

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel Brass, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Byron A Shaffer for S W 1/4 of sect 28 Twp 27 R 11 West Range (11) West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. live at Junction Adams County Nebraska.

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A Shaffer, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No.

Ans. I have.

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. he was a citizen of the United States over 21 years of age a single man until Sep 2nd 1879 since which time he has been married he had a homestead on W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of same section which he abandoned and took the land in question under act of March 3rd 1879.

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. in April 1876 Built a frame home 14x22 and stable and a well Built a corn crib a frame granary Planted about 100 acres Planted about 25000 Forest trees 100 Fruit trees 200 Blackberry bushes and 200 Grape vines 1000 Raspberry vines all of the value of about \$1200 Dollars

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes he was a single man until 1879 and lived upon the land all the time and has lived there ever since with his wife

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Never been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. about one hundred acres and has had crops 6 or 7 seasons

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. no

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. no I think he has acted in good faith

Samuel Brass

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1881.

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

B. L. Smith
County Judge
Adams County
Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George J. Brown being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Bryan A. Shaffer for South West 1/4 of Sect 28 Town 20 Range (11) West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. live at Jewett Auburn County Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Bryan A. Shaffer, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. _____?

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. He was a single man over 21 years of age and a citizen of the United States and was married in September 1879. He had a Homestead upon the W 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section but abandoned the same and took the land in question under act of March 3rd 1877 1879-

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. About April 15th 1876 Built a frame house 12x14 feet a frame barn 14x20 feet a good fence a frame building a corn crib dug a well planted 100 acres of timber about 25-000 Forest trees 100 fruit trees 1000 Blueberries 1000 Raspberry vines 200 grape vines & all worth about \$1200. Twelve hundred Dollars.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. He was a single man until 1879 lived there alone until then and has lived there ever since his marriage with his wife

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. never was absent and has lived with his family ever since he was married

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. about 100 acres has raised crops 6 or 7 seasons

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. no + yes

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. no to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. no, I think he has

George J. Brown

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1881.

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

John Smith County Judge Auburn County Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Byron A Shaffer being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. _____, for *South West 1/4 of Sect 28-7-11 Range (11)*

testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name—written in full and correctly spelled—your age, and post-office address?

Ans. *Byron A Shaffer age 28 Juneau
Main County Nebraska*

Ques. 2.—Are you a native of the United States, or have you been naturalized?

Ans. *I am a native born citizen*

Ques. 3.—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. *Built a good home in April 1876 and a frame home in August 1878
14x20 feet a good barn a frame granary a corn crib dug a well
planted about 100 acres planted about 25000 forest trees 100 fruit trees
2000 bush berries + Raspberries 200 bush wine & all worth about 1200
have lived there ever since April 15th 1876.*

Ques. 4.—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 was a single man until 14 September 1879 I
live alone on the land until that time and ever
since then with my wife which is all my family*

Ques. 5.—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. *never absent at all*

Ques. 6.—How much of the land have you cultivated and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. *about 100 acres have raised crops 6 or 7 seasons*

Ques. 7.—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 + yes*

Ques. 8.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. *Yes I made a one on the N-1/2 of NE. 28-7-11 and abandoned
abandoned it and took bond in intention under act of
March 3rd 1877*

Ques. 9.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. *No not in any manner*

Byron A Shaffer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this *30* day of *September*, 188*1*.

R. J. Smith
County Judge
Main County Nebraska

NOTE.—If naturalized, the claimant must file a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization. In a commuted homestead a foreign-born claimant, if not naturalized, must file a certified copy of his declaration of intention. In making proof, the party must surrender his original duplicate receipt, or file affidavit of its loss.

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel L. Brass being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry
of Byron A. Shaffer for South West 1/4 Section 28
Township 7, Range 11 West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Farmer - Juniata Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A. Shaffer, the claimant, in
this case ever since he made his homestead entry, No. 8676 + 4051

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States,
over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. yes - he was head of a family over 21 years of age +
citizen of United States and had not made a prior entry
except No. 4051 for the N 1/2 S. E. 1/4 28-7-11

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. On tract embraced in Hd. No. 4051, July 15, 1877, on Hd. No. 8676 August
1st 1879 - same time, frame dwelling house 16x24 feet, stable, granary
well, orchard, small fruits, worth \$800 to \$1000-

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for
what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. He has not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres - every season since 1877

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe
what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No - it is

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfect-
ing this entry?

Ans. No - I do

Samuel L. Brass

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him
before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1882
that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

W. H. Craver
Clerk District Court
Adams County Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George T. Brown being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry
of Byron A. Shaffer for S. W. 1/4 Section 28, Township
7, North, Range 11, West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Farmer - Juniata Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A. Shaffer, the claimant, in
this case ever since he made his homestead entry ^{is} No. 8676 + 4051

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States,
over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. yes - he was head of a family, over 21 years of age, citizen of United States
and had not made homestead entry prior to above stated

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. On Hd. No 4051, July 15, 1877, same time; on Hd. No 8676, August 1, 1879 -
same time - frame dwelling house 16x24 feet, stable, granary, orchard,
with small fruits + worth \$800 to \$1000 -

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?
(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for
what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. he has not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres - every season since entry was made

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe
what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No - it

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfect-
ing this entry?

Ans. no - I do

George T. Brown

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him
before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1887
& that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

A. H. Kramer
Clerk District Court Adams County Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Byron A. Shaffer being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. 8676, for S. W. 1/4 Section 28 Township 7. Range 11 West testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name—written in full and correctly spelled—your age, and post-office address?

Ans. Byron A Shaffer - 29 years - Juniata Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Are you a native of the United States, or have you been naturalized?

Ans. I am native born

Ques. 3.—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. (Proof of residence has ^{been} furnished in regard to Hd. No. 4051) on Hd. 8676, house was built in July 1879, moved into same August 1st 1879—frame house 16x24 feet stable, granary, well, orchard, small fruits, worth \$1000⁰⁰

Ques. 4.—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. a wife and two children - yes

Ques. 5.—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 not been absent

Ques. 6.—How much of the land have you cultivated and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres - every season since entry was made

Ques. 7.—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 - It

Ques. 8.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. Hd. No. 4051 for W 1/2 S E 1/4 Sec. 28, Twp 7. Range 11 West

Ques. 9.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No

Byron A. Shaffer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1882 at that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

A. Heramus
Clerk District Court Adams County Nebraska

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