Primary Source 1

[Image of a historical advertisement promoting land sales in Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. The text reads:

**PRODUCTS WILL PAY FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS!**

**MILLIONS OF ACRES**

View on the big blue, between Cameron and Crete, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska.

**IOWA AND NEBRASKA LANDS**

FOR SALE ON 10 YEARS CREDIT

BY THE Burlington & Missouri River R.R. Co.

AT 6 PER CT. INTEREST AND LOW PRICES.

Only One-Seventh of Principal Due Annually, beginning Four Years after purchase.

20 PER CENT. DEDUCTED FROM 10 YEARS PRICE, FOR CASH.

LAND EXPLORING TICKETS SOLD and Cost allowed in First Interest paid, on Land bought in 30 days from date of ticket.

Thus our Land Buyers can GET A FREE PASS in the State where the Land bought is located.

These PER MILE ARE BETTER at $5, than to proceed United States Land at $2.50 per Acre.

EXTRAORDINARY INCENTIVES of Freight and Passage are afforded to Purchasers and their Families.

Address GEO. S. HARRIS, LAND COMMISSIONER,

or T. H. LEAVITT, Asst Land Comm'r, Burlington, Iowa.

Or apply to FREE ROOMS for buyers to board themselves are provided at Burlington and Lincoln.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING PRINTING PRESS, BUFFALO, N. Y.
From John Sluggett to Abraham Lincoln, January 24, 1861

Owen Sound January 24th 1861

Dear Sir

Would you be so kind as to give me some information respecting: (The Homestead bill) which passed the House of Representatives. And whether you think it is likely to become a law. If so what will be the terms of settlement. I understand from one of our Canada Papers that it is to be a free grant of 160 Acres of the unappropriated public lands to any one becoming an actual settler. If it is so would you then be so kind as to send or cause to be sent a list of the lands that are to be disposed of as I fully intend with my family to move somewhere in the United States or Territories and their to make our home.

But before I remove my Family I think it advisable to make a visit to the U. S. myself to look out a place for settlement.

I should be Thankful for an Answer to this as soon as possible as I expect some persons of good standing and Industrious would come with me instead of stopping in Canada. And if your Government thought it right I will go to England in the early part of summer after taking a tour through the States so that I can give a good description of the Country. I am convinced that a great number would come to this country after hearing of the privileges and advantages offered to them by someone they have confidence in and I given encouragement a great many would have come to Canada but I see but little to induce them to come to Canada.

With regard to the above proposition of going to England I can assure you I am not influenced by selfish motives any further than for the good of the people and also the Country that send me.

Any further information you may require I will gladly answer

I remain your Humble Servant

John Sluggett

My Address is

John Sluggett Owen Sound

County of Gray

You will ever find in me a friend to truth and Liberty
Primary Source 3:
Ho for Kansas!

Brethren, Friends, & Fellow Citizens:
I feel thankful to inform you that the
REAL ESTATE
AND
Homestead Association,
Will Leave Here the
15th of April, 1873,
In pursuit of Homes in the Southwestern
Lands of America, at Transportation
Rates, cheaper than ever
was known before.

For full information inquire of
Benj. Singleton, better known as old Pap,
NO. 5 NORTH FRONT STREET.

Beware of Speculators and Adventurers, as it is a dangerous thing
to fall in their hands.

Nashville, Tenn., March 18, 1873.

Primary Source 6:

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A SECTIONAL MAP showing exact location of our IOWA, ILL. LANDS is sold for 20 cents, and of NEBRASKA LANDS for 30 cents.

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