

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Henry L Beach, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 824, for SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 11 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 12 T 21 N R 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. P.O. address, Mitchell Mo. age 64 years past

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 native born citizen of the United States and was born in the State of Ohio

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 824, at the Silsby land office on the March day of 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry No 824 at the Silsby land office in March 1888 for the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 11 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 12 T 21 N 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. I built my house on the land during the autumn of 1888 and I established actual residence therein in September 1888. Said house is 20x25. Post Office and Post box, barn 18x28, shed, chicken house 10x10 - 2 miles from fence. Total value of which is \$1000

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 a wife and ten children. I resided on said land continuously until October 1891 when I was compelled to leave on account of sickness and have since returned to said land

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 from the homestead since making settlement since October 1891 until recently on account of extreme illness, occasioned by an abscess in my stomach - I was compelled to go east for treatment and was compelled to leave my family with me to care for me in my illness

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

Ans. Five acres of the land, cultivated in the seasons of 1889-1890 and 1891 and raised crops thereon during those seasons and have raised the land 99 and cultivated it

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 within the limits of any incorporated town or town site or used in any way 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 character of the land is prairie land, and more valuable for grazing purposes - of ordinary quality

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 of any kind on the land

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

Ans. I have never made any other homestead entry

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 said 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. I have no personal property of any kind elsewhere than 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. I have made no kind of entry of any public land since August 30<sup>th</sup> 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Henry L Beach

\* (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.)