

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Charles C Whipple, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 689, for SW 1/4 Sec 34 T21 R27 E. 110 3143 Survey testifies as follows: for 20 1857 to 20 1857

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

Ans. My name is Charles C. Whipple age 26 years Post office in Drimington Mo

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, and born in the State of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 689, at the Allamore Mo land office on the 14th day of May 1857, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No 689 at the Allamore Mo land office on the 14th day of May 1857 for SW 1/4 Sec 34 T21 R27 E. 110 3143 Survey

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. My house was built on the land in the spring of 1853 and I established my actual residence there at that time said house is built of logs and contains 12x14 other improvements—Barn 16x28, Caves, 12x20 Wells. Total value of improvements \$250

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 a single man and have resided continuously on the land since first establishing 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 each year 3 or 4 months to earn money to support myself and improve the homestead

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 40 acres each season and raised some crop

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. My present claim is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way 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. The character of the land is prairie devoid of timber, adapted to grazing only

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, salines or minerals of any kind on the land to my knowledge

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, conveyed or mortgaged any portion of 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. I have no personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim

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, 1850.

Ans. I have made no entry of any kind since August 30 1850 except N 1/4 Sec 20 T21 R27 E. 110 3143 Survey which is a part of this homestead

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Charles C. Whipple

* (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.)