

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Frank E. Hewitt, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 13051, for SW^{1/4} Sec. 3, Tp. 21, R. 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Frank E. Hewitt, 26 yrs old, Manager Det.

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 Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 13051, at the North Platte land office on the 4th day of May 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said homestead entry. It is the SW^{1/4} Sec. 3, Tp. 21, 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 Sept. 1887. I established actual residence in Oct. 1887. My house was stone and dug out 13x20, I have a stone house 19x16, stable log 14x14, a well 15 feet deep, also a well 8 feet deep.

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 resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon.

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 away from May 1887 to Sept. 1887, from July 1888 to Oct. 1888, from April 1889 to Sept. 1889, from Jan. 1890 to June 1890, from Jan. 1891 to July 1891, from Aug. 1891 to Dec. 1891, from Dec. 1891 to March 1892, I was away to work.

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 about 6 acres each season.

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 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. It is prairie, good 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 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.

Frank E. Hewitt.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4 day of May 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Vickrey
Notary Public, Iowa

* (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.)