

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John Card, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Simon Ritchie for 10th Sec 4 9th 20 R. 38, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John Card, 53 yrs old, Hull, 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 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. It is not within the limits of any 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 spring of 1887. He established residence at same 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. Claimant and family have resided continuously 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 was absent one summer about 5 mos. His family resided upon and cultivated the land during that 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 80 acres. He has raised crops for 6 seasons

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

Ans. He has a sod house 20x30, stable 20x15, and 20x48, a well, 50 acres fenced, 50 acres broke. Value \$2.00

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 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 the land

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. I think the settler has acted in good faith

John Card.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 22nd day of March 1897.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Victory
Clerk District Court
Boonville, Mo.

(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.)