

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

Eli Beebe, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1203, for SW.1/4 Sec. 3 2 Tp. 21 N. R. 57 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Eli Beebe, my age is 47 years, and my postoffice address is Hull, 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 Iowa.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1203, at the Alliance land office on the 21st day of

March, 1895, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry 1203 at the Alliance land Office, Mar. 21st, 1895 for the SW.1/4 of sec. 32, Tp. 21 N. R. 57 W.

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 during the month of March 1895 and I established my actual residence thereon at that time. Log house 12x24 and ell 15x17, Sheds 180 feet long, stable for 14 head of horses, three wells and two windmills and tanks, and all fenced. Improvements worth \$1000.

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 wife and one child, and we have lived continuously on the land since 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 been absent from the land only to transact the ordinary business of a farmer and my family has resided on and cultivated the land during my absence.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season, and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? I have cultivated and raised crops on ten acres of the land each year since establishing residence thereon.

Ans. I have cultivated and raised crops on ten acres of the land each year since establishing residence thereon.

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? My present claim is not in limits of city or town or selected site of city or town or used in any way for trade or business.

Ans. It is prairie land most valuable for grazing purposes.

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals on the land. (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

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. I have never made any other homestead entry.

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

Ans. I have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the land.

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 no personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim. (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

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.

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 other entry or filing on land since August 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Eli Beebe

\* (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.)