

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Walter E. Morse, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 10442, for S.E. Sec 9 Tp 21 R 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Walter E. Morse Age 31 yrs Langer 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. Yes I am a native born citizen of the U.S. Ill

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 10442, at the North Platte Neb land office on the 22 day of May 1886 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes S.E. Sec 9 Tp 21 R 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. Oct 11 1886 Moved on my claim and frame house 16 by 20 addition 10 by 16 ft logs stable 10 by 28 ft cow shed 15 by 28 ft and an other shed 16 by 16 ft cost 10 by 13 new Sept 30 1886 fence 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. Wife and child Yes

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. Absent one time Jan 1 1887 to March 1 1887 away settling up my business in the East Yes my family was on the land

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. 10 acres 1887 10 acres 1888 10 acres 1889 10 acres 1890 2 acres 1891

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. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, 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. Ordinary prairie land 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 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. No I have not sold 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. No

Walter E. Morse

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23 day of May

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. B. Bessing Clerk of the District 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.

Vertical handwritten note on the right margin: "I believe in this proof 2/18/86 and my homestead was completed 10 acres of prairie land 10 by 20 ft 20 by 16 ft 10 by 28 ft 15 by 28 ft 16 by 16 ft 3000 fence 10 by 13 new Sept 30 1886"