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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Maria Preston, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1622, for SE 1/4 Sec 32 T27N R57E Sec 33 1/2 R 57

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

Ans. My name is Maria Preston age 60 years Postoffice Dorrington Miss

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 naturalized citizen of the United States and was born in England

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1622, at the Sidney Miss land office on the 12th day of April 1889, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made it E. No 1622 at the Sidney land office on the 12th day of April 1889 for the SE 1/4 Sec 32 T27N R57E Sec 33 1/2 R 57, N. 6 P. 21

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 26th Sept 1887 and I established actual residence therein directly thereafter. Improvements on the following: 2 log sheds (14x21) - 2 barns (12x12) - 2 corrals, 2 wells, 2 cisterns, 2 1/2 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. I am a single woman. and have resided continuously since first establishing residence therein

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 was absent four months in the fall and early winter of 1889, for the purpose of getting grain to improve the homestead etc.

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 40 acres for five seasons, and have raised some crops each season on this 40 acres

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 present claim is not within the limits of any incorporated town or site for a city or town, nor is it used in any way 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. The character of the land is prairie devoid of timber most valuable for grazing 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. There are no indications of coal salines or minerals of any kind on my homestead

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

Ans. I have never 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 conveyed or mortgaged any portion of 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 but only what is on this claim

Ques 14 - I have not made any other kind of an entry or any entry of land since Aug 30 1890

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 1st day of June 1896.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] C. M. Ford Clerk of the District 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.