

(4-3419)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Andrew Bolin, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 1319, for N² NE² NE² NW² Lot 1 Sec 18 Twp 19 Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Andrew Bolin, 45, Norrington 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. A native born citizen of the United States, Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 1319, at the Sidney land office on the 24th day of November 1894 and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. Yes, N² NE² NE² NW² Lot 1 Section 18 Township 19 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. House built November 1888, established residence Dec 8-1888
House Log 14x18 stable Log 7 dug out 14x80. cellar 13x16 then house Log
6x8 porch Log 6x8 Well 66 feet deep Value \$2000

Ques. 5.—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. Myself wife and three children. have resided on land continuously since establishing residence

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. Have not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1892 cultivated 25 acres 1890 cultivated 27 acres 1891-20 acres

Ans. 1892-20 acres 1893-30 acres raised four crops

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. Farming and grazing

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 29 day of January 1894

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Andrew Bolin
J. W. Hoke
Notary Public

* (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.)