

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

Baltzer Eikenberry, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1304 for NW.1/4 Sec. 32. Tp. 21. R.57 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Baltzer Eikenberry, age 76 years, Postoffice, Mitchell, Nebr.

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 Indiana.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1304, at the Alliance land office on the 20th day of June, 1895, 1895, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made H.E. entry No. 1304 at the Alliance Land Office June 20th 1895 for the NW.1/4 Sec. 32. Tp. 21. R. 57 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. I built my house on the land in the spring of 1895 and established my actual residence April 8th, 1895. Log house 8x12 Log Stable 14x14, well, and land all under fence. I consider value of improvements \$150.00

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. My family consists of myself and wife and we have resided continuously on the land since establishing residence except during the winter months when we resided with our children on account of our age and severe weather.

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. DURING the winter months we resided with our children as we were too old to stay by ourselves during the winter weather.

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 and attempted to raise crops on ten acres of the land for two seasons after date of entry, but on account of drought an my extreme age I could not raise crops and used the land to pasture my stock, every season after entry.

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. town or selected site of city or town, 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. It is prairie land 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 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 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. 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 no other entry or filing since August 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Baltzer Eikenberry

* (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.)