

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Simon Ritchie, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James Foreman for NW 1/4 Sec 11, T20 R38, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Simon Ritchie 61 yrs old, Hull, 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 claimant and 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. It is not within the limits of any 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.

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

Ans. He settled in spring of 1887. He established residence in summer of 1887.

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 land.

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. He has not been absent at all.

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

Ans. He has cultivated 35 acres. He has raised crops for seasons.

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

Ans. He has a big house, 2 stables, sheds, several barns, whole claim fenced, 35 acres but a 2 wells, windmill.

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 minerals of any kind on the land.

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

Ans. He has not mortgaged, sold, 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 am not interested. I think the settler has acted in good faith.

Simon. Ritchie

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 22nd day of March 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Vickrey

Clerk of Dist Court

By Master C. Vickrey depy

(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.)