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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James H. Caldwell, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Washington & Beal for W.D. 25-4-29, P. 28, testifies as follows:

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

Answer James H. Caldwell, Age 38 Years, P.O. Herington Neb.

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

Ans. 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 farming and grazing land, but for grazing.

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the land in Feb. 1889. Established his actual residence thereon on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1889.

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 is an unmarried man. He has resided continuously on the land except three or four times he was away.

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. I think been absent about four times from one to five months at a time, only temporarily at work. He has made that

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated, and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? He had 13 acres in crop in 1889, and has planted from 12 to 18 acres

Ans. each season for five years raised one crop and last year

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

Ans. Frame house 14 by 16 ft. and stable 12 by 20 ft. with corral, and 18 acres in cultivation. I value improvements at \$500.

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 coal, salines or minerals.

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 have no interest in the claim, I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

James H. Caldwell

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Wernburg  
County Judge

(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.)