

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Levi Mitchell, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12931, for Sec 4 cor 10, Tp 14 R. 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Levi Mitchell Age 34 years cor. P.O. Hull, Mo.

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 the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12931, at the North Platte land office on the 27 day of April 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry South East Quarter Sec. 10, Twp. 14, 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 October 1887 and established my actual residence therein on the 13th day of October 1887 by house 14 by 24 ft. Stables 14 by 24 ft. Corn crib 1200 lbs under house

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 three children, we have resided on the place continuously except at one time.

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 at one time about three months at work, only temporarily.

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 about 30 acres in cultivation, have planted crops and raised six crops from 18 to 30 acres each season since 1887

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. It is 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 indication 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

Levi Mitchell

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26 day of March 1887

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. D. Winkley
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.)