

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Henry C. Usage, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2005, for NW 1/4 Sec. 15, T. 21, R. 28 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Henry C. Usage 31 yrs. old, Sawyer 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 native born, I was born in Wisconsin

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2005, at the Sedney land office on the 6th day of Nov. 1897, 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 NW 1/4 Sec. 15, T. 21, R. 28

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 March 1897. I established actual residence Apr. 15, 1897. My house is log & dug out 16x18, stables ungrd about 16x44, a well, 20 acres brook, corn &c. Value \$300

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 have a wife and two children. Myself and family 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 have not been absent at all more than a week at a time.

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 10 acres each season. I have raised crops for two seasons.

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, 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. It is prairie land, 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 on any part of 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.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 6 day of Nov 1897.

[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.)