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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Nicholas S White, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1226, for N.E. 4 Sec 14, Tp 19, R. 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Nicholas S White, age 33 years old P.O. Harrisburg, Mo.

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, was born in Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1226, at the

Sibney land office on the 15 day of October 1888 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry, the North East Quarter of Section 14, Tp 19, R. 57,

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence thereon? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. Built my house in March. Established actual residence thereon April 1st 1889. Frame & dugout 14 by 22 ft. dugout stable 30 ft long, well, 15 acres in cultivation. Value \$200.

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. Myself, Wife & two children, we have resided on the land most of the 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 have been absent each season, temporarily at work, from one to three months each season. My family resided on the land part of the time, I have never been absent for 6 mo at any one time.

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

Ans. I have had from five acres in 1889, to 15 acres each season since in crops, and have raised 6 crops thereon.

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. Frame farming and grazing land, most valuable for grazing horses, and to use for farms.

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.

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. None.

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral) made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. I have not made an entry of any kind since Aug. 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Nicholas S. White

* (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.)