

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Jacob J. Boyer being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Ella M. Boyer, formerly Ella M. ... for 1/4 Sec. 16 of Twp. 20 N. R. 10 E. Sec. 20 of R. 10 E. ... testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Jacob J. Boyer, my age is 87 years, my Post office address is ...

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

Ans. I have been acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land ...

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. Said tract is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, nor is it in any way used 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. The character of the land is prairie land only, and has been used by claimant for growing crops and raising stock.

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead, May 16th 1899, and he established actual residence thereon about the 16th day of September 1899.

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

Ans. Claimant and family have resided continuously on the homestead since establishing actual residence thereon.

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 from the homestead from July 12th 1901, to Oct. 14th 1901, at which time he was absent at one of his farms in ...

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated 10 acres of the homestead and attempted to raise crops thereon for two seasons.

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

Ans. The improvements on the land is 1 two house, 14x24 feet, 1 long stable, 14x16 feet, 1 long chicken house, 8x10 feet, 1 well, 1 well, 1 very small, 1 small, 1 small, and 10 acres of land broken, and the total value thereof is \$2000.

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 minerals of any kind on the homestead.

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold, nor contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead.

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 interested in this claim, and I do think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Jacob J. Boyer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 16th day of May, 1904, at my office at ... in ... County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

E. J. DeLoe, 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.)