

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Richard Beger, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1199, for the North East quarter sec 4 Twp 19 Range 58 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. Richard Beger, age 47, Hull 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 naturalized citizen of the United States see copy attached,

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1199, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the Eighth day of October 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the identical person who made above filing on the North East quarter sec 4 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 about March 1889 Established residence March 10th 1889, House frame 24x25 stable frame 16x20 Cais 10x12 Well 30 feet deep Total value of improvements 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 and seven children. I have not, family has resided continuously since establishing residence thereon.

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 been absent at short intervals not to exceed 6 months for the support of my family. Family resided upon land continuously and cultivated same.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
 Ans. 1889 cultivated 5 acres 1890-5 acres 1891-6 acres 1892-7 acres 1893-7 acres 1894 cultivated 7 acres Raised, 2 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 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. Grazing & farming land, 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. Not to my knowledge, More valuable for agricultural than mineral

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. Have not made any other filing

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Richard Beger

* (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.)