

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Theodore D. Deutch, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1204, for SW 1/4 Sec 12 Tp 20R 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Theodore D. Deutch Age 30 yrs Hull 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. Yes I am a native born citizen of the U.S. Wisconsin

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1204, at the Sidney Neb land office on the 9 day of Oct 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes SW 1/4 Sec 12 Tp 20R 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. April 30 1886 May 1 1886 Log House 18 ft x 22 ft 14 by 16 ft 2 log stables 14 ft x 4 ft 16 ft x 36 ft 7 ft x 7 ft 25 ft x 25 ft

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 I have none

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. Absent from June 20 1887 to July 20 1887 away at work on RR to get money to develop land and make improvements. My father was authorized and my family resided there.

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

Ans. 20 acres Five 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. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town.

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

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

Ans. No I have not

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

Ans. 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

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 1888

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Theodore D. Deutch
W. Deutch
Clerk of Dist 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.)

20 acres of prairie land 14 miles from Sidney Neb 5000