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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Della M. Earley formerly Della M. Forman, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3808, for N½ NE¼ & S½ NW¼ Sec. 10, T. 20 N. R. 58 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Della M. Earley formerly Della M. Forman, my age is 27 years, and my post-office address is Auburn, Nebr.

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. 3808, at the Sidney, Nebr. land office on the 16th day of Decby, 1899, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No. 3808 at the Sidney, Nebr. land office on the 16th day of Decby, 1899, and the tract disclaimed is N½ NE¼ & S½ NW¼ Sec. 10, T. 20 N. R. 58 West

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. My house was built on the land during August 1899 and I established actual residence therein about September 16th 1899. I have house 14x22 feet, 1 story stable 14x16 feet, 1 chicken house, 1 sq. 8x8 feet, 1½ miles of wire fence, 1 well, 1 sod cellar, 1 windmill, 10 acres of land broken and the total value thereof is $200.00.

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. My family consists of self & husband, self & family have resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon, was married since Dec. 31st 1901 to Robert Earley formerly Forman.

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 was absent from July 12th 1901, to Oct. 4th 1901, I was not absent at any other time for a day or a day and night at a time for the purpose of getting ready for the purpose of breaking my improvements on the land and to get supplies for the same.

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 cultivated 10 acres and attempting to raise crops thereon every season. Could raise no crops on account of land is in condition for grazing purposes only and have rented it for grazing purposes.

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. My present claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, nor is it used in any way for trade or business.

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. The character of the land is prairie and is most valuable for grazing purposes.

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals of any kind on the land.

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

Ans. I have never made any other homestead entry.

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 sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the land.

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 of any kind elsewhere than on this claim.

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 other entry of any kind since August 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Della M Earley.

*(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.)

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Grazing purposes kind of stock on the land