

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Ida L. Eckerson, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 8560, for SW 1/4 Sec 23 Tp 20 N R 57 W, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ida L. Eckerson, Age 37, P.O. Warrington 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. I am a native born citizen of the United States. I was born in the state of Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 8560, at the Admney Nebraska land office on the 23rd day of April 1896, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No 8560 true description of land SW 1/4 Sec 23 Tp 20 N R 57 W

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. My house was built on the land in April 1896 and I established actual residence therein in August 1896. I have a house 18 x 28, frame barn 12 x 12, well, cove, 4/4 acre of 1/2 mile. Total value of the lot \$6000

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. My family consist of myself and my unmarried son. I have resided continuously on the land except when I was absent.

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 not been absent over two months at any one time, and not over five months in each year during my periods of temporary absence. I was employed in the Post office and County Treasurer's office at Warrington Neb. My claim did not require support and it was necessary to work for some of money.

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 cultivated 1 1/2 acres and have raised five 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. My claim is not within the limits of a town or used for trade or business.

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. Land is prairie and grazing 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. There are no indications of coal or minerals.

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

Ans. I have made no other homestead entry except No 8560.

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

Ans. I have 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. I have on the land, they are kept on my father's claim Sec 24 Tp 19 R 56.

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 made no other homestead entry since August 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Ida L. Eckerson

* (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 (year) homestead cases.)