

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William H McComber, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Charles Switzer for S. 20 N. 33 E. Sec. 8, T. 20 R. 45 E., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. My name is William H McComber, age 35 years 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 the claimant in this case and the 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. Said tract 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. The character of this land is grazing land devoid of timber.

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

Ans. The claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1892 and established actual residence thereon 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. The claimant and family have resided on this claim all the time they could and make a living.

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. The claimant has been absent some months in the years 1894, 1895, & 1896 for the purpose of obtaining a livelihood it was impossible for him to support his family on the place.

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

Ans. The settler has not cultivated any land for it would be impossible to raise crops on this land.

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

Ans. The improvements consist of log houses 12x24 with 15x20 log barn 14x22 shed 14x70 4 miles wire fence. Total value \$1200.00.

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 this claim to my knowledge.

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

Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell this homestead 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 this claim and think the claimant has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

William H McComber

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this Eighth day of May 1897, at my office at Hering, in Bates Bluff County, Missouri.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C. W. Jones

Clerk of the District 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.)