

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

James K. Craton, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2577, for S² N⁶ E⁴ Lots 1+2, Sec 5 T⁴ P. 18, R. 58 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. James K. Craton. Age 42 years old P.O. Hull, Neb.

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

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2577, at the Sidney land office on the 9 day of November 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry South half North East Quarter Lots 1+2 Sec 5 T⁴ P. 18, R. 58

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. I built my house in May 1887 established actual residence therein June 8th 1887. I have a Log house 16 by 33 ft Log stable and 18 by 33 ft and 12 by 4 ft barn. Well and mill 700000 value. 40 acres in cultivation

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. Myself wife and six children. We have resided on the land continuously.

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. I have never been absent from the homestead with a few days at a time on business connected with home affairs. My family has not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
 Ans. I have 20 acres in cultivation have raised crops from 28 acres in 1888 to 40 acres each season every since 1888

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?
 Ans. It is not

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.
 Ans. Prairie farming and grazing land

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. No indications of coal, salines or minerals

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
 Ans. I have not

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?
 Ans. I have not

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. I have no personal property elsewhere.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of March 1891

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
James K. Craton
S. W. Humphrey
County Judge.

* (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.)