

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Joseph L Gilmore, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 913, for Lot 3 & 4, S.W. Sec 7, T. 21, R. 27 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Joseph L Gilmore, ag 29, PO Caldwell, U. Del.

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 was born in Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 913, at the

Alliance land office on the 26th day of May 1897, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry and it is the Lot 3 & 4, S.W. Sec 7, T. 21, R. 27

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 when I moved to it in Spring of 1886. At which time I established residence. house 16 x 4, well, stable 20 x 14 fur, value about \$825

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 unmarried. I have resided continuously on the claim since first establishing residence.

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 away at work a few times but not long at a 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 cultivated 200 and have raised crops 3 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. My claim is not in any town or any way 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. Ordinary prairie land. Grazing land.

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. Ordinary prairie land. Grazing land.

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

Ans. I have made homestead entry on S.E. 1/4 Sec 7, T. 21, R. 27, on the 24th of Aug 1886, which I completed in March of 1888.

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 any of said

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 except 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 have not made any other entry since Aug 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Joseph L Gilmore

* 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.