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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA.

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In the matter of the final proof of) James Currie, one of the heirs of) John H.Currie, deceased.

Involving the ElSW4.SW1SE1.Sec. 24 and NW1NE1 Sec 25.Tp.21.N. R. 57 W. Scotts Bluff County.Nebr.

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State of Ohio))35 Trumbull County)

James Currie, one of the heirs of John H.Currie, deceased, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No.262 for E1SW1, SW1SE1 Sec.24 and NW1NE1 Sec 25, Tp.21 R.57, who being first duly cautioned and sworn according to law deposes and says as follows, to-wit;

My name is James Currie, my age is 6 3 years and I reside at Johnsonville, <u>Trumbull County.Obio; that I am a naturalised citizen of the United</u> States as evidenced by proof hereto attached; that before offering this proof I visited the above described tract of land but once; that said land is ordinary prairie land devoid of timber and is best adapted to grazing purposes; that there are no indications of coal, salines or minerals of any kind on said land to my knowledge; that noither the deceased claimant nor any of the heirs have sold or mortgaged, or contracted to sell or mortgage any portion of said land to my knowledge. Affiant further states that were he compelled to make a trip to the land district in which the land is located, for the purposes of making final proof the same would be a great hardship upon him by reason of his

involved. Sames Currie 2 and wager ___ Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Trumbull County, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was xe read to the above named James Currie before he signed his name thereto and was subscribed and sworn to before me this 3/ day of march 1898. H.B. Swagn Cloth By H.J. Swager Stephity Clerk

his advanced age and infirmity of body, and owing to the great expense