

(4-3430.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Bethiah Murriew, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 680, for Southworth Sec 14 T20R58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Bethiah Murriew Age 64. R. 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. I was born in the State of New York.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 680, at the Shannon Mo. land office on the 21st day of March 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry. I claim the S.E. 1/4 Sec 14 T20R58 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 August 1888. I moved into the house Sept 15, 1888. Long house 14 ft. 6 in. 5 acres of breaking well. Total value \$200.

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. My family consists of myself. I have resided continuously on said land except as below stated.

Ques. 6.—For what period of 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 from home for the purpose of working to secure a living, but not to exceed 75 months at a time and then have been in the county. I have been absent 3 different times.

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

Ans. single season and my wife has raised a

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? It is not within city or town or

Ans. used for trade or business in any way.

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. It is ordinary level

Ans. prairie land most valuable for 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. Not that I know of.

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

Ans. I have never made another H.E.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose? I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged

Ans. 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. No. I have some 14 head of cattle and 5 head of horses kept by a neighbor because I am not able to care for them myself.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 21st day of August 1888.

[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.)