

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

William P. Gano, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1827, for N.W. 1/4 Sec. 20, T. 20. N., R. 57 W testifies as follows:

- Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. William P. Gano, age 26 yrs, P.O. Barrington 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. I am a native born citizen of the United States
I was born in the State of Illinois
- Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1827, at the Sidney land office on the Tenth day of July 1894, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry.
The land in the North West Quarter of 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 thereon? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)
 Ans. Built house in Sept 1888. Established my actual residence thereon in October 1888. Boy house 14x24 ft. Saw stable, post mill and wind pump 10 acres fenced, cove, and houses 30 acres in all other value \$510.
- 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. I am unmarried. I have resided continuously on the land, making it my home since first establishing my residence thereon.
- 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 been absent a few times temporarily at work to get means to improve the claim. I have cultivated the land each year since 1888. have never been absent one month at any one time.
- 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 from 10 to 18 acres each season and have raised crops thereon each season for 6 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. It is not
- 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. It is prairie land, 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 of coal, salines or minerals.
- Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
 Ans. I have not.
- 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
- 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 elsewhere.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 29 day of January 1894.
Wm. P. Gano
County Judge

[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.)