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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Frank M. Deast being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 360, for S.W. section 14 Township 19 Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Frank M. Deast, age 28, Fairbairn 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

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 360, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 29th day of October, 1887 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made above filing, S.W. section 14 Township 19 Range 57

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. House built November 5th 1887. Established residence November 1887. Stables Log 16x42, stable Log 18x30 hay board 16x16 well 50 feet deep. Total Value \$800

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. Myself & wife, have not resided continuously

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. 1887 absent 2 months, 1888 absent 4 months, 1890 absent 4 months, 1891 absent 5 months, 1892 absent about 5 months, absent at work for support, family resided upon and cultivated land, in absence,

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season, and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? (If so, describe the crops raised.)

Ans. acres 1893—22 acres 1894—22 acres, raised 6 crops

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

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. Grazing and agricultural land

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. No indications of minerals on land

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 I have not

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

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. Have made no other entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Frank M. Deast

*[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 (160-year) homestead cases.]