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Commodore C Hampton, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1279, for 28° 28' 22" N 27° 2' 20" W 1/4 SW 28° 28' 26" 20 07 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Commodore C Hampton, age 27, Cassisburg 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 native born citizen of United States, Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1279, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 29th 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 filing on the 28° 28' 22" N 27° 2' 20" W 1/4 SW 28° 28' 26" 20 Range 157

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. October 12th 1888 house was built, established residence November 1st 1888, Lard frame 14x30x8" 14x16, stable frame 16x40 shed frame 2 Log 20x180, 330 other mail fence Total Value \$7500

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. I have resided continuously on land

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

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? (If cultivated, state acres, and if not, state why.)

Ans. Some and including 1888, I have cultivated 20 acres each year

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. Grazing 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. No indications of coal or minerals

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

Ans. No sir

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. 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 made not made any other homestead filing

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Commodore C Hampton,

* 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.