

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John L. Jones, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John H. Andrews for 20 Acres 2044-9-88, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John L. Jones, age 36, Darrington, Nebraska

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

Ans. Yes, with claimant and claim

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. Grazing and farming

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

Ans. Settled fall of 1888 established residence February 27, 1889

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

Ans. No

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. Claimant and family were absent from one to two months at intervals for their support

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

Ans. Claimant has cultivated about 20 acres each year Raised 4 Crops

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

Ans. House log 14 x 32 x stable log 14 x 26 shed log 18 x 40 well 4 1/2 rods of fence Total Value \$550

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 indications of coal or minerals

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 He has

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

John L. Jones

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27th day of May 1898, at my office at Kansbury, in Darwin County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Lake  
Clerk District Court

(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.)