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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

William J. Schumacher, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 4057, for SE<sup>1</sup> Sec. 6 Tp 20 N. R. 57 W., testifies as follows:

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

Ans. William J. Schumacher, 30 years of age, and my Post Office Address is Hull, Banner Co. 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. I am a Naturalized Citizen of the United States.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 4057, at the Hidney, Nebraska land office on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1900, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made H. E. No. 4057 on July 21 1900 for the SE<sup>1</sup> of Sec. 6 Tp 20 N. R. 57 W.

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 a log house size 18x24 ft. Shingle roof and board floor about the month of November 1900. I have also established actual residence thereon in Nov 1900. I have a barn 12x16 ft. One mile & fence all of the total value of \$2500.

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 my wife and one child. I have resided continuously on the land 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 was absent during a part of each summer until the fall of 1904 working on farms and hay ranches for the purpose of improving my homestead. My family was with me most of the time while away at work. They could not stay alone on the homestead as there were no other people there.

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

Ans. The land is suited for agricultural purposes and is valuable only for the hay that can be raised on the low bottom and pasture and I have not yet been able to get in any 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. It is not within the limits of any incorporated town or city and is not 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. It is a grazing land and a part of it can be mowed for hay.

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 mineral of any kind on the land to my knowledge and it is most valuable for grazing.

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 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 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 never made any other entry of lands since August 30 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

William J. Schumacher

\* (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.)