

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John Fairchild, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1707, for the S6th Sec. 17, T. 20, R. 57th, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. John Fairchild, 39 years old, Doniphan, Scotts Bluff Co., 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 native born citizen of United States. I was born in Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1707, at the Sidney land office on the eighth day of May 1877, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the same identical person. It is the S6th Sec. 17, T. 20, Range 57th.

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. The house was built in Nov. 1876. I established residence the 5th day of Dec. 1876. I have about 21 x 24^{ft} ^{to the} ^{front} ^{and} ^{half} ^{high} ^{house} ²¹ ^x ²⁰ ^{ft} ^{will} ^{cellar} ¹⁴ ^x ²⁰ ^{ft} ^{wagon} ^{shed} ¹² ^x ²⁴ ^{ft} ² ^{miles} ^{of} ^{fence}

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 five children. Myself and family have resided there continuously 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 have not been absent at all since making settlement.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
 Ans. The first year I cultivated 12 acres, the next 11, the third 12, the fourth 12, the fifth 12, and I have raised crops for five seasons.

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 within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town. There is a cemetery growing above adjacent to the land.

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. This ordinary agricultural and grazing land. It is farming land and most valuable for that purpose.

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 made homestead entry on Sec. 9, T. 20, Range 57th. I was unsuccessful.

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. I have no personal property any where else.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of Jan. 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
John Fairchild
John Vickroy
Clint Gibson

* (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 (5th year) homestead cases.)