

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

William A M Comber, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2092, for Sec 26 T 20 R 58, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. William A M Comber Age 30. Post Office Hull Moor.

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?*

Ans. Am a native born citizen born in the State of Michigan

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2092, at the Hull Moor land office on the 20 day of January, 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. The land claimed is the South West quarter of Section 26 T 20 R 58 in Banner County Moor.

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 house in April 1887 and began residing on the place on the 23rd day of April 1887. Have a frame house 18x20 out, two stables 16x14. One shed 8x16 feet, well 120 feet deep. 160 acres fenced with two miles. Thirty four acres of brooding all of the value of \$1000.

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 consists of wife and two children and has resided on the land continuously other than a few days at a time.

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. Have not been absent from the land but a few days at a time and have cultivated the same track from since settlement.

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 2 years and started with about 1000.

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. It is corn and 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. None 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. None whatever.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23rd day of March, 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] Wm. Fairfield
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 (five year) homestead cases.)