

(4-2461)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Henry Loch, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 10626, for SW Sec 5 Tp 21 R 57 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
Ans. Henry Loch Age 27 yrs Granger Neb.

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?
Ans. Yes I am a citizen of the United States Naturalized

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 10626, at the NW Platte Neb land office on the 10 day of June 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
Ans. Yes SW Sec 5 Tp 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. July 20 1886 I Camped on the land from June 8 1886 to July 20 1886 until my house was completed. I am from 10 1/2 to 30 1/2 acres of land. I have been 10 by 1886. April 10 by 1887. July 30 1887. 30 1/2 acres of land. 34 acres of land.

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. Wife and one child Yes we have

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. Absent from Oct 15 1886 to Feb 10 1887. Oct 22 1887 to Jan 1 1888 and May 15 1888 to Sept 15 1888. Working at work to earn money to live on and make improvements on the land. Yes

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
Ans. 10 Acres 1887, 15 Acres 1888, 18 Acres 1889

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 within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town 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. Ordinary prairie 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. No indication 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. No

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. Not sold conveyed or mortgaged any portion

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. No I have not

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 12 day of June 1886.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
Henry Loch,
Blk County
Dist of Neb Court

\* (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.)