

**1884-01-09 Homestead Proof - Testimony of Tibbets
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HOMESTEAD PROOF – TESTIMONY OF WITNESS

George W. Tibbets being called as witness in support of Homestead entry of **Bill Hilchkanum** for **Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 Sec 6. Tp 24, N. R. 6 E** , testifies as follows:

Ques. 1. What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. **Farmer - Squak Valley, King County**

Ques. 2. Have you been well acquainted with **Bill Hilchkanum**, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. **2554**?

Ans. **Yes**

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. **He was – He has renounced his tribal relations, head of family of wife and one child – Never.**

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. **June 28 1876. at the same time 2 houses. 1 barn. Orchard fencing. 5000rails. - \$1000⁰⁰ 15 acres slashed – 5 under cultivation.**

Ques. 5. Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. **They have.**

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. **Never over two weeks away. No.**

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

Ans. **About 5 acres. 7 seasons.**

Ques. 8. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agriculture than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. **Never. Valuable alone for agriculture**

Ques. 9. Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. **No.**

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. **None at all. - He has.**

(signed) **George Tibbetts**

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 **9** day of **January**, 1884.

(signed) **H.O. Chipman Deputy**

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George W. Tibbets being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Phil Hilchmann for Lots 1, 2, 3 & 5, Sec. 6, Twp 24, N. R. 6 E., testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?
Ans. Farmer — Squak Valley, King County

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Phil Hilchmann, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. 2554?
Ans. Yes

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. He was — He has performed his military obligations of wife and one child — None

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. June 25, 1876, at the same time, 3 houses, 1 barn, orchard, fencing, 5000 rails — \$1000. 15 acres platted, 5 under cultivation.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)
Ans. They have except occasional temporary absences, my whole family occupying my own one acre.

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Ans. None over two weeks away. No.

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Ans. None at all. — He has.
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(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

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Bo. Chapman Deputy