

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Julius Fisher being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 254, for SW 1/4 12 9 19 13 37 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Julius Fisher age 29 Post Office Harrison

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 naturalized citizen was born in Germany

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 254, at the Army Mercedes land office on the 5th day of April, 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same person the land claimed is SW 1/4 Sec 12 - T19 R57

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 established residence on May 24 1888. Log house 16x20 and 1x8x12 ft. Stalk 14x20 and well 31 feet deep. 120 acres over fence. 25 acres cultivated rest of the value \$6.00.00

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. My family consists wife two children and have resided there 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. We have not been absent and have cultivated the land ever since

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

Ans. Twenty 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 Sir 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 what ever

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

Ans. None 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. No Sir I have not

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 what ever

Julius Fisher

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.]

G. W. Fairchild
U. S. Commissioner

* (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 year) homestead cases.)