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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Shadeous S. Cover, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James R. Craton for S¹ N⁶ E¹ Sec 21 T107, R9E, S5¹, testifies as follows:

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

Answer Shadeous S. Cover, Age 40 years, P.O. Hull, Mo.

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

Ans. I am

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. It is not.

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

Ans. Prairie farming and grazing land

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

Ans. He settled on the land in May 1887, established actual residence June 8th 1887.

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

Ans. They have resided continuously on the homestead

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. He has never been absent since first settling on the land, only temporarily for a few days at a time

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

Ans. 28 to 40 acres in crops each season since 1887

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

Ans. Log house 16 by 33 ft. Stable 18 by 33 ft. Shed 12 by 40 ft. case well and pump, 80 acres fence, value improvement at \$450

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 indication of coal, salines, or minerals

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

Ans. He has not.

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. I have no interest in the claim, I do think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

Shadeous S. Cover

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of March 1887

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. M. Mumby
County Judge

(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.)