

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Levi Mitchell, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William E. Deussen for 11-19-1874, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Levi Mitchell, age 36, Hall, Nebraska

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

Ans. I was 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

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

Ans. Grazing and Farming land

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

Ans. Claimant settled and established residence in November 1888

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

Ans. Aided

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods was the settler 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. Not been absent

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? also state if broken ground has been cultivated since death of settler.

Ans. Entirely cultivated 10 years each year ground had been cultivated since his death

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

Ans. House log 16x20 stable log 16x24 shed log 14x16 well & well 600 rods of wire fence dog house 30 gal value 800

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 that I have seen

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

Ans. Not to my knowledge

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 sir He has

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Levi Mitchell

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 1891, at my office at Beatrice Beatrice County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Hake
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.)