

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Elzy M. McPherson, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1875, for both 1/2 Quad. Section 25 Township 20 Range 15 E testifies as follows:

- Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. Elzy M. McPherson 46 yrs Post Office Hull, Wis.
- 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. Born in Indiana.
- Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1875, at the Hubert Nebraska land office on the 27th day of March 1889, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the person who made homestead entry No. 1875 Hubert Neb. March 27 1889 for 1/2 Quad. Section 25 Township 20 Range 15 E.
- 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 Aug 1889. Established actual residence Sept. 15 1889. House 10x30 stable 7 shed 18x12 1/2 barn 12x12 well & windmill, fence, etc. Total value \$4,500.
- 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 consist of wife and three children and they have resided continuously on 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 been temporarily absent but not over a month at a time to provide a living for my family. I have not absent over one month in a year. Land was cultivated.
- 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 fifteen acres. I have raised six crops.
- 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. Not in any city or selected site of a city or used 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. Land is prairie 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. There are no indications of coal or mineral.
- Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
 Ans. I have not 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 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 on claim.
- Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral,) made by you since August 30, 1890.
 Ans. I have made no other entry since Aug 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Elzy M. McPherson

* (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 (8th-year) homestead cases.)