

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Albert B. Hull, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 9950, for N.W. 1/4 Sec. 23 Twp. 20 Range 58 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Ans. Albert B. Hull—28 years old—Hull Casser County 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. Not native born citizen of the United States—was born in West Virginia

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 9950, at the North Platt Nebraska land office on the 15-7 day of March 1896, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes—N.W. 1/4 Section 23 Twp. 20 Range 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. House was built in May 1886. Celaphie had residence May 20 1886. Frame house 14 x 20 ft. two stories high. Loggia addition to house 10 x 20 ft. cost about 150.00 ft. for each 10 x 10 ft. Cost 110.00 ft. well 45 ft deep—120 some fenced with wire fence 40 acres. Total \$ 750.00

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. Wife and one child—I have resided on the land continuously since Celaphie's residence there on—Wife has resided on the land since Nov. 1, 1887—was not married until Oct. 12, 1887

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 since making settlement

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

Ans. Cultivated 10 acres in 1887—20 acres in 1888—40 acres in 1889 & 1890—raised crops each season

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. No—not used for trade or business except I sell some produce and am post master of mill 80 situated on my claim

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 and agricultural land—Quality of soil sandy loam, most valuable for grazing and agricultural purposes

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—no indications—used more valuable for agricultural purposes than mineral

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

Ans. No have never made any other homestead

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No 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. No

Albert B. Hull

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 18 day of March 1896.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. E. Logan  
 Clerk 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.