

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Elijah Kimberley, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12756, for SW¹ Sec 17 Tp 19 Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Elijah Kimberley, 65, Downingtown 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 Naturalized citizen of the U.S. (see copy attached)

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12756, at the North Platte land office on the 26th day of April 1887 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes. SW¹ section 17 Tp 19. Range 57

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 October 1887 established actual residence Oct 15 1887
Hand Log 18x30 granary Log 15x16 Cellar 16x16, 640 rods of well fence
Total value of \$350

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 & children. Have resided continuously on land since establishing residence

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. Have never been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1887 cultivated 14 acres 1888 cultivated 23 acres 1889-90 acres

Ans. 1890 cultivated 33 acres 1891-37 acres 1892-37 acres 1893-40 acres
Raised 4 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

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

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. 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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1894

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Elijah Kimberley

J. H. Hoke
Clerk Dist. Court

* (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.)