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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Giba V Cleveland, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2221, for NE Sec 29 T20 N 58 W, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Giba V Cleveland, Age 53, P.O. Hull Neb

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 born in Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2221, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the seventeenth day of August 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am NE Sec 29 T20 N 58 W

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 was built in 1887. Actual settlement and establishment of residence Sept 12, 1890. House (log out) 2. House built Sept 1891. Date erected Sept 20, 1890.

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. Family consists of myself, wife, & four children. Have resided continuously on land since establishing residence.

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. Have been absent for short periods each year but have not been absent over six months in any one year.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. Have cultivated four acres. Have raised 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. It is not in any town or used 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. It is prairie & grazing land. Not valuable for any other purpose.

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 or minerals.

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

Ans. I have made no 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 conveyed, sold, or mortgaged.

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 other personal property.

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 made no other entry since August 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Giba V Cleveland

* (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.)