

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Henry Bunker being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12355, for the N. 6. 4 Sec 26, T. 19 N. R. 57 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Henry Bunker, Age 38, P.O. address Harrisburg 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 a native born citizen of the United States born in Wisconsin

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12355, at the North Platte land office on the 7th day of February, 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made said entry. The land is the North East Quarter No. 24, Sec 26, Township 19 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. House built in March 1887, I established my actual residence therein in the first week in April 1887. I own house 15x40 ft and stable 18x39, and 10x15 shed 10x12. I have also 5x16, 10x16 and 10x12. I own farm all kinds of crops, and value of value \$700.

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 wife and five children and have resided continuously on the land since first establishing my 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 been absent temporarily only a few times and not to exceed 3 months at any time, my family has never been off the place, but we have cultivated the land each year.

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

Ans. 75 Acres in cultivation, I have raised crops from 30 to 75 acres each season for seven years.

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

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. Prairie land most valuable for 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 indication of coal, salines or minerals.

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, mortgaged, or conveyed 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 elsewhere.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1887.

Henry Bunker  
Claimant

W. H. Hamilton  
County Judge

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

\* (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.)