

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Blas S. Valdez, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 3400, for lots 2nd 3rd and 4th N.W. 1/4 Sec. 40 N. 7th E. T. 19 Test. 27. 1908. testifies as follows: containing 13426 acres

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

Ans. Blas S. Valdez 35 years Sierra Amarilla N.M.

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

Ans. A citizen of the United States Territory of N. Mex.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 3400, at the Sierra Amarilla N.M. land office on the 5th day of August, 1889, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. timber prairie and farming

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. Oct. 15, 1888, lumber house, lumber stable, lumber
shed \$1000

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. Two of family during the winter I go out to live in another place but in the summer I live on this 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. during the winter "Timber camp" during the winter I go to another place to live and in the summer I come to farm

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

Ans. about 4 acres, six seasons

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. Timber prairie and Agriculture land

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

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 I have not

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral), made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. no I have not made any other entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Blas S. Valdez

* (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.)



I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 1895, at my office at Pinar del Rio in Pinar del Rio County, N. Mex.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Francisco Lopez
Probate Clerk and ex officio R.
at my office at Pinar del Rio

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, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and unlawfully 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. (Rev. St. § 1700.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF

LAND OFFICE AT

Pinar del Rio

Original Application No. 2165

Final Certificate No. 3420

Approved:

Francisco Lopez, Register
Pedro Delgado, Receiver

6-577

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION..... OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Blas S. Valdes, having made a Homestead entry of the
Section No. 19 in Township No. 27

of Range No. 5E, subject to entry at
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. 19 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that
purpose do solemnly swear that I Blas S. Valdes

..... a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement
upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 5th day of Aug, 1889,
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 with full Christian name.)

Blas S. Valdes

I, Francisco Lopez of Pinar del Rio

do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of
January, 1895, at my office at Pinar del Rio in Pinar del Rio
County, N. Mex.

Francisco Lopez
Probate Clerk and ex officio R.