

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John E. Smith, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3839, for E. W. ...

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

Ans. John E. Smith, Age 63 years old, ...

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 not a native born citizen of the United States, born in England

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3839, at the ... land office on the ... day of ...

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No. 3839 at the land office on the 28th day of June 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

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. In the fall of 1888 house was built, ...

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. Wife and four children. Myself and family have resided on said land continuously 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 not been absent from the homestead since making settlement on same, except to conduct the ordinary business of a farmer.

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 the land for 12 years

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, and is not 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. Rolling Prairie, Sandy loam and 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, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land

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

Ans. I have not made any 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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 15th day of November 1901.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

* (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.)