

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel Moorhead, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William W. Pinkers for SW 1/4 Sec 26 T20 R15E, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Samuel Moorhead, Age 49, Post Office Harrisburg Neb. at present

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

Ans. Yes Sir I am

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

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 and most valuable for farming

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

Ans. He settled in April 1887, and began 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. They have resided there continuously since establishing their 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. They have not been absent other than a few days at a time has cultivated the same each year.

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

Ans. Thirty five acres cultivated for 10 years planted on the second

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

Ans. Frame house, log stable, well, chicken house, cedar, thirty five acres broken all under two more fence all of the value of \$1100

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. No indications of any mineral on the land.

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

Ans. He has not to my 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 the claim and think he has acted in good faith  
Samuel Moorhead

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. M. Fairfield  
U. S. Circuit Court, Neb.

(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.)

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