

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Eros F Barfoot, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Edna E. Barfoot for W. Sec 23 T. 20 N. R. 27, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Eros F Barfoot, Age 40 Post Office Harrisburg 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 the claimant and the land embraced in her 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 a town or used 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. Land is prairie and grazing land

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 and established actual residence in August 1896

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

Ans. She has resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence. She is unmarried

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. She has been absent from two to five months each year since making settlement. She was absent working to provide means for her support.

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

Ans. About two or three acres cultivated and four seasons she raised crops thereon

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

Ans. House 18x28 valued at 1000. Frame barn 12x12 valued at 400. Well 200 and 4 mile of fence valued at 1200

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

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

Ans. Not 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. She has acted in entire good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Eros F Barfoot

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1901, at my office at Harrisburg, in Banner County,

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

H. P. Hays
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.)