

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Isaac N. Barrett, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Nellie A. Balin widow for NE 1/4 Sec 13 Tp 20 R 6 E, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Isaac N. Barrett, age 84, P.O. Dornington, Neb.

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 the claimant and her 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. It is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way for trade or business.

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

Ans. It is prairie land, agricultural and grazing.

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

Ans. The claimant with her husband settled upon the land about December 1888 and established actual residence thereon at that time.

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

Ans. The claimant resided continuously on the land with her husband until his death and has resided upon the land the most of the time since.

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. Prior to the decease of her husband they were not absent from the land.

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

Ans. They have broke & cultivated about 40 acres of the land and raises some crops each year since 1890 gentry.

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

Ans. Lighthouse 14 x 18 ft. Stable & shed about 14 x 60 feet. 2 good well. Tract all fenced. 40 acres breaking. Total value \$27500.

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. There are no indications of coal salines or other minerals on the land.

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

Ans. She has not sold mortgaged or contracted to sell any portion of the land.

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 have no interest in the claim and believe claimant has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Isaac N. Barrett

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 October 1895, at my office at Gering, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

O. W. Gardner
County Judge.

(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.)