

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Elijah Rendell, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3858, for final proof of homestead testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Elijah Rendell my age is 25 years my post office address is Haverburg 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 I was born in the State of Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3858, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 29th day of August 1877, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. The land claimed by me is grazing land

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. The house was built on my land during the month of August 1877 and established actual residence at that time. My house is Log 14x24 ft. Log Barn 16x16 ft. Shop 12x16 ft. and 50 acres under three wire fence and is valued at \$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. My family consists of wife and two children. We have lived continuously on the land except for short periods of time.

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 for about 3 months at a time each year for the purpose of earning a living.

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 20 acres but have never raised any crops because land is not adapted to farming.

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 present claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way 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. The character of the land is grazing and is most valuable for grazing purposes.

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, salines, or minerals, of any kind on the land.

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. I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of this 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 elsewhere than on this land.

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 no other entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Elijah Rendell

\* (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.)