

(4-1890.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John A Shoemaker, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 13343, for 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 26 T20N R20W testifies as follows: R37W

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

Ans. John A Shoemaker 43 years Banner Nebr

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 United States (See copy herewith)

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 13343, at the North Platte Nebr land office on the 20th day of June 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 26 T20N R20W

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. October 1887 (October 1st 1887)  
House bud 12x26ft \$75 Stable 12x24ft \$30 Well \$15  
Care \$10 Breaking \$120 1/2 mile fence \$20 Other improvements \$45 Total \$335

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 5 children Yes

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. Absent from Feb 1st to July 4th 1891 To work  
Family remained on claim

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. Crops in 10 acres 6 years 40 acres 5 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. No No No

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. Farming and 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. No indications No

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

Witness to mark of John A Shoemaker  
also J B Shumway John A Shoemaker  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 10th day of October 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J B Shumway  
County Judge

\* (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.)