

Almanzo Wilder Homestead Proof: September 12, 1884.

HOMESTEAD PROOF---TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

A. J. Sheldon
 being called as a witness in support of the Homestead
 entry of *Almanzo J. Wilder* for *NE 21-11-56*
 testifies as follows:

Ques. 1--What is your occupation, and where is your residence?
 Ans. *Farmer Sec 10-11-56*

Ques. 2--Have you been well acquainted with *Almanzo J. Wilder*
 the claimant, in this case ever since he made his Homestead entry No.

Ans. *No. for 5 years he had taken his land at 2 1/2 miles from & 3 miles from 18 miles from*

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. Citizen of U.S. over 21 yrs old. Single. Never made former entry.*

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 Oct 1st 1879. Same time. House of frame about 12 ft square. Larder & window. Stable, grain well of water cellar. acre broken & cultivated, some trees. Value of crops \$3000*

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

Ans. *Single man. Residence continuous*

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. *At times. Not temporarily absent, is working at the R.R. and visiting in Michigan not more than about 2 months at a time.*

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

Ans. *Acres cultivated about 20 acres of wheat this year 1884. Crops on part 4 years, making 5 years*

Ques. 8--Are there any indications of coal, salines or other minerals of any kind 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. No. No. more valuable for agriculture*

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. For am I in any way related to claimant think he has acted in good faith. A. J. Sheldon*

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

Day of *September* 188*4*

W. J. Barnes
 ex-officio clerk

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