

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Walter E Fuller being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 5816, for NW 1/4 Sec 4 Twp 19 N. Range 57 West testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Walter E Fuller my age is 30 years Harrisburg Nebraska

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 I was born in Iowa

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 5816, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 7th of May 1899, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made the above described filing on the NW 1/4 Sec 4 Twp 19 N. Range 57 West 6 P. M.

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 as soon as filed on and establish residence there as soon as built. The house is a loghouse 14x30ft. Barn 18x40ft. and shed for stock 18x20ft and wire corral. Total value about 2000.

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 have wife and no children I was never off the land more than three months at any one time

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 was absent from my claim only for a short period when away working and my wife was with me. Never more than three months at any 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 about four acres I raised crops on for the last three years and have 7 1/2 acres under cultivation now.

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. Land is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of any 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 adapted for grazing and is most valuable for 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. There are no indications of coal salines or minerals of any kind on this land

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

Ans. I made a homestead filing on N 1/4 Sec 26 Twp 13 N. R 10 W. Sec 24 Twp 18 N. R 2 W. and relinquished same back to the Government April 11 1899.

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 any where other 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, 1890.

Ans. I filed on N 1/4 Sec 26 Twp 13 N. R 10 W. Sec 24 Twp 18 N. Range 22 West and relinquished same back to the Government April 11 1899 at the Cheyenne Wyo Land Office

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Walter E Fuller

* (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.)