

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Edwin A. Currie, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Mary Russell for N.M.C. No. 2782 & 2783 Dec 1-1893, testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address? Answer. Edwin A. Currie, 42 years, Mitchell, Nebraska.
Question 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in her claim? Answer. I am well acquainted with the claimant and land embraced in entry.
Question 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? Answer. Said tract is not in limits of town or selected site of city, or used in any way for trade or business.
Question 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land. Answer. It is grazing land.
Question 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did she establish actual residence thereon? Answer. She settled on the claim and established residence during month of November 1893.
Question 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.) Answer. Settler is unmarried and has resided continuously on the land since first establishing her residence.
Question 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? Answer. I don't think she has been absent at all, at least more than a day or two.
Question 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? Answer. She has not cultivated the land, used it for grazing purposes.
Question 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value? Answer. 490 rods fencing, Stone house 16x24 ft. Stone hen house 12x18 ft and well, 5 smaller improvements worth \$100.
Question 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, 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) Answer. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals on the land.
Question 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead? Answer. Not to my knowledge.
Question 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry? Answer. I am not interested in this claim and think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) 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 7th day of July 1903, at my office at Henry, in DeWitt County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. M. Hamilton, Clerk of 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.)