

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Ira E. Hoyle, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 10952, for 264 Sec 29 T1P20 R Range 57W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ira E Hoyle age 27 Livingston Scotts Bluff Co Mo

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 born in Indiana

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 10952, at the North Platte land office on the 25th day of

July 1876, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes. Prairie Land

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. No Oct 1876 built house made actual residence Jan 14 1877. House has 12 x 24 ~~24~~ 22 x 32 well 100 feet deep State Reg 20 x 32 Case 12 x 16 Value 475.00

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. Unmarried

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 in 1876 from Oct 1st to Jan first from Jan 15 to Aug 10, 1877, from July 15 1877 to about Aug 1878, from March 1878 to Sept 3rd 1878. from April 2nd 1879 to Sept 1879 have resided on land since was absent for work, land has been cultivated each year

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

Ans. 15 ac in 1876 ac in 1877, 15 ac in 1878 cultivated 22 ac in 4 ac each year. raised crops each year since 1876

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 Sir

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. Prairie and grazing, adapted to farming

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 Sir Adapted to agriculture

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

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No Sir

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. Two horses in Wyoming.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23rd day of February 1876.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Ira E Hoyle
Not Public
Clark 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.)