

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John Lewis, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2901, for 6² SW⁴ and Lots 3+4, Sec. 30, Township 20, N. R. 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John Lewis age 52 years old, P.O. Warrington 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. Yes a native born citizen, Was born in Indiana

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2901, at the Sibley land office on the 27 day of September 1892 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry the 6² SW⁴ and Lots 3+4, Sec. 30, Twp 20, Range 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. I built my house in March 1898 established my actual residence therein about the 17 day of March 1898

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. I am unmarried, I have resided on the place continuously except was absent one time about 2 months

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 at one time temporarily about two months at work

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 raised two crops of 15 acres each

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 & grazing land, most valuable for growing

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. Yes filed 1st entry no 154 Oct 30 1863 to SW Sec 34, Twp 9, R. 11

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

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 not.

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 other entry or filing since Aug 30, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

John Lewis

* (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.)