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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Anthony Blich, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1289, for Dec 29, Town 20, Range 5-7 testifies as follows:

- Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Ans. Anthony Blich—Age 38 years—P.O. Kensington, Pa.
- Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?  
 Ans. Yes, native born citizen of the United States—Born in the State of Ohio.
- Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1289, at the District land office on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1891, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?  
 Ans. Yes—Dec 29, Town 20, Range 5-7
- 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 father 1886—Nov 10, 1886—509 house, stable, hen house, barn, fencing, well, 30 acres cultivated—Total Value \$400.00
- 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, my family has resided on the land continuously, but father has been absent.
- 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 Nov 1, 1889 until Dec, 1889, from July 1890, to Aug 30, 1890 from Dec. 1890 until Dec, 1890 from March until Aug 1891— I was absent because of my father's family—my family resided on the land during my absence.
- Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?  
 Ans. From 1886 to 1891, I have cultivated 30 acres of land in 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891.
- 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.
- 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 land—Sandy soil—most valuable for farming.
- 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.
- 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.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 17 day of Nov 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Anthony Blich  
J. G. Logan, Clerk of Court  
Frank Logan, Deputy

\* (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.)