

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Amzi W. Lawson, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2472, for Sec 15 Tp 20 Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Amzi W. Lawson, age 50 years and Post-office address is Doonington, 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 born in the State of Indiana

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2472, at the Siding, Nebraska land office on the 16th day of May, 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No. 2472 at the Siding, Neb land office on the 16th day of May 1891 for Sec 15 Tp 20, 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 the land in May 1891 and I established my actual residence there at that time being drawn by J. Hays, 1891. The improvements are a brick chimney, house, barn, cow, well, 2 1/2 miles iron fence total value of improvements \$2000

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. My family consists of my wife and myself and wife has lived 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 not been absent from the homestead for any period of time since making settlement

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 prairie and raised some crop since I have been on the land

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 or 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, grazing & farm 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. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land

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. I have no personal property of any kind 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 of any kind since August 30 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Amzi W. Lawson

* (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.)