

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John L. Jones, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Archibald Freeman for 1/4 sec 14-19-18, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John L. Jones, age 37, Dunnington 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 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 sir

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

Ans. Grazing land

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

Ans. Claimant settled March 1890 Established residence March 1890.

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

Ans. Single. He had not resided on land continuously

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 was absent for one year on permit from Sept 3rd 1890 to Sept 2nd 1891. He has been absent at short intervals for his business, but not to exceed six months at one time.

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 1/4 acres each year Raised one crop

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

Ans. Dugout 12x16, stables 12x16 Total value of improvements, \$150

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 salines or minerals on land

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. I am not— I think 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 twelfth day of October 1890, at my office at Dunnington, in Dawson County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Hoke
Prob. 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.)