

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Emos F Barfoot, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 715, for S.W. Sec. 24, Tp 19, R 57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Emos F Barfoot Age 33 years, P.O. Harrisburg 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. I am a native born citizen, born in Iowa.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 715, at the land office on the 30 day of March 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry the S.W. Section 24, Township 19, Range 57, N.

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. Built a house in April 1888. Established actual residence therein about the 10th day of April 1888. Log house, 16x21 ft. Kitchen 8x11 ft. 2 stoves, 15x42 ft. 14x18 ft. or like hall 14x6 ft. Trainers 7x8 ft. Well, cow, and horse. all under fence, 50 acres in cultivation. Total improvements at \$4000.

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence therein? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Myself, wife and three children. We have resided continuously on the place.

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 was absent at one time 5 weeks, my family lived on the place during the time

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 raised crops from 20 acres in 1888 to 50 acres each season since.

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. Prairie, farming & grazing land, best for 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. 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. No.

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 not made any entry since Aug. 30th 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Emos F Barfoot

* (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.)