

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Thomas Holland, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1708, for N.E. Sec. 21 T. 20. R. 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Thomas Holland. 37 yrs. Springtown, 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. Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1708, at the Sidney Neb. land office on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1889, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes. N.E. Sec 21 T. 20. R. 57.

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. Feb. 1887. Established actual residence Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1887. House 14x14+14x20 #40. Stable 20x44 #75. Shed #20. Well #50. 800 ft fence #50. Total value \$300.

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 + 2 children. Yes.

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 parcel 1<sup>st</sup> 1887 to Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1887. June 1<sup>st</sup> 1888 to Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1888. April 30<sup>th</sup> 1889 to Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1891. To work, not absent, since family remained on claim.

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

Ans. 1887, 120. 1888, 300. 1889, 600. 1891, 600. Crops in 3 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. No. 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 farming land.

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.

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

Ans. Homestead taken, mislocated & relinquished.

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. Yes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1892.

Thomas Holland

J. S. B. Shumway  
County July

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\* (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.)