

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Ida E. McComsey, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1615, for Mc. 4. sect. 35, T. 21, N. R. 58 N. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ida E. McComsey, age 32, 66 Central Ave., Hurler, Nebraska

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 of the United States and was born in the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1615, at the land office on the 10th 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 Mc. 4. sect. 35, T. 21, R. 58 N.

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 first house was built on this land in 1887, and I established actual residence thereon in 1888. I have since that time made several other improvements on the land, including a barn, a well, and a fence. The total value of the improvements is about \$2000.

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 settling 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 have not been absent from the land.

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 25 acres each season and have raised crops thereon.

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 present 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 of the ordinary agricultural character 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 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 except what I keep on this claim.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25th 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.)