

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Joseph Mainard, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Richard Segel for NE 1/4 sec 8 Tp 19 R 18 W, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Joseph Mainard, age 39, Full Nebraska

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

Ans. I am well acquainted with claimant and claimant

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 it is not

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

Ans. Grazing & farming

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

Ans. Claimant settled <sup>in fact</sup> May 1st 1899, May 1st 1899 established residence, or thereabouts

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

Ans. family have resided continuously, claimant has not

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. Settler has been absent at intervals not to exceed 6 months for support of his family, family have resided upon and cultivated land

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

Ans. Cultivated about 7 acres each year since establishing residence

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

Ans. House frame 24x20, stables 16x20, cows 12x16 chicks, hoes & 10, Total Value \$600.00

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 that I know of

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

Ans. Not that I know of

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 I have not.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Yrs. serv.  
Joseph Mainard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 22nd day of December 1899, at my office at Harrisonburg, in Barnes County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Wake  
Clerk of the 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.)