

BOX BUTTE COUNTY DAWES COUNTY SIOUX COUNTY SHERIDAN COUNTY NEBRASKA

Mapa okresů Box Butte, Dawes, Sioux a Sheridan.



DAWES COUNTY, NEBRASKA

(It) lies in the northwestern part of the state bordering Dakota. It has 9690 inhabitants. Chadron is the county seat, also the seat of the government land office and a division of the F.E. & M.V. Railroad. Another larger town is Crawford near the crossing of the F.E. & M.V. and B & M Railroads. The towns have the best business as not far is found the army post of the United States at Fort Robinson where the last strong government enlargement is coming to an end.

The topography in the county is greatly different. From the southwestern part to the northeastern direction there are mountains of various shapes and structures which are covered with trees. The thriving settlers here and the neighboring ones in Box Butte County provide wood for domestic use, and in the barren land for sale at market. The rest of the land is moderately rolling prairie, the more level land is around Wayside, where used to be a larger Czech Community, about 45 families living there. Because of the continuing drouth and bad crops along with the salty alkaline water that was around, a number of them decided to move in a hurry to be on their own land in the eastern part near Adaton in Sheridan County in Nebraska, where in time the army post, Fort Sheridan was opened. All that were left here were 2 families who still live here. The land belonging to the Czechs is of course mostly on quarters. However, it is difficult to get introduced and to learn about them. The majority living here, seeing failure, tried taking out a loan to obtain money on part of their land where otherwise till now, was their own, however without the proper regulation in that the proprietor in as much as the owner, in fact had money in the loan association.

Along the White River and the Niobrara are found valleys two to four miles wide. Here the soil is mostly sandy and in places very salty and alkaline. In the valleys, the water isn't very deep, however on the higher ground, it can be 150 to 250 feet deep, yes, in fact deeper.

Czech communities in the county are two, but in several different places settled singly. Most of the Czech settlers are around the postoffice of Dunlap in the southeastern tip of the county near the Niobrara River, meeting with the settlement in Box Butte County. A water mill was built by Mr. Vojt. Chladek, he was also an owner of mixed business (referring to a general store) and postmaster of Dunlap. The mill was the only one of Czech ownership in western Nebraska. A hall was built by the Czech Lodge Ochotnicka (Amateur Theatre). At times the dramatic group would put on a play. It was always well received and was supported by surrounding settlers. It was always orderly, everyone hurried to visit with one another.

The other settlement is found in the southeastern tip of the county along that same Niobrara River, near Marshland, northwest of the town, the land being rolling and riddled with deep gullies. This community lies below the hills which are overgrown with trees. In the higher ground, water is found to be deep so settlers didn't dig wells, getting their water from the river, which caused a great hardship. The Czechs live mostly at Chadron and Crawford. The first Czech to settle in the county was Jind. Stepan followed by other countrymen. Another settler F.A. Fafek, was very skillful as he knew how to put cornices on houses. He was also head worker on the army barracks.

Czech Settlers - Dawes County - cont'd
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Name and postoffice	Czech Settlers in County				Village	Town	County
	A.	S.	T.	R.			
Dunlap:							
Ant. Chladek	160	34	29	48	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Jan Najbrt	160	20,29	29	47	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav
Fr. Najbrt	160	29	29	47	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav
Fr. Stanek	160	33	29	47	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav
	80	16	32	45	Sheridan County, Nebraska		
Fr. Stanek, Sr.	160	33	29	47	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav
Anna Potmesil	120	30,31	29	47	M. Opolany	Podebrady	Caslav
Alois Cermak	320	27,28	29	47	Kolin	Kolin	Caslav
Fr. Feidler	160	32	29	47	Tabor		
Vac. Rada	160	33	29	47	Vodranty	Caslav	Caslav
Fr. Vales	160	6	29	48	Do not know		
Ignac Husak	160	6	29	48	Ricany	Rosice	Brno
Jos. Husak	160	1	29	49	Ricany	Rosice	Brno
Esther:							
Jan Castek	160	31	31	48	Caslavice	Kojetice	Znojmo
Marsland:							
Vac. Fendrich	160	12	29	51	Podmoky	Caslav	Caslav
Karel Klos	160	35	29	51	Zleby	Caslav	Caslav
Fr. Safranek	320	19	29	51	N. Sedla	Lomnice	Budejovice
Ant. Havlicek	160	35	39	51	Lhotka	Melnik	Praha
Vac. Ulrych	320	10,11	29	51	Trtice	N. Straseci	Praha
Ant. Dobes	160	28	29	52	Hostasov	Hrotovice	Znojmo
Karel Hrdlicka	160	12	29	52	Stechovice	Strakonice	Pisek
Jan Skala	160	14	29	52	Do not know		
Vac. Cerny	160	23,24	29	52	Brnikov	Libochovice	
Vojt. Baxa	160	24	29	52	Dekov	Plzen	Plzen
Chadron:							
Tom. Cizek	320	5	34	49	Dechtin	Klatovy	Plzen
Marie Cizek	160	33	35	49	Janovice	Klatovy	Plzen
Fr. Stasny	160	10	34	49	Vranov	Benesov	Tabor

Name and postoffice	Lives in Town		Village	Town	County
	Occupation				
Chadron:					
Jind. Stepan	Hotel		Krce	Nove Mesto	Kr. Hradec
	Also land				
Vac. Austela	Innkeeper				Plzen
Cenek Hlavacek	Bartender		Zelezany	Vys. Myto	Chrudim
Voj. Stransky	Private person		V. Retova	Usti n Orl.	Chrudim
Kaspar First	Shoemaker		Breznice	Blatna	Pisek
Jos. Potmesil	With druggist		M. Opolany	Podebrady	Caslav
	160 Acres	Sec. 6	T. 30 R. 48		
Jos. Klapka	Tailor		Do not know where born		
Jos. Humlicek	With Railroad		Dankovice	N. Mesto	Jihlava
Fr. Ricar	With Railroad		Dankovice	N. Mesto	Jihlava
Alois Jancik	With Railroad		Vyr.	Bystrice	Jihlava
Fort Robinson:					
Jak. Cerny	Tailor		Cernikov	Klatovy	Plzen

Czech Settlers - Dawes County - cont'd
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<u>Name and postoffice</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
Crawford:				
Fr. A Fafek	Malt Manufacture			Praha
Fr. Fiala	Laborer	Do not know		
Mat. Svoboda	Harness Maker	Lednice	Kralovice	Plzen

At Fort Robinson, are a few Czechs in the army of the United States. However, at the time I remained there, the greater part of the Army was found in Wyoming, with support to the known rebellion with the little and big stock-raisers.

Has Land Here But Lives Elsewhere

<u>Name</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Ant. Kadlecek	160	11	34	50	Hay Springs, Nebraska
Jan Kokes	160	1	30	47	Ord, Valley County, Nebraska
Jos. Makovsky	160	31	31	48	Howells, Colfax County, Nebr.
Fr. Chladek	160	24	29	48	Creighton, Knox County, Nebr.
Fr. Koura	160	18	29	51	Box Butte, Nebraska

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