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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Levi B. Spear, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William A. McComber for Sec 26 T 20 R 58 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Levi B. Spear Age 48 Post Office Hull Mo.

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. Prairie and farming land.

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

Ans. He settled on the land on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1887 and began residing thereon at the same date.

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 not been absent only a few days at a time.

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 only a few days at a time and have cultivated the land each season.

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

Ans. They have cultivated thirty five acres for six years and has <sup>cultivated to which now standing on the homestead</sup>

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

Ans. Frame house log barn, well, Chicken house thirty five acres broken 160 was priced out of the value of \$700.

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 minerals on the land at all.

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

Ans. He has not.

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 <sup>in the best of faith</sup>

Levi B. Spear

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 "Con"

(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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