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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John A. Young, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 232, for 1884 Dec 24 19 P57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John A. Young Age. 30 Post office Harrington

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 Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 232, at the Land Office on the 24 day of April, 1884, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same person the land claimed is the 18<sup>th</sup> Sec 24 T. 19. R. 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. I built my house and established residence August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888. I have frame house 12x16. Platts 14x30 feet. Well 27 feet deep. 70 acres was fenced 30 acres cultivated all of it.

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 single

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 not been absent from the land since and have cultivated the land each season

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

Ans. Thirty acres for 2<sup>nd</sup> seasons

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 farming 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 whatever

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

Ans. No Sir I do not

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. None whatever

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

\* (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.)