

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Archie E. Freeman, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1949, for S.E. Section 14 Township 19 Range 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Archie E. Freeman, age 28, Harrisburg, 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 native born citizen. Born in Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1949, at the Harrisburg, Nebraska land office on the second day of October 1899, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made filing on the S.E. of section 14 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 March 1890. Established actual residence March 30th 1890. House 8x10 and log 14x16. Stable Log 16x18. Total value of improvements \$150

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. Single. I have not resided on 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. Had leave of absence from Sept 2nd 1890 to Sept 2nd 1891 was absent 6 months in 1892 and have been absent at short intervals each year for my support, but not to exceed 6 months at any one time

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1890 cultivated 10 acres. 1891 leave of absence 1892 cultivated 6 acres

Ans. 1893 cultivated 6 acres 1894 cultivated 7 acres 1895 cultivated 7 acres Raised 18 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. Prairie 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. No indications of coal saline or minerals that I know of

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 No 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 made no other filing since Aug 30, 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Archie E. Freeman

* (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.)