

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John W Stevens, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1800, for SW<sup>4</sup> Sec 1 Township 19N Range 37W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John W Stevens, age 35 P.O. address Harshburg 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, Born in Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1800, at the Sidney Nebus land office on the twenty seven day of June 1889, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the person who made entry No 1800, described, SW<sup>4</sup> of Sec 1 Township 19N of Range 37W.

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 in July 1889. Middle of July 1889, established residence, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor frame 36x20 house, frame 6x24, well 60 ft deep, curbs 8x10, iron horse 18x12, cornell etc 8000.

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. Family consist of myself wife and four children. Family have resided continuously on land.

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. 1889-1890-1891-1892-1893 was not absent from land, except for a few days, 1894 was absent about 3 months, 1895 was absent 3 1/2 months, 1896 have not been away family have resided continuous on land.

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

Ans. 1890 cultivated 30 acres, 1891, 30 acres 1892, 30, 1893, 20 acres 1894, 20, 1895, 20 acres 1896, 20 acres, I have raised 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. Claim is not in any town or selected site or used 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. Prairie & 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. No indications of coal or minerals

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

Ans. Have not 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 or mortgaged 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 except on this land

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 August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John W Stevens

\* (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.)