

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Cyrus W. Rider, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2712, for the North local quarter Sec 32 Tp 19 Range 17 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. My name is Cyrus W. Rider, age 57. Post office address
Wasson, Barron County, 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
Born in Ohio

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2712, at the Wasson land office on the sixteenth day of April, 1892, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made the above described homestead entry on the North local quarter section 32 Township 19 Range 17 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. My house was built Oct 1891. It has a bed room, kitchen, and a living room. I have also a barn 18x24 and a well. I have also a well on the land. I have also a well on the land. I have also a well on the land.

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. I am a widower. My family consists of my self and three children. My wife died in 1889.

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 was absent from the land from 1892 to April 1st 1893. I was absent for the support of my family.

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 each season 30 acres. Raised 7000 lbs of wheat.

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 within the limits of an incorporated town or city or used in any way for trade and 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. It is a prairie and is 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, salines or minerals on the land.

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 sold and conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the 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.

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 since Aug 30 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Cyrus W. Rider

* (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.)