

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Robert Smith, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1656, for AC<sup>4</sup> deal 35, T. 21, R. 58

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

Ans. Robert Smith, age 58 years, R. 1, section 22, T. 21, R. 58

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 was a native born citizen of the State of Illinois and was born in the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1656, at the

land office on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1894, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same person, my land is described as the AC<sup>4</sup> deal 35, T. 21, R. 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. My house was built April 15<sup>th</sup> 1889 and I established my first residence there April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889. I have since that time lived on the land and have made various improvements including a well, fence, and other buildings.

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 unmarried; I have never had a wife or family.

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

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

Ans. In 1889 I cultivated 10 acres, in 1890 12 acres, and have raised crops since that time.

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 claim is not within the limits of any town or city and is not used for trade and 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 land is prairie, and is most valuable for growing crops.

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 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 never 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 except what I keep on the land.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

\* (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.)