

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

James Highmenger, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 684, for S² N² E⁴ Sec 28-Tp 19-R 57th, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. James Highmenger—36 yrs. Clyde, 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 Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 684, at the

Clayton, Neb. land office on the 22nd day of May 1888 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes S² N² E⁴ Sec 28-Tp 19-R 57th

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 April 1888—In April 1888.
Log house 36x28 ft. \$100⁰⁰ Stable & sheds \$200⁰⁰ Well \$875⁰⁰
Orchard \$20⁰⁰ Fencing \$10⁰⁰ Barn \$50⁰⁰ Total valued \$555⁰⁰

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 four children

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. Not been absent.

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

Ans. 1888-1889-1890-1891-1892-1893-1894 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, 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

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 11 day of September 1893

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

James Highmenger
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.)