

HOMESTEAD PROOF---TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Almanzo J Wilder being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of Homestead entry No. for NE⁴ 21-111-56

testifies as follows:

Ques. 1-What is your name (written in full and correctly spelled) your age and postoffice address?

Ans. Almanzo J. Wilder 26 yrs old DeSmet, Dakota

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

Ans. Native citizen of U.S.

Ques. 3-When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence thereon? (Describe house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. In September 1879. Residence same time. House 12 ft. square frame. 2 door / window. Cellar 20' x 10' of water. 2 stables 14x16 - + 16 + 32 ft both frame. some trees. 32 acre cultivated. Value over \$3000

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. Am Single Man. Residence Continuous

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. Was absent part of winter of 78 + 80. + temporarily for short times after at work on R.R. not more than a month at a time. absence was necessary for me to get money to improve my land.

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

Ans. 32 acre cultivated now. crops 4 yrs. 20 acres this season

Ques. 7-Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land, and is the land more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes?

Ans. No. No. No. more valuable for agriculture.

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

Ans. No

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

Ans. No. No. No.

Almanzo J. Wilder

I Hereby Certify that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 12 day of September 1884

W J Barber

Judge of the Probate COURT, KINGSBURY CO., DAK.

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)