

(4-340.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

of John H. Currie, deceased
 James Currie, one of the heirs, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support
 of homestead entry, No. 262, for E²SW²SW²SE² Sec 21, T⁴S²N²E² Sec. 25
 testifies as follows: Feb. 21 1891.

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

Ans. James Currie is my name. My age is 4 years and post office

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

Ans. John H. Currie, deceased, was a naturalized citizen of the
 United States as evidenced by proof hereto attached.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 262, at the
 Alliance, Neb. land office on the 27th day of

August, 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. John H. Currie was the identical person who made this entry
 in that State for the E²SW²SW²SE² Sec 21, T⁴S²N²E² Sec. 25, 21-27.

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. He established residence in his house on this land in August, 1891.
 Improvements are Log house 14x16, Stable 12x15, 5 acres cultivated
 and 10 acres under fence. Total value \$150.00

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. Deceased claimant was a single man, and his residence
 on the land was continuous to the time of his death.

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. He was never absent from the land from the time of estab-
 lishing his residence to the time of his death which was
 in the month of

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised
 crops thereon? The deceased claimant cultivated 5 acres, and

Ans. planted same to crop for five seasons.

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? This claim is not within the limits of any

Ans. townsite, nor used as a place for 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. The land is ordinary prairie

Ans. land, best adapted for grazing purposes.

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 minerals of any kind on this land
 to my knowledge.

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

Ans. No. The deceased claimant made only this one H. E.
 to my knowledge.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what
 purpose? Neither the deceased claimant nor any of the heirs have

Ans. sold or mortgaged any part of this 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. He kept all of his personal property on this land
 to the time of his death.

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry
 or filing (not mineral.) made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. He made no entry except this one since August
 30th 1890 to my knowledge.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

* (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.)