

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Leri B Spear, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 11621, for W 2 N E 1/4 Sec 34 T 20 R 58, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Leri B Spear, age 48, Post Office, Hull, Maracha.

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 was born in the State of Pennsylvania

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 11621, at the North Platte Neb. land office on the nineteenth (16th) day of October, 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same person the description is the 30 1/2 NE 1/4 and E 2 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 34 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. Built and house 12 x 31 feet on April 18 (1887) began residing on the land on April 26 (1887), also built and by state 18 x 36 feet. Head and shop 12 x 14 feet chicken house 12 x 14 feet 35 feet deep thirty for wood

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. Family consists of wife and one child have resided on the land continuously since settlement

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. We have not been absent other than a day or two at a time to work cultivated the land each season

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

Ans. Thirty five acres for six years started on the south

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.

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. prairie most valuable for farming

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. No indications of any minerals on the land

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

Ans. I 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.

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 other property other than on the land.

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 March, 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Leri B Spear
A. M. Fairfuld
U. S. District Court

* (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 (six year) homestead cases.)

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40 acres land was fence 1887