

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

James Wineman, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 261, for NW 1/4, Sect 9, T. 21, N. R. 57, 20.

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

Ans. James Wineman, my age is 54 years 60 address Caldwell, 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. Once a real estate settler of the United States, and now a homestead settler in the State of Nebraska

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 261, at the land office on the 9th day of October 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I was the same person; my land is also included on the NW 1/4, Sect 9, T. 21, 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. My house was built on said tract December 1st 1888, and I established actual residence of that tract; my house is long 14 ft, 2 in, wide 12 ft, 6 in, and has a porch 12 ft by 14 ft, built 12 ft by 14 ft, with 30 ft deep 6 in concrete fence, 100 ft by 100 ft, and a well 7 ft of a total value of \$550

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 not resided continuously on the tract

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 the 1st of May until August, each year since settlement, for the purpose of securing money to live upon the rest of the tract

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 six acres each season since settlement

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, it is not within the limits of any town or city, or used in any way for trade and 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 land is ordinary prairie, above irrigation, and is well adapted for growing grain crops

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 some indications of coal salines or minerals on the tract

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 tract

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. I have no personal property elsewhere than on this claim

James Wineman

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1892.

[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.)