

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Frank Thomas, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12910, for W. W. Sec. 23 Township 19, Range 57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Frank Thomas Age 27 yrs. Barrisburg, Mebr.

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. Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12910, at the North Platte, Mebr. land office on the 27th day of April 1897, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes. W. W. Sec. 23 T. 19. 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. Sept. 1st. Sept. 1st. Log house 12x14 ft. stable 16x22 ft. log. Well, 65 ft. deep. 5 acres breaking. Value \$250.⁰⁰

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. myself. Unmarried.

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. In 1887 from June 1st to Oct. 1st. Also 1892 from Mar. 20th to Aug. 10th by 1891. Mar. 15th to Aug. 20th To Work.

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

Ans. 1st yr 5 ac. 7 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 grazing & 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. No. No.

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. No. 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. No.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 2nd day of May 1892.

[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.)