

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Nancy A. Smith, ^{deceased} ~~son~~ ^{daughter} of the heirs of Sarah D. Seeg, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2232, for SE 1/4 Sec 12, T 20, R 58, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Nancy A. Smith, age 47 years, Post Office, Harrison, Neb.

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 State of Iowa and born in the State of Iowa. Sarah D. Seeg was also a native born citizen of the State of Iowa.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2232, at the land office on the 23rd day of April 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am a daughter and one of the heirs of Sarah D. Seeg, who made Homestead entry No. 2232 at the Sidney, Neb. land office on the 23rd of April 1890, for the SE 1/4 Sec 12, T 20, 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. The house was built on the land in the Spring of 1889 and Sarah D. Seeg established her actual residence thereon at that time. The house is 14x20—value \$500.

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and how long and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Sarah D. Seeg, and her family, consisting of her self and six children, who are now living. Sarah D. Seeg died in July 1890, was taken sick.

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. Sarah D. Seeg went Iowa in July 1890, was taken sick in that summer, never returned, and died August 25 1891.

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

Ans. I and the heirs of Sarah D. Seeg have cultivated 10 acres each season for eight seasons. I have never been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for any way for trade and business.

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. This claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or 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. The character of the land is prairie devoid of timber, 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. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land to my knowledge.

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

Ans. Sarah D. Seeg, had 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. This land has not been sold, conveyed, or mortgaged.

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. She has no personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this 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. She has not made any entry of any kind since August 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Nancy A. Smith

* (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.)