

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Richard Beebe, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1205, for S.E. 1/4 Sec. 11, T. 20 N. 38 E. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Richard Beebe age 32 yrs Skull Neck

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

Ans. Yes I am of native born citizen of the United States Born in the State of Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1205, at the land office on the 9 day of Oct 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes S.E. 1/4 Sec. 11, T. 20 N. 38 E.

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. May 1 1886 May 1 1886 Log house 14 by 23 ft and 2 other buildings 14 by 36 and 12 by 20 ft. Corns, wheat, 3 1/2 acres of land, 26 ft of water, 2 1/2 ft of water, 2 1/2 ft of water, 2 1/2 ft of water.

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 Yes I have I was not married before I was here and my family has lived here since that 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. I was absent July 8 1886 to August 1 1886 August 11 to Sept 11 1886, May 3 1887 to May 28 1887. A way at work to earn money to live on and make improvements on my claim

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

Ans. 24 acres Live Horses

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. 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. Ordinary prairie land 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 coal, salines or minerals of any kind on the land

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

Ans. No I have not 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. No I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of said 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

Richard Beebe

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 1 day of May 1891

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Notary Public

* (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, may be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)