

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James H Calderwood, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Martha A. Calderwood to Sec 33 Twp 20k 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. James H Calderwood age 35 Havel Neb

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

Ans. Yes Sir

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. No Sir

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Prairie and farming

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

Ans. Settled May 24<sup>th</sup> 1886 established residence June 10, 1886

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. No Sir Single

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. absent from Apr 25 to Oct 6 1887 from Jan 1st to March 13 1889 from Aug 15 to Dec 1st 1890 from July 1 to Aug 13 1890 from one to six months at 1891 absent for support of Jessell and family child thereon from 1886 back to back cultivated to crop in 1887 cultivated 6 acres of corn and millet in 1888 cultivated 3 acres and cultivated 9 acres of corn in 1889 cultivated 10 Corn Aug 1890 cultivated 9 acres of wheat and corn in 91 to garden

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

Ans. Hinge Log 13x22 Stable Log 13x24 Cane 13x15 Well 4 feet deep Value \$425

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 Sir More valuable for agricultural

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

Ans. I believe 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. No Sir Yes Sir

James H Calderwood

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this fifteenth day of March 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] J. H. Stone

Clark District Comm

(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.)