

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Isaac Newton Barrett, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 11659, for N E 4 Sec 20 T 20 R 57 W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Isaac Newton Barrett—33 Norrington, 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 Illio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 11659, at the North Platte land office on the 18th day of October 1886 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes N. E. 4 Sec 20, T. 20 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. February 20-1887—February 20-1887
House log 3 1/2 in—12 x 32 value \$125.00, Stable 4 x 12 value \$30.00, well and fencing \$100.00, breaking 15 acres cost \$45.00, total value \$320.00

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 five children Yes, excepting for short periods wife has been absent.

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. Absent for periods not exceeding two months at a time until 1891, absent at work from May 30, 1891 to October 30, 1891, and from Dec 1st 1891 to April 30-1892. — Yes.

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-acres, 1888-5-acres, 1889-8-acres, 1890-9-acres, 1892-9-acres 5 seasons.

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

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

Isaac Newton Barrett

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 9th day of September 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. B. Shumway
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.)