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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Harry Beebe, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Robert Smith for Ac. Sec. 25, T. 21, R. 58, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Harry Beebe, age 28 years, residence Hill, 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 the land embraced in his 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. The tract is not within the limits of any town, city, or selected site of a 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. The tract is ordinary prairie

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the tract in April 1884, and established actual residence 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. Claimant is unmarried; he has resided continuously on the tract since settling 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 has not been absent

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated 20 acres, and has raised crops thereon 5 seasons

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

Ans. There is one 10x12 wooden house, value \$100, stable \$50, 416 sq. ft. corrugated iron well, \$210, one of the wells 175 ft. deep in rock 22 acres, worth \$60

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 indications of coal, salines, and minerals on the tract

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell any portion of the 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 the claim; I think the settler has acted in good faith

Harry Beebe

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28 day of April 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Hedberg, M. C.

Register of Deeds, Lincoln, Nebraska

(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.)