

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

*John C. Giltner*, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. *197*, for *SE 1/4 Sec 14 Tps 21 R 57* testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
Ans. *John C. Giltner 44 yrs 362nd Kansas 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 I was a native born citizen of the United States Penn.*  
Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. *197*, at the *Algona Neb* land office on the *16* day of *June* 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?  
Ans. *Yes SE 1/4 Sec 14 Tps 21 R 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. *June 12, 1886* *House 12 1886 sod home*  
*18 1/2 x 28 ft. stable 12 1/2 x 28 ft. stable cow shed 14 1/2 x 20*  
*12 1/2 x 12 ft. barn 9 1/2 x 12 ft. split oak house*  
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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 six children Yes we have*  
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*

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?  
Ans. *24 acres in 1887 35 acres 1888 35 acres 1889*  
*35 acres 1890 35 acres 1891*

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. *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. *Ordinary prairie land for farming*  
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 coal silver or minerals of any kind*

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)  
Ans. *No I have never made a prior 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. *No I have not sold conveyed or mortgaged any portion of said 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. *No I have all of my personal property on my claim*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this *27* day of *July* 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]  
*John C. Giltner*  
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*Clk of the Dist Court*

\* 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 actual residence is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.

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*John C. Giltner*  
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