

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George R. Caspider, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Frank C. Bennett for lot 2, T. 21 N. 21 E., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. George R. Caspider 42 yrs old, Granger 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 also

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.

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

Ans. He settled in Sept. 1887. He established actual residence in Oct. 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. He is unmarried. He has made a continuous residence 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 been away at different times to work but never more than six months at a time

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 six acres. He has raised crops 3 seasons

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

Ans. He has a stone house, stable, a well, 10 acres fenced 15 acre brook. Value \$400.

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 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 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 and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith

George R. Caspider

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4 day of May 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. McKee

Henry J. West, Notary

(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.)