

Kansas Land Trust Company advertisement

This advertisement, presumably created by the Kansas Land Trust Company, lists thirty points about Kansas Territory, including the advantages of settling in Kansas and general statistics about the territory. It also mentions the town of Quindaro and its growing influence in the area along the Kansas River. For those interested in obtaining tickets, the advertisement furnishes the address of the New England Emigrant Aid Society. The bottom of the flyer provides the names of the officers that were involved in the company and their contact information.

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1. Kansas has an area of 114,793 square miles.
2. The land at present open to pre-emption is large enough to accommodate 75,000 families, or half a million of persons, exclusive of the population of cities, towns and villages.
3. Kansas is the Garden as well as geographical centre of the United States.
4. Its climate is genial and healthy, and its soil of unsurpassed fertility.
5. It has wood enough for all practical purposes.
6. Coal banks have been discovered in every district of the Territory.
7. It is intersected in every direction by running streams; pure water is found, at moderate depth, in every part of the Territory.
8. There are numbers of salt springs a few miles westward of Fort Riley.
9. The land will be sold at a dollar and a quarter per acre.
10. Every man has the power, if not the legal right, to sell his claim before he pays for it; and if he selects it judiciously, he will find no difficulty in disposing of it. A great deal of money can be made in this way by young men who have the courage to "rough it" and the industry to improve their claims.
11. Every male adult or widow is entitled under the laws of Congress, to pre-empt 160 acres; and they are not required to pay for it until the time of the public sale.
12. Land warrants—those issued in 1850 excepted—will be taken in payment of pre-emption claims.
13. Those men—free state men—who cannot raise \$200, when their land falls due, will find no difficulty in borrowing it, or in mortgaging their farm.
14. All the Indian tribes are friendly to the Free State Men.
15. Stone masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, plasterers, wagon makers, gun smiths, cabinet makers, teamsters, brick makers, shoe makers, tailors, painters, butchers, pedlars, men willing to work at any manual labor, may emigrate to the Territory as soon as navigation opens and find little difficulty, if any, in procuring steady work and remunerative wages.
16. For the services of respectable young women as teachers, domestic helps and sempstresses, there is a great demand in every new country and especially so in Kansas.
17. While Kansas is pre-eminently the country for the poor man, it holds out advantages equally encouraging for the man of limited fortune. While a man without a dollar can find remunerative work, the small capitalist or storekeeper will increase his fortune more rapidly there than in any other territory in the United States.
18. He can do it by buying Trust Lands, town lots, claims or by loaning money on good security at a heavy rate of interest.
19. He can do it more rapidly still, by establishing work shops or stores; by building and renting houses; by keeping a hotel or erecting a saw-mill. There are openings enough for all these enterprises, —and every variety of them—in every town and district of Kansas.
20. Claims can be purchased around all the inland towns in Kansas. The price depends very much on the means of the settler, the shrewdness of the buyer, the character of the soil and the location of the claim.
21. A log hut can be built on a claim for from \$50 to \$100.
22. The price of horses, cows and working cattle in Kansas, and in the adjoining counties of Missouri, is about the same as in the Middle and New England States.
23. Prairie Land can be broken from 1st of May till the middle of September; for \$3 per acre.
24. One team will break from two to two and a half acres a day.
25. Tickets to St. Louis, at a reduced rate, will be furnished to Emigrants, from the New England States at the office of the Emigrant Aid Company, No. 3 Winter St., Boston.
26. Emigrants should buy tickets at St. Louis for Quindaro, Kansas,—the Free State town on the Missouri,—as that landing is nearer Lawrence, the Northern settlements, and the Southern division of the Territory than any other place on the river.
27. The town of Quindaro, which promises to be the principal port of entry for Kansas, is situated on the first rock landing on the Missouri river above the mouth of the Kansas. Railroads are in contemplation to connect with this point from the Hannibal & St Joseph road; from St. Louis via Pacific R. R.; from Lawrence, Leecompton, Tecumseh, Topeka, Manhattan and Fort Riley; from St. Joseph via Plat'e Valley R. R.; from Santa Fe in New Mexico, and from San Francisco, Cal. via Pacific R. R. Three fifths of the shares in the town are to be sold and invested for the benefit of the town. About one hundred thousand dollars will thus be secured for investment at once.
28. Officers of the Company are JOEL WALKER, President; A. GUTHRIE, Vice President. S. N. SIMPSON, Sec. & Supt of Investments; C. ROBINSON, Treas. & Agent for sale of Shares.
29. C. Robinson & Co., are agents for the Kansas Land Trust Co., of Boston, and General Land Agents. Offices:—Lawrence and Quindaro, K. T. Post Office Address, Lawrence, K. T.
30. Office of Kansas Land Trust Co., is at corner of Washington and State Streets, Boston. Joseph Lyman, Esq., Treas.