

**1884-01-09 Homestead Proof - Testimony of Hilchkanum  
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**HOMESTEAD PROOF – TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT**

**Bill Hilchkanum** being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. **2554**, for **Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 Sec 6. Tp 24 N R 6 E** testifies as follows:

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

Ans. **Bill Hilchkanum 40 – Squak, King Co. W.T.**

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

Ans. **I was born in King County and have renounced my tribal relations.**

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. **June 1876 – Established my residence at the same time. Good dwelling house – also another house. A good barn. 16 acres slashed, all fenced. 100 fruit trees. Valued at about \$1000<sup>00</sup>**

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. **Wife and one child, always resided and made his home on the land.**

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. **Only temporary absence accompanied by family. stock &c remaining on land. away fishing, hop picking berrying &c.**

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

Ans. **About 5 acres – 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 agriculture than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. **No – Valuable alone for agriculture.**

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

Ans. **Never.**

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

Ans. **No –**

**Witness:**

(signed) **Wm L. Ludlow**

**his**  
**Bill X Hilchkanum**  
**Mark**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this **9** day of **January**, 1884.

(signed) **H.O. Chipman Deputy Clerk**  
**said Court.**

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Bill Hitchkanum being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. 215574, for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sec. 6, Twp. 11 N. R. 6 E. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Bill Hitchkanum 40 - Squak King Co.  
W.T.

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

Ans. I was born in King County and have remained my whole life.

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. June 1876 - Established my residence at the same time.  
Good dwelling house - also another house, a good  
land 16 acres, platted, all fenced 100 fruit trees  
Valued at about \$10000

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. Wife and one child, always resided and made  
his home on the land.

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. Only temporary absence accompanied by family,  
stock &c. remaining on land, away fishing, haying,  
hauling &c.

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

Ans. about 5 acres - 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 - Valuable also for agricultural.

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

Ans. None.

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

Ans. No.

Witness Bill Hitchkanum  
Wm. J. Ludlow his

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 9 day of January, 1884.

H. C. Chapman Deputy Clerk  
and Court Clerk

NOTE.—If naturalized, the claimant must file a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization. In a community 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 the original duplicate receipt or file affidavit of its loss.