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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Francis B Williams, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 12253, for S6⁴ Sec 21 Township 20 Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Francis B Williams age 33 Dornington 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. Natural born Ohio

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 12253, at the North Platte Neb land office on the 30 day of January, 1887, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. S6⁴ Sec 21 Township 20 Range 57 Neb
I am the identical person

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 between first 1/2 & 2nd 1/2 of July 1887 established residence bet. these 1/2s of July 1887
House 14x16 Stable 14x18 log, 160 acrs. fenced with some wire fence
Value \$50

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. Myself. Single Have not resided continuously

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. In 1887 absent from July 1st to Aug 5, In 1888 from Feb 24 to April 11th 1888 In 1889 from Sept 1st to Dec 3/89 In 1890 from Nov 1st to July 1st In 1891 from April 1st to Sept 8th From Oct 3rd 1891 to present

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

Ans. 1888 broke 10 acrs. planted 10 acrs. corn, 1889 broke and planted 15 acrs. to corn, 1890 & 1891 raised 10 acrs. to wheat 10 acrs. to corn, 1891 sowed 10 acrs. to millet. 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 Sir

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 and grazing. valuable for grazing

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, oil, 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 Sir

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. No Sir

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No Sir

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 Sir

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

[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.)