

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

I was the wife of C. P. Courtwright. After his death I married Stephen Martin. I have been husband of C. P. Courtwright since and his homestead right, and I believe Courtwright was the only living child of J. P. Courtwright, deceased.

Mary E Martin Guardian of Charles J. Courtwright being called as a witness in his behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 509, for S. 2 E. 2 N. 2 of Sec. 6-19-5

testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post office address?
Ans. Mary E Martin, 50 years, Lexington, Dubuque, Iowa

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?
Ans. Yes, Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 509, for the land office on the 12th day of January, 1898, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
Ans. Yes, S. 2 E. 2 N. 2 of Sec. 6-19-5

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.
Ans. There is no house on the land. There is 10 acres of breaking on east tract. Value \$300

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)
Ans. Myself alone

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?
Ans.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
Ans. 10 acres in 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, and 1892. Fine

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?
Ans. No

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.
Ans. Prairie land for farming

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)
Ans. None

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
Ans. None

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?
Ans. None

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)
Ans. 5 head of horses & mules in Dawson County, Neb.

Mary E Martin Guardian of Charles J. Courtwright
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26th day of March, 1898

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Mark M. Reeves Receiver

29 years, and has 10 address in Lexington, Dubuque

Witness Mark M. Reeves

* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (see year) homestead cases.)