

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Franz Hurich

being called as a witness in his own behalf in support

of homestead entry, No. 882, for No. Sec 12, Twp 19, R. 57
testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Franz Hurich, Age 29 years old, PO Harrisburg, Pa.

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 naturalized citizen, of the U. S.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 882, at the

Sidney land office on the 5th day of

May 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry. The No. of section 12, Township 19, of Range 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. Built a house in June, and established my residence therein about the 15th of August 1888. Log house 16x24 ft. frame stable 14x28 ft. Cornell shed 14x18 ft. well, 400 lbs in cultivation. Value improvements \$2700.

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, wife and two children. We have resided on the place continuously. I have been away at times.

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 at three different times, 4 months each time temporarily at work. My family lived on the place and cultivated same during the 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 raised my crops from 15 acres in 1887

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. Prairie farming & grazing land, best 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. None

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.

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.

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 not made any entry since August 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Franz Hurich

* (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.)