

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

Jacob J. Boyer being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 4106, for E 2 1/2 W 4 1/2 Lots 3 & 4 Sec. 18-20-57 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
Ans. My name is Jacob J. Boyer, My age is 60 years and my post office address is Shell, 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 native born citizen of the United States, was born in the State of Ohio.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 4106, at the Sidney, Nebraska land office on the 27th day of September, 1900, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
Ans. I am the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 4106 at the Sidney, Nebraska land office on the 27th day of September, 1900, and the true description of the land now claimed by me is E 2 1/2 W 4 1/2 Lots 3 & 4 Sec. 18-20-57.

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. My house was built on the land in May, 1898, and I established actual residence thereon at the time I built the house. The improvements on the land is one log cabin 10 ft x 12 ft, 1 shed 14 x 30 ft, 1 cow 18 1/2 ft, all of said land enclosed with a wire fence 3 wire strands about 40 ft wide, 1 well, one acre of bushing and the total value thereof is \$400.

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 now of wife and one child, and they and myself have resided continuously on the land since first.

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 from the land from Nov. 16, 1904 to Jan. 18, 1905, during which time I was in the Federal Court at St. Louis, Missouri, I was not absent at any other time except for one or two days at a time for the purpose of getting supplies for my family, and always returned for my improvement. My family was on the land during my absence.

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 cultivated one acre of the land to garden for five seasons, and I have raised crops on the land for that purpose 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. My present claim is not within the limits of any incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, and is not used in any way for trade and 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 is prairie and suitable for grazing purposes only.

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. I have 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 made other homestead entry, in Dawson County, in 1874.

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 no other entry or filing made by me since August 30, 1890.

Ques. 15.—Have you any other evidence of any kind, or any other statement made in the testimony of either of the others of any statement made in the testimony of either of the others?
Ans. I have no other evidence of any kind, or any other statement made in the testimony of either of the others.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Jacob J. Boyer

* (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.)