

(4-389.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Charles C. Whipple, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3143, for N¹W¹Lot 1 Sec 5 T² R⁵ N. 19. 689. 34. 46. 1/2 34 testifies as follows: 21. 4. 57.

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

Ans. Charles C. Whipple age 26 years of Post Office Dornington 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 and born in the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3143, at the

Siding Nebraska land office on the 26 day of April 1873, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made Homestead Entry No 3143 at the Siding Nebraska land office on the 26 day of April 1873 for N¹W¹Lot 1 Sec 5 T² R⁵ N. 19. 689. 34. 46. 1/2 34

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. My house was built on the land on the 1st of May 1873 and I established my actual residence thereon at that time said house is 12x14 with other improvements on State 6x24, 8x12, 12x20, well, total value of improvements \$250

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 am a single man and have resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon

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 from 3 to 4 months each year to earn money to support myself and to improve this homestead

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 40 acres of the land for one season and raised corn and wheat

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. My present claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, nor is it 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. The character of the land is prairie, devoid of timber

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 to my knowledge

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. There is 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 August 30 1890 except for No 659 Siding land office N¹W¹ 34-21 R⁵ T² which is a part of this homestead

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Charles C. Whipple

* (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.)