both, Hughes - Gardner or Chestnut Updegraff or Oliver and Crosswhite Chestnut & Crosswhite agreed to Town line, and the notches were made to meet their veins. Owen who first took Oliver's claim sold to Carr, he assented Town limits. Green purchased it as Carr had another claim. I did Redfield bot it of \$290 - and he died. Oliver bot of his Widow's Trustees and now owes for it. And in his obscure Updegraff's

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I have this week, Chestnut measure as trouble as he enters on  
 the Town. But he consulted the other business and also agreed  
 to and wished some time to protect the tobacco store site.  
 I'll say in good faith, and will keep down to Sel. Peto  
 back. I advise you to come as early as possible, shall have  
 done in 2 to 3 weeks. I'd like to see you - I'd like to see  
 under cover of his name, to meet a contingency if Chestnut  
 is thrown in river instead of down. Will cost \$125.  
 Offer some. School house will be raised this week.  
 Things are lively and it is sought and lots of things  
 taken. Bank wants \$100 - to enable to place plant from &  
 the claim is safe and all right. As both cut across  
 the - I shall off the Farmers from Otago, getting  
 the timber & I shall detail first \$1000 - at sight.  
 We expect the same on Saturday. The distribution of paper  
 they don't want the model, but acts against us  
 I must close. I hope to see you soon. I have been  
 I suppose that an effort is making for charter for our  
 town in form of a general act. But Congress may  
 not stop this. I am very sorry to be so far  
 a part. With much esteem for you dear family and  
 hoping the pleasure of soon seeing you & your good  
 Lady I am your very truly  
 Orville Chester Brown