

4th, 1841, and may be found in Vol. V. of the *United States' Statutes at large*, pages 453-458.

Until the lands are surveyed, a claim is made by measuring off, as nearly as he can, 160 acres of land, and then the claimant puts up the foundation of a dwelling. This is, in most cases, composed of from 4 to 8 logs. Sometimes it is nothing more than a pile or wall of stones, and lastly, a stake, with the claimant's name cut or marked thereon, until more can be done. All these matters are governed by "squatter law."

#### COST AND PRODUCTIONS OF A FARM.

These lands will cost, of course, \$1.25 per acre, or \$200 for 160 acres. The first "breaking" will cost \$2.25 to \$2.50 per acre, while fences and buildings cannot, as yet, be so easily estimated.

Ordinarily, these lands may be estimated to produce, under careful tillage, say—

Corn,	- - -	50 to 100	bush.	per acre.
Wheat,	- - -	20 " 25	" "	" "
Oats,	- - -	35 " 45	" "	" "
Potatoes,	- - -	200 " 300	" "	" "
Hemp,	- - -	- - -	1000 lbs.	" "

Of these products of the soil, on account of the drought and the increase of the number of consumers, wheat flour brings from \$6 to \$6.50 per cwt.; corn, \$1.50 per bushel; and other things in proportion. Horses, oxen, mules, and cows are not selling for much more than the same animals would bring in Ohio, Kentucky, or Missouri.

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