

CHAPTER XLIV.

A Bill granting to Wm. L. Ames, Geo. Hezlep, Geo. W. Farrington, C. H. Parker and Wm. B. Dodd the right to establish a ferry across the Minnesota River.

- SECTION 1. Ferry charter granted to Wm. L. Ames, Geo. Hezlep, Geo. W. Farrington, C. H. Parker and Wm. B. Dodd.
2. The kind of boat required to be kept.
 3. The rates of toll allowed.
 4. Bond to be filed and liabilities of the company.
 5. Manner of recovering damages for injuries sustained on account of negligence of the company.
 6. The right to alter, amend or repeal reserved.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. Wm. L. Ames, Geo. Hezlep, Geo. W. Farrington, C. D. Parker, and Wm. B. Dodd, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the period of fifteen years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Minnesota River between the counties of Le Sueur and Nicolet, in Minnesota, for the distance of three-fourths of one mile, each way from the point of intersection with the said river of Broadway street, in the town of St. Peters, in Nicolet county aforesaid, as per record plat of the same. Ferry charter granted.

SEC. 2. The said Ames, Hezlep, Farrington, Parker and Dodd, shall at all times keep a safe and good boat, or boats, in good repair, sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing to cross at said ferry, and shall give prompt and ready attendance on passengers or teams on all occasions, and at all hours, both day and night; but persons wishing to cross said ferry in the night, may be charged double the fare as hereinafter prescribed. Kind of boat required.

SEC. 3. The rates charged for crossing at the above ferry, shall not exceed as follows: Rates of toll.

For each foot passenger.....	25 cents.
“ horse, mare, mule or ass, with or without rider.....	50 “
“ two horse, or two ox team, loaded or unloaded, with drivers.....	75 “
“ single horse carriage.....	75 “
“ additional cow or ox.....	25 “
“ swine or sheep.....	15 “
For all freight, merchandise or other articles, not on teams, at the rate of per barrel.....	25 “
Per thousand feet lumber.....	\$1
Other articles per 100 lbs.....	10 “

Bond to be filed.

SEC. 4. The said Ames, Hezlep, Farrington, Parker and Dodd shall, within one year after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as any public road shall be laid out, file or cause to be filed, with the clerk of the board of county commissioners, of Nicolet county, a recognizance to said board, with two or more good and sufficient sureties (to be approved by said board of county commissioners,) in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that they will fulfill all the duties that are enforced upon them in the foregoing sections, and in case of their failure or neglect to do so, shall forfeit all the benefits that might have accrued to them from the passage of this act.

Damages.

SEC. 5. Any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence or default of said Ames, Hezlep, Farrington, Parker and Dodd, or of the ferryman in his employ, may have an action upon the bond required by this act.

Power to alter or amend reserved.

SEC. 6. The legislature may at any time, alter, amend, modify or repeal this act.

J. S. NORRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. P. MURRAY,

President of Council.

APPROVED—March second, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.