

(4-360.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Samuel K Bory, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1955 for NE 1/4 Sec 34 T20 R. 37 W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Samuel K Bory. Age 50 P.O. address Dorrington Neb.

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. Born in Maryland.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1955, at the Dorrington Nebraska land office on the 4th day of October 1899, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the person who made homestead entry No. 1955 described as NE 1/4 section 34 T20 R. 37 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 was built 1890 and I established actual residence in March 1890. Improvements, House 16x22, Stables 24x16, fencing, well, total value, \$400.

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 and eight children. They have lived continuously on land except during my absence. During the first year or two I had been away from the land for some time.

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the land 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 was about 3 months to make a house for family. 1894 & 1895 was about 10 months but not over six months a living for same reason making a house for 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 14 acres each year raised 6 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. Land is not on limits of town or selected site of city or used 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. Land prairie & 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 or minerals or salines.

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

Ans. I have made no 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 not mortgaged conveyed or sold entry.

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 some personal property, two horses and some furniture stored while away making a living for my family.

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 August 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Samuel K Bory

* (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.)