

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Sarah Kessler being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 798, for S 2 NE 1/4 Sec 4 T 19 R 57 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post office address?
Ans. Sarah Kessler Age 65 Post Office Dorronpton Nev.

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 U.S. was born in the State of Virginia

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 798, at the Richard Muraska land office on the 13th day of April, 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same person the land claimed is the S 2 NE 1/4 Sec 4 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 a house and commenced residing on the land on May 1st 1888. Soil house 12x22 feet incl. 27 feet deep. Cultivated 15 acres of land all of the value \$250.00

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 a widow consisting of no one other than 2 children my husband is dead who died when I made this entry from residence on the land continuous since 1887

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 never been absent from the land.

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

Ans. fifteen acres of land for four acres and so on crop at present time

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 or it is not.

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 what ever

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

Ans. None 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. No or I have not.

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 what ever

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1893

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
Sarah Kessler
A. J. Fairchild
U.S. Circuit Court, Nevada

* [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 (see year) homestead cases.]