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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Garriel Pitzer being called as a witness in ^{his} own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12250, for S.E. 1/4 of Sec 7 & 8 T. 20 R. 50 E. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Garriel Pitzer age 24 Post Office Longmont, Colo. Scotts Bluff

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 U.S. was born in

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12250, at the North Platte land office on the 24 day of Jan

1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. South East Quarter 7, Sec. 18, Town 20 S. & Range 50 E.
I am the same identical person who made said homestead entry.

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 in March 1887. I established actual residence 29th of March 1887. My house is 12x9 and is 12x16, a well, log stable 12x12, two acres of breaking, Value \$500

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence therein? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. I am unmarried. I have resided continuously on the homestead 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 at different times teaching school, but cannot give the exact dates.

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

Ans. The first year I had three acres cultivated, the 2nd, 3rd & 4th of the same year, I have raised crops on 30 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. It is not 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. It is ordinary prairie land, it is good farming land and most valuable for that purpose.

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 the land.

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 seven head of cattle and horses in a pasture five miles from the homestead.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (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 page) homestead cases.)