

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Henry R Tomson, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 967, for S8E27N7S8E88N Sec 3 T4R2505, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Henry R Tomson, age 20 years P. O. Hull, Mo.

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 Missouri

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 967, at the

Sidney land office on the 7 day of

June 1885, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry Sec 3 T4R2505

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 build Jan 1885, established actual residence at same time, House frame 14x16, Stabe 14x16 log and Sugar mill, Corn 1200, HCA fenced. Valued \$1700

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. I am a single man I have resided continuously except a few months at a time when I was away

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 a few months and have been at work to get money to improve my claim

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 20 acs. Raised crops 6 seasons

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 in any way used for 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. Ordinary prairie land most valuable for farming and 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 indication of coal or minerals of any kind

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 or mortgaged any of said 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 else where than on this place

Henry R Tomson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of Oct 1885

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] J. M. Dickson, Clerk of District

* (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.)