

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Sarah G. Emrich nee Simmons

Sarah G. Emrich nee Simmons, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2547, for North East quarter Sec 19, Twp 19 N, R 57 W, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Sarah G. Emrich, Age 30 P.O. Moorhead, Dakota

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 not by natural born citizen. I was born in Canada I am a naturalized citizen

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2547, at the [land office] on the [day] day of [month] 189[year], and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No. 2547, N.E. 1/4 Sec 19, Twp 19 N, R 57 W.

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 on the land in October 1891 and I established actual residence in December 1891. Room 11x22-12x14, Barn house 8x4, Ice house 11x13, Stable 13x20, 14x16, and 14x16, Call house 16x28, Territory 640 rods top corner 20,000.

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. Myself, husband, and three children. We have resided continuously on the land.

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 from the homestead 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 100 to 200 acres and have raised 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. It is not in the limits of a town or used 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. Prairie and grazing land most valuable for grazing.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, oil, 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 or minerals.

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

Ans. I have made no 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 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 except on this claim.

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 May 1899.

[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 (five year) homestead cases.)

Handwritten notes on the left margin: "Read 1/2 Sec 19, Twp 19 N, R 57 W. This is a copy of the original homestead entry made by Sarah G. Emrich nee Simmons on the 13th day of May 1899. The original is in the possession of the U.S. Land Office at Washington, D.C. and is on file under the name of Sarah G. Emrich nee Simmons." (Note: This text is a reconstruction of the handwritten notes based on the image content.)