

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James H. Calderwood, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James H. Calderwood for lot No. 287 in town of 1888, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer. James H. Calderwood Age 41 Post Office Hull Mo.

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 his 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. Not in any city or selected site of a city or 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. Prairie & grazing

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?
 Ans. Settled upon claim in Sept 1889 and established actual residence

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 & family have resided continuously upon claim since establishing residence

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 been away about one month each year to assist his parents living for family, family resided & cultivated during his absence.

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 15 acres and raised crop each year.

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. House 30x40 built & established 1889 value 75⁰⁰ granary 10⁰⁰ corn mill 165⁰⁰ fence 600⁰⁰ 1888 value 165⁰⁰ what improved 1888

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 is no indication of coal or minerals

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?
 Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged or sold to any 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. I am not interested in claim, think he has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) James H. Calderwood
 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 8th day of April 1896, at my office at Carrollburg, in Banner County, West Virginia.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]
Orville C. Shaffo
Clk. Dist. 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.)