

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John W. Foke, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3417, for S. 20<sup>th</sup> & Lots 14 & 20 Sec. 5 Tp. 19 N. R. 57 W. testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Ans. John W. Foke, 34, Hamisburg, 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. Yes, Corns in Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3417, at the Sidney land office on the Sixth day of January, 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?  
 Ans. S. 20<sup>th</sup> & Lots 14 & 20 Section 5 Township 19 N. Range 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. House built April 11th 1888 Established residence April 14th 1888, Wm. 124 slabs, 344 chests, 160 benches, 110 smokehouse, 112 cows, 12 pigs, all 20 just dep. 100 acres fenced, Value \$3000

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. Widow, three children, have not resided 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. 1890, absent 30 days, left 7th 26, 1891 returned May 20-1892, left Dec-8-1892 returned March 7th 1893

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?  
 Ans. 1888 cultivated 20 acres 1889 cultivated 20 1890 Cultivated 40 acres 1891 cultivated 30 acres 1892 cultivated 20 acres 1893 cultivated 13 acres raised five 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 No 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

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 No No

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)  
 Ans. Yes, S.W. Sec 12 T. 3 Range 40, at Oberlin, Kansas

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 No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1893.  
John W. Foke  
S. B. Shurway  
County Judge

[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.)