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Genealogical Workshop: Records of an Immigrant Family. Part 3.

James E. Erickson

This article, which represents part three of a four-part series featuring documents associated with my paternal great-grandparents, John E. and Ida C. Erickson, focuses on materials obtained from the National Archives that were included in John Erickson's homestead case file.¹ The paperwork in the file—comprised of over twenty separate items/pieces—had originally been sent by the local General Land Office in Marquette, Michigan, to the General Land Office headquarters in Washington, D.C., in support of John Erickson's application for homestead land in Iron County of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The following documents, selected from his homestead case file, are illustrated below: his homestead application and affidavit, his naturalization papers (i.e., declaration of intention and certificate of citizenship), final-proof documents (i.e., final affidavit of claimant, testimony of claimant, and testimony of witness), and the final certificate that authorized issuance of a patent. The documents are arranged chronologically and cover the period 1889-1901.

The documents highlighted herein lend support to the contention that paperwork contained in a claimant's homestead case file is a rich genealogical source. They proved invaluable to me for reasons both obvious and subtle. First, they provided specific dates for major events in John Erickson's life (e.g., declaration of intention, citizenship, homestead application, etc.). While mundane, this kind of information is always noteworthy. Secondly, four of the documents (numbers 10, 11, 13, and 15) contain John Erickson's signature. Thirdly, I know unequivocally that the Declaration of Intention (document 9) and the Certificate of Citizenship (document 12) shown are associated with "my" John Erickson. Lacking this context (i.e., being placed in one individual's homestead file), such documents, which contain common names with no additional identifying information, would be much more difficult (impossible?) to unambiguously assign to a particular individual. By far the most exciting and

¹ Specific details on how to obtain such case files from the National Archives are summarized in Anne Johnson Barton's article, "Revelations of a Homestead File," featured on pages 8-11 of this issue of *SAG*. In the late 1980s, when I requested the paperwork contained in John Erickson's case file, I was able to provide the National Archives not only a legal description of the land but also the original application number and the final certificate number, both of which were taken from the final homestead certificate (see document 16) that was originally sent to John Erickson and later became part of the collection of documents handed down through successive Erickson generations.

For an in-depth discussion of homestead records see Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, eds., *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, Rev. ed., (Ancestry Inc.: Salt Lake City, UT, 1997).

interesting information came from two documents— Testimony of Witness and Testimony of Claimant (documents 14 and 15). Until I had these documents in hand, I knew next to nothing about the Erickson homestead. What a thrill it was to discover when the first “shanty” was built; when the family moved onto the land; the amount of land that was cultivated; and the number, size and value of “improvements” on the land.

The Erickson homestead was located on the oxbow of the Brule River in Stambaugh Township, approximately seven miles southwest of the villages of Iron River and Stambaugh, Iron County, Michigan (see figure 4). It consisted of 104.9 acres of land comprising Lots 4 and 5 of section 23, T 42N, R 36W (see figure 4).

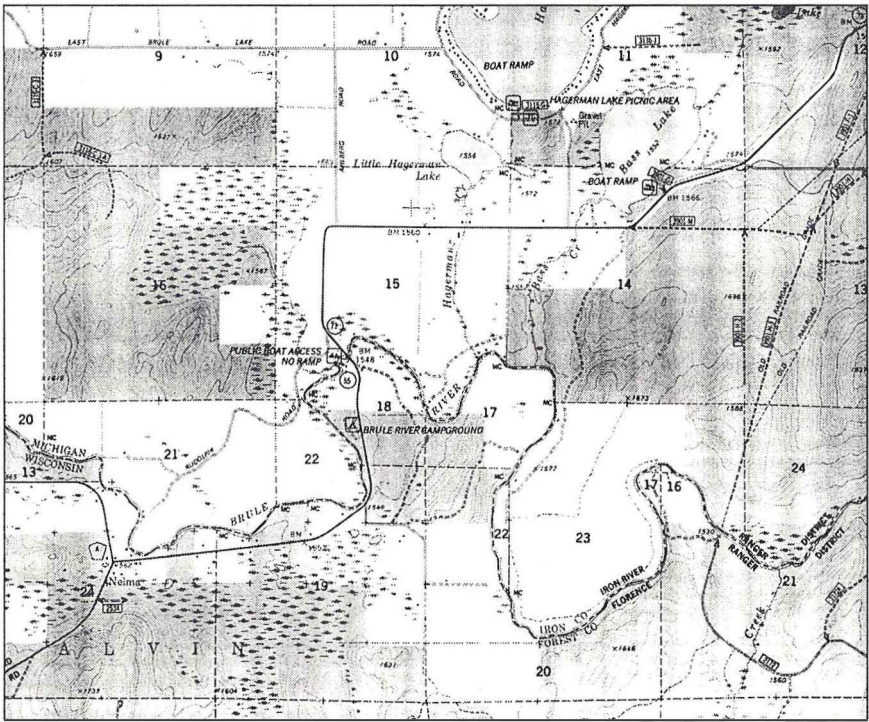


Fig. 3. Topographical map showing the southeast portion of the Hagerman Lake, Mich.-Wis. quadrangle (scale 1:24,000). The Brule River, which meanders through the landscape from west to east, forms the boundary between Iron County, Michigan, and Forest County, Wisconsin. Note that a significant part of section 23 is enclosed within an oxbow, a U-shaped bend in the Brule River.

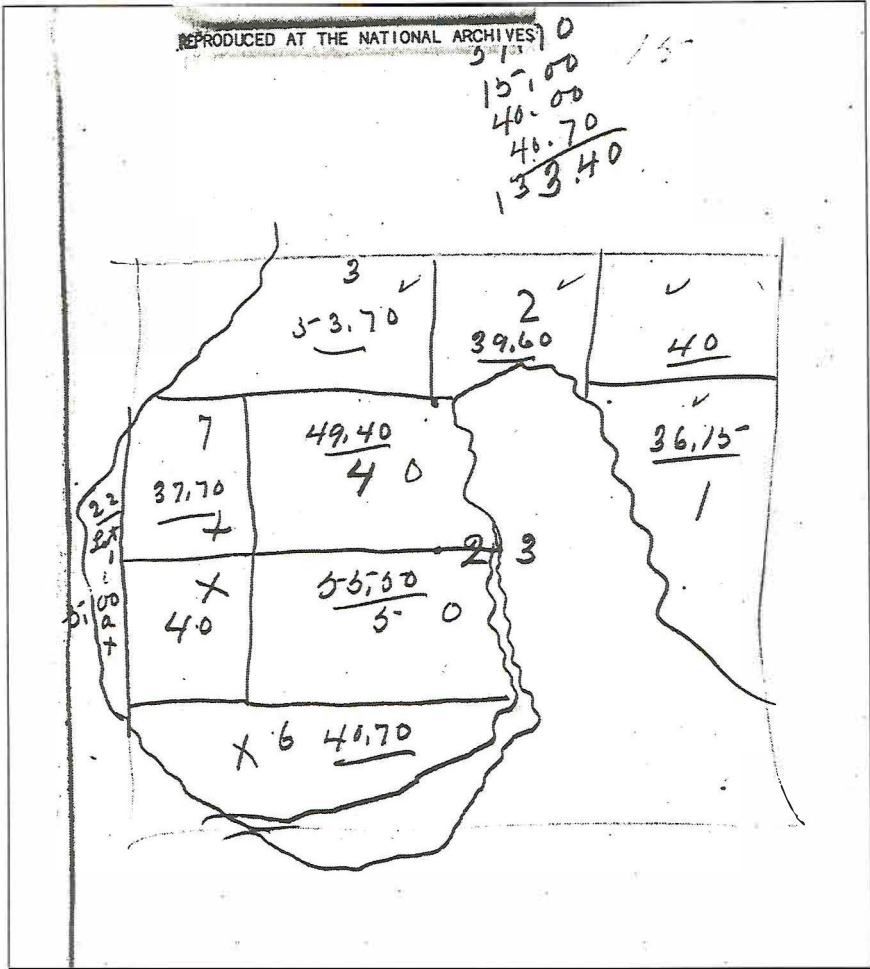



Fig. 4. Hand-drawn map of section 23 that was included in the Erickson homestead case file. The homestead covered a total of 104.9 acres —49.40 acres within Lot 4 and 55.50 acres within Lot 5.

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• DECLARATION OF INTENTION...25-6-88 [88] The Richmond & Backus Co., Stationers, Detroit, Mich.



(COPY.)

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. The Circuit Court for said County, to wit:
 County of Iron } J. John Erickson

Solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a **CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES**, and to RENOUCE FOREVER, all Allegiance and Fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the King of Sweden & Norway of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Crystal Falls this 4th day of May A. D. 1889. [SIGNED] John Erickson

P. E. Dunn Clerk.

Document 9. Copy of John Erickson's Declaration of Intention dated 4 May 1889.

Transliteration of document 9

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
 County of...Iron...,

The Circuit Court for said County, to wit:

I,...John Erickson...

Solemnly swear that it is bona fide my intention to become a **CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES**, and to RENOUCE FOREVER, all Allegiance and Fidelity to each and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly the...King of Sweden & Norway...of whom I have been a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at

...Crystal Falls...this...4th...day

of...May...A.D. 1889

[Signed]...John Erickson...

...P. E. Dunn...

Clerk.

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[4-007.]

HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION

No. 7388

Land Office at Marquette, Mich.

November 16, 1893

~~John Erickson~~, of ~~Marquette~~,
Michigan, do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289,
Revised Statutes of the United States, the Lots 4 and 5
of Section 7^{1/2}, in Township 47 N. of
Range 36 W, containing 10 1/4⁰ acres.

John Erickson

Land Office at Marquette, Mich.

November 28, 1893

I, Peter Primm, REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE,
do hereby certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class
which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised
Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right
to the same.

Peter Primm
Register.

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has a certain additional fee.

Document 10. John Erickson's Homestead Application dated 16 and 28 November 1893.

☛ Transliteration of document 10

HOMESTEAD

APPLICATION

No....7388...

Land Office at...Marquette, Mich....
 ...November 16, 1893...

I, ...*John Erickson...*, of...*Stambaugh, Michigan...*, do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, the...*Lots 4 and 5...* of Section...23..., in Township...42N...of Range...36W..., containing...104.9...acres.

...*John Erickson...*

Land Office at...Marquette, Mich....
 ...November 28, 1893...

I, ...*Peter Primian...*, Register of the Land Office, do hereby certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right to the same.

...*Peter Primian...*
 Register.

held awaiting additional fee
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(4-063.)

HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT.Land Office at Marquette Mich.November 16, 1893

I, John Erickson, of Stambaugh, Mich. having filed my application No. 7388 for an entry under section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than one hundred and sixty acres of land in any State or Territory; that I am ci civitate et domiciliu

residence was years of age
and have made and filed my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States

that my said application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other person, persons, or corporation, and that I will faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, residence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for; that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in making such entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syndicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof, or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or contract in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation or syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I might acquire from the Government of the United States should inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself, and further that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered under the land laws of the United States, or filed upon, a quantity of land, agricultural in character, and not mineral, which, with the tracts now applied for, would make more than three hundred and twenty acres.

That I have not been held in custody under the Homestead Laws of the United States; and that owing to the distance I am unable to attend the said Land Office to make this affidavit

I hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of November, 1893, in the County of Iron, State of Michigan, in which the land applied for is situated; and that this affidavit is personally known to me.

John Erickson
County of Pi. Cou. of U.S. for Stambaugh, P. Liatt

* Here insert statement that affiant is a citizen of the United States, or that he has filed his declaration of intention to become such, and that he is the head of a family, or is over twenty-one years of age, as the case may be. It should be stated whether applicant is naturalized or not, and if not, a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization, or declaration of intention, as the case may be, must be furnished. (See page 45, circular of January 1, 1893.)

† Here add an exception, if any, of land settled upon prior to August 30, 1890, giving date of settlement commenced, and describing improvements, and that the party has not heretofore made any entry under the homestead laws.

Forms by HENRY N. COVE, Washington, D. C.

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HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT.

Land Office at...*Marquette, Mich.*...
...*November 16*..., 1893...

I,...*John Erickson*..., of...*Stambaugh, Mich.*..., having filed my application No....7388..., for an entry under section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than one hundred and sixty acres of land in any State or Territory: that I am*...*a married man, twenty-one years of age and upward, and have made and filed my Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States*...that my said application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other person, persons, or corporation, and that I will faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, residence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for; that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in making such entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syndicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof, or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or contract in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation or syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I might acquire from the Government of the United States should insure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself, and further that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered under the land laws of the United States, or filed upon a quantity of land, agricultural in character, and not mineral, which, with the tracts now applied for, would make more than three hundred and twenty acres.

†...*That I have not heretofore made an entry under the homestead laws of the United States; and that owing to the distance I am unable to attend the District Land Office to make this affidavit*...
...*John Erickson*...

I hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was...Sworn to and subscribed before me this...*16th*...day of ...*November*..., 1893, in the County of Iron being the County in which the land applied for is situated; and that the affiant is personally known to me...
...*Edward P. Latt*...
...*Com. of Cir[cut] Court of U.S. for Western Dist[ri]ct of Michigan*...

*Here insert statement that affiant is a citizen of the United States, or that he has filed his declaration of intention to become such, and that he is the head of a family, or is over twenty-one years of age, as the case may be. It should be stated whether applicant is native-born or not, and if not, a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization, or declaration of intention, as the case may be, must be furnished. (See page 45, circular of January 1, 1889.)

†Here add an exception, if any, of land settled upon prior to August 30, 1890, giving date of settlement commenced, and describing improvements, and that the party has not heretofore made any entry under the homestead laws.

☞ Transliteration of document 12

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Certificate of Citizenship

State of Michigan,
County of Iron.

Circuit Court for the County of Iron.

Be it Remembered, That at a session of the Circuit Court for the County of Iron, held at the Circuit Court Room, in the Village of Crystal Falls, County of Iron, on the...*eighteenth*...day of...*February*...in the year One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety...*five*...*John Erickson*...a Native of...*Sweden*...exhibited a Petition, praying to be admitted [*sic*] a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and it appearing to the said Court that he had declared on his oath before the...*Clerk of the Circuit Court of Iron Co., Mich.*...on the...*fourth*...day of...*May*..., A.D. 1889..., that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to...*the King of the Sweden and Norway*...of whom he was at that time a subject; and the said...*John Erikson [sic]*...having also made proof by competent testimony of...*Erick Renberg and Thomas Ball*...citizens of the United States, that he has resided in the State of Michigan upwards of one year, last past, and within the United States of America upwards of five years immediately preceeding his application; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that during that time he had behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; ~~and that he arrived in the United States of America under the age of eighteen years,~~ and has declared on his solemn oath before the said Court, that he would support the Constitution of the United States, and that he did absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to...*the King of...the...Sweden and Norway*...of whom he was a subject; thereupon the said Court admitted the said...*John Erikson [sic]*...to become a Citizen of the United States, and ordered all the proceedings aforesaid to be recorded by the Clerk of said Court, which was done accordingly.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal for the Circuit Court for the County of Iron (the same being a court of Record, having Common Law jurisdiction), at Crystal Falls, this...*18th*...day of...*Feb[ruary]*..., in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety...*five*...and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and...*nineteenth*...

...*D. R. Brown*...,
Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Iron

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1900, at my office at Empire Falls in Clatsop County, Maine.

John Hall
County Clerk

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Title LXXX.—CLAIMS.—Ch. 4.

SEC. 4372. Every person who, having taken an oath before some patent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, become forever incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See § 4750.)

(4-300.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

Margaretta Mich.

Original Application No. 7388

Final Certificate No. 3584

Approved Sept. 14-1900.

Margaretta Mich. Registrar.

John Jones Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, John Erickson, having made a Homestead entry of the 20th Sec. No. 23 in Township No. 42 of Range No. 36, subject to entry all Margaretta Mich. under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of section No. 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that I John Erickson a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 10th day of February, 1894 to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2289 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States, except

(Sign plainly full christian name.) John Erickson

I, John Hall, of Empire Falls, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1900, at my office at Empire Falls in Clatsop County, Maine.

John Hall
County Clerk

Document 13. Cover page for John Erickson's Homestead Proof dated 10 and 14 September 1900.

<p>☞ Transliteration of document 13</p>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this...*tenth*...day of...*September*...~~189~~ 1900, at my office at...*Crystal Falls*...in...*Iron*...County,...*Mich*.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE]

...*John Wall*...
...*County Clerk*...

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

Title LXX.—CRIMES.—Ch. 4.

SEC. 5392. Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment, at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See §1750.)

John Erickson

(4—369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

...*Marquette, Mich*...

Original Application No....7388...

Final Certificate No....3587...

Approved:...*Sept. 14, 1900*...

...*Thomas Scadden*..., Register.

...*John Jinn*..., Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

Section...2291...OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, ...*John Erickson*..., having made a Homestead entry of the...*Lots 4 & 5*...Section No....23...in Township No....42...of Range No....36..., subject to entry at...*Marquette, Mich*...under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of section No....2291...of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly...swear...that I...*John Erickson*...a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the.....day of...*February*..., 1894...to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole *bona fide* owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and, further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States, except.....

(Sign plainly full christian Name.) ...*John Erickson*...

I, ...*John Wall*..., of...*Crystal Falls*..., do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this...10th...day of...*September*..., ~~189~~ 1900, at my office at...*Crystal Falls*...in...*Iron*...County,...*Michigan*...

...*John Wall*...
...*County Clerk*...

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(6-300.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charley A. Lindblom, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John Erickson for lots 23, 24, 25, 26, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Charley A. Lindblom Age 36 Stoughton, Mich.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. No

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. timber and timber land suitable for farming

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. Commenced working on land about in February 1892, moved family on land Sept 20 1894

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Yes is married

Ques. 7.—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. None, always lived on the land

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. About 11 acres, cropped all part of the land for 6 years, all in 1900

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. 100 ft. house 18 x 22, 2 stoves, stove, 20 ft. board fence 600 ft. 1 barn 22 x 24, and 1 barn 16 x 20, 20 ft. bar house 12 x 12, 1 log shed 12 x 17, 75 cord pole fence 750 ft. 1000 cord wood 2000

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or 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 mineral indications, only valuable for agricultural use

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. No

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim, and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. Yes

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Charley A. Lindblom

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this Tenth day of September, 1900, at my office at Oshtemo Falls in Ionia County, Michigan.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Robert H. Hill
County Clerk

(The testimony of witnesses must be taken at the same time and place and before the same officer as claimant's final affidavit. The answers must be full and complete to each and every question asked, and officers taking testimony will be expected to make no mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)

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Document 14. Homestead Proof—Testimony of Witness, Charley A. Lindblom (husband of John Erickson's daughter Ellen), dated 10 September 1900.

☞ Transliteration of document 14

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

...*Charley A. Lindblom*..., being called as a witness in support of the Homestead entry of...*John Erickson*...for...*Lots 4 & 5, [Section]23, [T]47, [R]36*..., testifies as follows:

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

Ans....*Charles A. Lindblom*...Age 36...*Stambaugh, Mich*...

Ques. 2—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans....*Yes*...

Ques. 3—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans....*No*...

Ques. 4—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans....*Hardwood timber land suitable for farming*...

Ques. 5—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans....*Commenced working & built a shanty in February 1894, moved family on land Sept. 30, 1894*...

Ques. 6—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans....*Yes, is married*...

Ques. 7—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....*None, always lived on the land*...

Ques. 8—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans....*About 11 acres, cropped all part of the land for 6 years, all in 1900*...

Ques. 9—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans....*1 Log house 18 x 22, 2 stories shake roof & board floor, \$200⁰⁰; 1 Barn 22 x 24, \$50⁰⁰ and 1 Barn 16 x 20, \$50⁰⁰; 1 Root House 8 x 10, \$10⁰⁰; 1 Log Shanty 14 x 17, \$15⁰⁰; 75 rods pole fence \$7⁵⁰; 11 acres cleared land, \$275⁰⁰; 2 miles road, \$30⁰⁰*...

Ques. 10—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or 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 mineral indications, only valuable for agricultural use*...

Ques. 11—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans....*No*...

Ques. 12—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans....*No*...

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

...*Charly [sic] A. Lindblom*...

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this...*tenth*...day of...*September*..., ~~189~~ 1900, at my office at...*Crystal Falls*...in...*Iron*...County,...*Mich*...

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

...*John Wall*...

...*County Clerk*...

(The testimony of witness must be taken at the same time and place and before the same officer as claimant's final affidavit. The answers must be full and complete to each and every questions asked and officers taking testimony will be expected to make no mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)

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(4-385.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

John Erickson being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 7388, for 2542.5 Acres June 23, 1892, R. 36, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John Erickson Age 50 years Stambaugh, Mich

Ques. 2.—Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?

Ans. No (Born in Sweden)

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 7388, at the Stambaugh, Mich land office on the twenty eighth day of November, 1892, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. 2542.5 Acres of Section 23 Town 42 Range 36

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. I built a shanty in February 1892, a house in September 1892. Established my residence in February, married my family on the land Sept 30, 1892.

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.)

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3718, 3719, 3720, 3721, 3722, 3723, 3724, 3725, 3726, 3727, 3728, 3729, 3730, 3731, 3732, 3733, 3734, 3735, 3736, 3

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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

...*John Erickson*..., being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. ...7388..., for...*Lots 4 & 5, Sec. 23, T42, R36*..., testifies as follows:

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

Ans....*John Erickson*...*age 50 years*...*Stambaugh, Mich*...

Ques. 2—Are you a *native-born* citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?

Ans....*No. (Born in Sweden)*...

Ques. 3—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No....7388..., at the...*Marquette, Mich*...land office on the...*twenty-eighth*...day of...*November*..., 1893, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans....*Lots 4 and 5 of Section 23, Town. 42, Range 36*...

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....*I built a shanty in February 1894 & a house in September 1894. Established my residence in February[;] moved my family on the land Sept. 30, 1894*...

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....*Myself & wife and 6 children (5 boys & 1 girl), have always lived 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....*Not been absent*...

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

Ans....*1 acre in 1894, 3 acres in 1895, 5 acres in 1896, 7 acres in 1897, 7 acres in 1898 & 1899, & 11 acres in 1900*...

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....*No*...

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....*Hardwood timber land only 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.)

Ans....*No mineral indications*...

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

Ans....*No*...

Ques. 12—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans....*No*...

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....*No*...

Ques. 14—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (no mineral), made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans....*None*...

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

...*John Erickson*...

*(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.)

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Marquette, Michigan, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of John Erickson has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for the lot numbered one and one-half of section twenty three in township forty two north of range thirty six west of Michigan, Marquette in Michigan, containing and adjacent land of one and one-half acres more or less

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

Know YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said John Erickson the tract of Land above described; To HAVE and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John Erickson and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, Theodore Roosevelt President of the United States of America, has caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty eighth.

By the President: T. Roosevelt

John H. Brown Secretary

Recorded 10/23/1901 174 23rd page 1111 W. H. Brown Register of the General Land Office.

Document 16. Final certificate, dated 23 October 1901, authorizing the issuance of a patent to John Erickson.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No....3587...
Application...7388...

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at...*Marquette, Michigan*..., whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of...*John Erickson*...has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for

the...*Lots numbered four and five of Section twenty-three in Township forty-two North of Range thirty-six West of Michigan, Meridian in Michigan, containing one hundred and four acres and ninety hundredths of an acre...*according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said...*John Erickson...*the tract of Land above described, To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said...*John Erickson...*and his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I,...*Theodore Roosevelt...*, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the...*twenty third...*day of...*October...*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred...*and one...*, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and...*twenty sixth...*

By the President...*T. Roosevelt...*

By...*F. M. McKeon...*, Secretary,

Recorded...*Michigan...*, Vol...*254...*, Page...*434...*

...*C. W. Bush...*, Recorder of the General Land Office