

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Edwin A. Currie, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Walter E. Moore for S.E. 1/4 21 R 52, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?

Answer. Edwin A. Currie age 31 yrs Ganges Mo

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes I am acquainted with both

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used for trade or business

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Ordinary prairie land grazing

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. He was on the claim in Sept 1886 when I became acquainted with him

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Yes they have

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Absent one time from Jan 1 1887 to March 1 1887 away on business settling up his accounts

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 10 acres 1887 10 Base 1888 10 acres 1889 10 acres 1890 and 2 acres 1891 Low seasons

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. Frame house 16 by 20 ft additional 16 by 16 by stable 16 by 20 ft and stage 16 by 20 ft fence 10 acres 25 ft high 15 rods of 10 ft fence 10 acres of prairie

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, lignite, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes).

Ans. No indication of coal, lignite or minerals of any kind on the land

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. Not mortgaged sold or contracted to sell any part of it to my knowledge

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. No I do Edwin A. Currie

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23 day of May 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] J. Robertson, Clerk of the District Court

(The testimony of witnesses must be taken at the same time and place, and before the same officer as claimant's final affidavit. The answers must be full and complete to each and every question asked, and officers taking testimony will be expected to make no mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)