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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Bertha Slingbaum, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1270, for North West Quarter, Sec 14, T4N, R3E testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Bertha Slingbaum, Age 29 years P.O. Harrisburg, 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. I am a native born citizen, was born in the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1270, at the

Litchey land office on the 26th day of

October 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry N. W. 4 Section 14 Township 19 Range 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. Building house in April 1888, established actual residence there April 12th 1888, Shanty frame house 12x14 ft. well, 500 yds in cultivation, I value improvements \$75.

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 unmarried, I have resided continuously on the place except when away at work.

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 each year from one to five months temporarily at work, never been absent at any time for six months.

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 five acres each season and raised 7 crops.

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.

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. Grazing land.

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. None

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.

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. None

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mining) made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. I have not made an entry of any kind since August 30 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Bertha Slingbaum

* (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.)