

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

George Koning, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 756, for NW 1/4 Sec 13, -19-57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. George Koning 26 Post Office Banner Nebraska

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

Ans. I am a native born citizen born in Iowa.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 756, at the Delany Moraska land office on the 15th day of April, 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the owner because the land claim is to the NW 1/4 Sec. 13 19 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. I built house which I reside in May 20th 1888. Log house 24x12 = log stable 14x20 feet well 60 feet deep. 80 acres more or less. 20 acres cultivated of the value \$1800.00

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.

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 have never been absent and have raised crops on the land each season.

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

Ans. Forty five acres for six 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 but it is not.

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 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. None whatever.

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

Ans. None at all.

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

Ans. No Sir.

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 Sir I have not.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of July, 1893

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (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 (see your) homestead cases.)