

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Ann M. Kimberley, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2357, for 24 1/2 R 57 W. Sec 29 1/4 19 R 57 W, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ann Kimberley Age 40 P.O. Hurstburg, Michigan

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. Born in Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2357, at the Hurstburg, Michigan land office on the Third day of October, 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person. 24 1/2 R 57 W. Sec 29 1/4 19 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. House was built 1890 in October 1890 and established actual residence Oct 1890

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence therein? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. I have 4 boys about each year but not over 24 months in any one year except 1895 was later

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 about each year but not over 24 months in any one year except a little over 24 months in 1896 on account of sick ness of my mother

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 not cultivated the land. Most valuable for grazing purposes

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. I am not in any city or used for trade or 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. It is prairie and grazing land. Most valuable for grazing purposes

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. There are no indications of coal or minerals

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. I have made no other 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. I have not sold or mortgaged the 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 not

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral) made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. I have made no other entry since Aug 30 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Miss Ann M. Kimberley

\* (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.)