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under fence, all together valued at \$150. He cultivated five acres for five seasons and raised crops each season.

The proof was submitted by James Currie, one of the heirs, who made affidavit that he is 63 years old, and resided at Johnsonville, Trumbull County, Ohio; that he is a naturalized citizen of the United States (record evidence being submitted); that he visited the land described but once; that it is ordinary prairie land, devoid of timber and best adapted for grazing purposes; that there are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on said land; that were he compelled to make a trip to the land district in which the land is located for the purpose of making final proof, the same would be a great hardship to him by reason of his advanced age, infirmity of body and owing to the great expense involved. His affidavit was made before the clerk of the court of Common Pleas of said County as was also the final homestead affidavit of March 31, 1898.

The proof shows that the entryman complied with the law in good faith during his lifetime and the present applicant appears to be acting in good faith. It is therefore recommended that his entry be confirmed by the Board of Equitable Adjudication.

Very respectfully,

*Rufus Hermann*  
Commissioner.

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