

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Joseph Manard being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of Homestead entry, No. 1356, for South East Quarter, Sec 8, Twp 19, R 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Joseph Manard, Age 39 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, was born in the State of Missouri

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1356, at the land office on the 11th day of December 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry. The S 1/4 of sections 8, Township 19, Range 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. House was built in 1886 before 6th July. Established actual residence Dec 11th 1888, Log house 16x22 ft, stable 14x30 ft, well, corral, 8000 lbs under fence, 300 lbs in cultivation. I value the improvements at \$500.

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 and seven children, widower. We have resided continuously on the place except two months in 1890

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. We were absent in 1890 about two months temporarily at work.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? (If so, describe the crops.)

Ans. I had 2500 lbs in cultivation at end of July, and have raised six crops of 30 acres each

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. No.

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 & grazing lands

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. None

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

Ans. No.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No.

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. No.

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. I have not made any entry of any kind since Aug. 30 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Joseph Manard

* (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.)