

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Patrick J. Swan, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 4142, for NE 1/4 Sect 25, Twp 19 N, Range 37 W, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name as you wish it to appear in your patent, age, and post-office address?

Ans. My name is Patrick J. Swan, my age is 29 years, my post office address is Harriett, Nebraska.

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 was born in Ireland and am a naturalized citizen of the United States, a copy of naturalization papers enclosed.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 4142, at the Sidney, Nebraska land office on the 21st day of December 1905, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made the above described entry the land is NE 1/4 Sec 25 Twp 19 N R 37 W

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. I built my house on the land & established residence thereon in February 1901, a house 14' x 16' with a log house 14' x 16' & a frame house 14' x 20' & a spring & a log house 10' x 14' & a log house 16' x 20' & a well 20' deep & a well 23' deep, total value \$300.

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. My family consists of myself & wife, I have lived continuously on the land 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 was absent from the land 3 weeks in June 1905 buying cattle in Colorado.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? If used for grazing only, describe fencing, state number and kind of stock grazed and by whom owned.

Ans. I broke 12 in 1901 and this spring I broke 7 acres more & have raised crops five years including the present.

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 in the limits of any city or town or selected site, & 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. The land is grazing land principally about 500 acres in all.

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 on this land.

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

Ans. I have made entry to SW 1/4 30, 19-36 & relinquished it.

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. All my personal property is 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. SW 1/4 30-19-36, about 1897 or 8 which I relinquished at the time I took the present claim.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Patrick J. Swan

* 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.