

Orville Chester Brown, business card

This business card for Orville C. Brown, "agent for the town of Osawatomie, Kansas Territory," accompanied a list of the advantages of settling in Kansas Territory and the city of Osawatomie. A hand written note on the list indicated it was issued by O. C. Brown. The printed circular described the soil, available building materials, wood, produce and opportunities for acquiring land. It also gave the price of various livestock. The business card noted that Brown also was involved in locating land warrants and purchasing and selling claims.

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1. KANSAS lies between 37 and 40 degrees north, and extends west to the Rocky Mountains; has no navigable Rivers, except in floods. The Climate is mild; atmosphere dry, the prairie winds tempering the intensity of summer heat. Very little snow—no use for sleighs.
2. Soil rich, dark vegetable mould, from 1½ to 7 feet deep, underlaid by Clay and Limestone.
3. Has good supply of Stone for Building, principally Limestone, and in places Sandstone; also Coal.
4. The whole country is rolling—free from marshes and swamps. Fair supply of Timber, which will rapidly increase when protected from the fire.
5. Black Walnut, Hickory, varieties of Oak, Lynn, Hackberry and Cotton Wood, make the principal kinds of Timber.
6. All kinds of Produce, including Hemp, grow well there; Apple, Peach and Plum Trees; also the Grape, and Berries.
7. The Forests are full of Mast, upon which the Swine live in winter. Cattle do splendidly, needing little or no feeding in winter.
8. Cows worth from \$20 to \$35; Indian Ponies at \$40 to \$100; Horses, \$75 to \$150; Mules, \$75 to \$250.
9. Osawatomic is on Osage—navigable in high water; has large steam mill, two saws, run of stones, planing mill, &c. Six weekly mail routes terminating at this point.
10. Lots will be donated to those settling and building in Town. Lumber \$20, sawing \$10.
11. This section has more Timber, Water and Stone than any other portion of Kansas.
12. We want all kinds of Mechanics and Tradesmen at Osawatomic.
13. The surveys are made, and Claims of 160 acres can now be registered; will cost \$200.
14. Good Timber Claims can be located in this section this spring—on the Miami Tract.
15. Improved Claims can be bought if application is made soon.

Issued by Orville C. Brown. See letter of S. H. Clarke
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AGENT FOR THE TOWN OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS TERRITORY,
Office, cor. Ward Av. & Eldridge St., Pomeroy Square.

ALSO,
AGENT FOR THE ENTRY AND LOCATION OF LAND WARRANTS, THE
PURCHASE AND SALE OF CLAIMS AND, GENERALLY, FOR THE
TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS IN THE TERRITORY.

References.
ANTHONY J. BLEECKER & Co., New-York; T. H. WEBB, Sec. E. A. Co., Boston;
SAMUEL FARWELL & JAMES ROCKWELL, Utica; EBASTUS MARVIN & SILAS KINGSLEY,
Buffalo; D. HORTON, Chicago; F. A. HUNT & Co., St. Louis; WEST & JAMES
LEADBEATER & SIMMONS, Kansas City; S. C. POMEROY, Lawrence, K. T.