

(4-3439.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Augustus M. Deeter, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1513, for SW 1/4 Sec 13 T27N R14E 2d. 54. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Augustus M. Deeter 49 1/2 yrs. P.O. Dunnington 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 was born in Ohio

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1513, at the Sidney land office on the 11 day of March 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry it is SW 1/4 Sec 13 T27N R14E 2d. 54.

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 in the summer of 1884. I established actual residence Aug. 15 1884. House log 16 x 20. Stable 16 x 22. Barn 16 x 20. One well, shed, cattle coop, horse & ride spring house.

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 consists of wife and six children. We have resided continuously on claim since first establishing residence.

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 a month or so as a transient worker but my family were there in my absence.

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 10 ac. have raised crops 5 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. My claim is not in any town or city, nor 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. Ordinary prairie land. 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. There are no indications of coal or minerals of any kind.

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

Ans. I have never made any other homestead entry.

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 or mortgaged any of said 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 no personal property anywhere than on this claim.

Augustus M. Deeter

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 March 1894

[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 (five year) homestead cases.)