

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John A. Calderwood, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2109, for E² S. W⁴ Lots 3-4, Sec 31, T²⁰ R⁵⁷ W⁰⁰ testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John R. Calderwood—49 yrs, Storrington, 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 Penn.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2109, at the Sidney land office on the 1st day of February 1890 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes
E² S. W⁴ Lots 3-4—Sec 31—Township 20th Range 57th W⁰⁰

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. In June 1887 In June 1887
Log house No. by 26 ft, value \$200.00 Stables, \$500.00 Breaking, \$100.00
Other improvements \$350.00 Total value \$950.00

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 three children
Family have resided continuously on claim

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. Claimant absent from July 15-1888 to Nov 20-1888.
From June 25-1889 to Dec 13-1889. From June 5-1890 to Oct 11-1890.
From April 20-1891 to Sept 15-1891. From April 4-1892 to Aug 27-1892.
Away at work. Family remained on claim.

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

Ans. 1887-5 ac-1888-12 ac-1889-12 ac-1890-1891-1892-7 ac each year

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 No No

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. Prairie farming and grazing land.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, oilines, 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 indications

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. No

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 HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4th day of April 1890

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

John A. Calderwood
S. D. Kimway
County Judge

* (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.)