

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Grace Slingbaum, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3657, for NW 1/4 Sect 11 Tp 19 N Range 57 W, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Grace Slingbaum, age 26, Scotts Bluffs 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 native born citizen of the United States, Arkansas was born in

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3657, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 7th day of January 1898, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the identical person who made above described filing on the NW 1/4 of section 11 Tp 19 N of Range 57 W.

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence there? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. My house was built Jan 7th 1898, I established residence January 7th 1898. House dugout with lumber, size 18x20 stable log 14x20 well and windmill, 2 miles well fence. Total valued \$300

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. I am single, I have not resided continuously on the land

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 resided on the land continuously for three years, and since that time I have been away to work for my support but not to exceed six months at any one time

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 had cultivated 4005 acres raised three or 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. selected site of a town 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. The character of the land is grazing land. Have had 40 head of cattle grazing on this land since then

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 minerals on the land

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 this 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 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 made no filing since August 30th 1890

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Grace Slingbaum

* (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.)