

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John B. Heintz, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1297, for 6<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>4</sup> Lots 1+2, Sec. 31, Tp. 19, R. 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John B. Heintz, Age 36 years, P.O. Harrisburg, Neb.

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. 1297, at the

Sidney land office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry of the 6<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>4</sup> Lots 1+2, Section 31, Tp. 19, R. 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 my house in November & December 1888. Established a actual residence therein May 1<sup>st</sup> 1889. Log house 16x22 ft. Main 12x14 ft. Log barn 14x20 ft. and 24x50 ft. Hoopline 14x16, horse house 12x16, out-cant. and 50x20 and house Corral 2 with mill & pump 25x20. 2500.00 in cultivation. Value improvements \$1600.

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 & 4 children. We have resided continuously on the place 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 absent at 3 different times temporarily, at work from 1 to 4 months; my family has never been absent.

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 45 acres in cultivation, have raised 7 crops from 12 to 45 acres.

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 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. 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. None.

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 of any kind since Aug 30 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John B. Heintz

\* (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.)