

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Mary Russell, being called as a witness ^{here} in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 713, for Sec 1. 21st R. 27 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Mary Russell, 61 years, Mitchell, 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, & was born in State of Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 713, at the Call Center land office on the 23rd day of June 1893, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the person who made this entry. My entry embraces the Sec 1. 21st R. 27.

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. I built my house in November 1893, and established residence at that time. Stone house 12x14 ft, stone house 12x14 ft 480 rods of fence, well etc. & consider value of improvements at \$1000.

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 have no family, I have resided continuously on the 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. I have been absent two nights from my homestead since making settlement.

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 not cultivated the land as it is grazing land.

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. It is not in limit of incorporated town selected site of city, 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. It is grazing land, and 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. 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 sold, conveyed or mortgaged my 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 claim.

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 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Mary Russell

* (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.)