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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT. <sup>13</sup>

John Card, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 9680, for NW 1/4 Sec 14, Tp. 20 R. 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John Card 55 yrs old, Hercul Del.

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, I was born in New York

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 9680, at the North Hattie land office on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1893, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry. It is NW 1/4 Sec 14 Tp. 20 R. 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. My house was built in June 1886. I established residence July 2, 1886. My house is log 1 1/2 stories high 28 x 34, log stable 16 x 20, shed 12 x 60, corral, a well 1/2 mile north of house 24 x 9.

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 4 children. Myself and family have resided continuously on the land

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 not been absent at all

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 1/2 acre each season. I have raised crops for 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 within the limits of any city or town or 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. It is grazing land, and most valuable for that 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 few indications of 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 elsewhere than on this claim

John Card

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. B. Vickrey  
Clark of District Court  
Big Spring, C. T., March 24<sup>th</sup> 1893

\* 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.