

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John H. Andrews, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12443, for S 21 E and S 22 W Sect 1 T 19 Range 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John H. Andrews, age 38 Dunnington Nebraska

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 born in Pennsylvania

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12443, at the Dunnington Nebraska land office on the 19th day of October 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the person who made filing on the S 21 E and S 22 W Sect 1 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 built December 1888 established residence February 27th 1889 House 14x32 Stable 14x26 Shed 18x44 with 480 rods fence. Total Value \$600

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. wife 3 Children, No

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. Myself and family were absent to work for our support, but not more than 2 months.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1889 Cultivated 21 acres 1890 21 acres 1891 21 acres 1892 21 acres

Ans. 1893-21 acres 1894 21 acres 1895 16 acres Raised 4 Crops

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. Grazing, most valuable for grazing

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. No sir.

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

Ans. No sir

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 sir.

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 made no other filing since Aug 30 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

John H. Andrews

* (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 (500-year) homestead cases.)