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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Marion Wilbur, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 804, for NW 1/4 section 28 Township 28 Range 15 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Marion Wilbur, age 35, Somerton 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 of the United States born in Pennsylvania

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 804, at the

Sidney Nebraska land office on the sixteenth day of April 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry on the NW 1/4 section 28 Township 28 Range 15

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. House built July 1888 established residence July 15th 1888
House 16x30 stable and 16x30 shed 12x30 barn 18x18 house
10x12 log, area 10 feet deep, 320 rods fence. Total value \$500

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 3 children. We have resided on 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. Have not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1888 Cultivated 20 acres 1889 40 acres 1890 40 acres 1891 40 acres 1892 40 acres 1893 40 acres

Ans. 40 acres 1888 40 acres 1889 40 acres 1890 40 acres 1891 40 acres 1892 40 acres 1893 40 acres Raised 7 crops

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. Farming and grazing, most valuable for grazing

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 of coal salines or minerals

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 No 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 sir

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 never made any other entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Marion Wilbur

* (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.)