

(4-23019)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Wilbur W. Peters, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2743, for S² NW 21 NW 34 20th 14 Sec 3, Tp 20, R 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Nelson W. Pelton, age 36, Port Hope, Dorchester N.H.

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, and born in the State of Illinois.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2743 at the

Saturday Nov - land office on the 11th day of

May 1892 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. *Can the identical form as the Macla formational early No 2743, at the
Siding Mt. can be seen for the S 37° 21' N 11° 34' E L 24, Dec 3 1/2 20, R 67, containing less than 15% Fe*

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. My house built on the bank in the Spring of 1892, and I estimate the actual
value of the house at that time. Soil house is built of logs 14x24 with L 16x24
stubs 15x80. Hen house 10x12. Well, Corrals 2 1/2 miles from house. Total value \$10,000.

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 our child, and my self and family have resided continually on the land since first settlement.

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 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 one acre each season for five seasons

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 personal claim is not within the limits of an incorporation issue on

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 this land is prairie devoid of timber, adaptive and

Ques. 15.—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 local, saline or mineral of any kind.

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

Ans. I made a formal acceptance of the N.Y.S. 2, 1/20 1858. I then, in March 1859 sent relinquished claim and received 250 bushels of wheat.

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

Ans. Have not sold, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the same

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 abating them on this claim

except - two cows in a separate pasture from this lane

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 kind of an entry, except this

Horizontal since August 30, 1892

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Willis W. Peters

* (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.)