

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Shadewas S. Boney, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Boney for S.W. 1/4 Sec 9, T. 20 N., R. 65 W., testifies as follows:

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

Answer: Shadewas Boney — Age 58 years — P.O. Hull, Neb.

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

Ans. Yes

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. Prairie Land

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

Ans. Do not know but he was on the land when he made my settlement April 20 1887. Do not know when he established his residence on the land.

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

Ans. Yes continuously since April 20 1887 except while away working

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. Absent once since I made my settlement August 20 1890 for a period of about 10 months to 1 year for the purpose of working on the land.

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

Ans. 46 acres — four seasons

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

Ans. Log house — Log barn — Shed — hen house — fence — well — 2 other wells — pasture — Value \$8000

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

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

Shadewas S. Boney

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. B. Logan, Clerk Dist. Court
Jesse Logan, Deputy

(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.)