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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Carolinn Clapp, being called as a witness in ^{her} own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1666, for W.P. Sec. 27 - Town 20 - R. 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Carolinn Clapp—Age 31 years—P.O. Hall, 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—State of Iowa—Born in Missouri

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1666, at the Hall, Neb. land office on the 25 day of April 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes—W.P. Sec. 27 - Town 20, Range 5-8

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. In August 1886—Aug. 2, 1886—Brought house 12x14, Post House 17x12, and 12x12—Total Value \$100.00

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. No family—Have resided continuously on this land except while away working

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 Dec 24 1887 until Dec 25 1887 from Jan 12 1888 until April 1 1888—from Dec 20 1888 until Jan 1 1889—from Dec 1 1889 until Aug 15 1889—from March 16 1890 until March 1891—Leave from home—No family

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

Ans. Seven acres cultivated—Year 1887—11 1/2 1888—1871—have crops four 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. No.

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 Land—Sand prairie—Most valuable

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.

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

Ans. No.

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

Ans. No.

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 25 day of Aug. 1887.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Carolinn Clapp
J. E. Logan, P.O. Hall, Neb.
Justice of the Peace

* (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.)