

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Martin J. Gathberg, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2075, for N 1/2 S E 1/4; E 1/2 N W 1/4 Sec 33 Tp 33 R 80 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Martin J. Gathberg Age 27 years P.O. Address base my

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 and came to this country

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2075, at the

Cheyenne land office on the 13th day of June, 1888, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the same & identical person and the land embraced in this claim is Prairie Grazing and farming land

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. The house was built in May 1885—established actual residence in July 1885—Log house shingle roof size 16x32. Addition 20x20 and well worth \$400.00

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 myself and wife and have resided continuously since first establishing residence

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. We have not been absent at anytime but have resided continuously on this land since first establishing residence

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? I have cultivated 40 acres for five years

Ans. and raised crops for five seasons or 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. It is not within the limits of any

Ans. incorporated city or town and is used for no business except farming

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. it is prairie

Ans. grazing and farming land and is for more valuable for agricultural purposes

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.) there are no indications of coal or any other valuable

Ans. minerals on this land and it is more valuable for agricultural purposes

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

Ans. I have never made a homestead entry before this

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose? I have in no way disposed of or bargained to sell

Ans. any portion of this claim

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 except what is kept on the place

Martin J. Gathberg

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 1881.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. M. Timmy
U.S. Court Commissioner for District of Wyoming

* (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.)