

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Lyman L. Bockell, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Alfred Smith for E 2 5 2 4 W 2 5 1 1/2 Sec 8 7/20 T 5 2 2

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

Answer. My name is Lyman L. Bockell, Age 37 years Post Office Caldwell 7 44

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 any 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 rough 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. Claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1852 and established his 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 continuously on the land except such times as they have been compelled to go away to obtain 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 settler has been absent some months probably 2 months at a time in the years 1854, 1855, 1856 for the purpose of obtaining a living

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 the purpose of raising crops on the homestead

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

Ans. Improvements on log house 12x24 with L 15x20 log barn 12x22 plus 1/2 x 20 4 miles in fence Total value \$1100 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 land to my knowledge

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of his claim 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 settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Lyman L. Bockell

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 Sterling, in Scott Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C W F me 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.)