

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Edwin A. Currie, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12267, for SW 1/4 Sec 24, T24S, R24E, S1, 1/21, R57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Edwin A. Currie, age 36 years, P.O. address Bentonsville, Missouri.

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

Ans. I was a native born citizen of the United States, and was born in Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12267, at the land office on the 7th day of

July 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I was the person who made the homestead entry. My land is described as the SW 1/4 Sec 24, T24S, R24E, S1, 1/21, R57.

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. My house was built on the 20th of June, 1887, and I established actual residence thereon about the 1st of August, 1887. The house is a good quality of stone, 15 ft by 13 ft, with a kitchen, a parlor, and a bedroom. It is well furnished, and I have made other improvements on the land.

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. I am unmarried; I have resided continuously on the land since settling thereon.

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. I have not been absent from the land.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. I have cultivated 5 acres: 1888, 16 acres; 1889, 20 acres; 1890, 22 acres; and the same in 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894.

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. My present claim is within the limits of a city or town, and is used for trade and business.

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. The land is a good quality of prairie, and is most suitable for growing crops.

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. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals on the land.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. I have never made any other homestead entry.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. I have not sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land.

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. I have no personal property except what I keep on the claim.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28th day of April 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (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 (five year) homestead cases.)