

(4-3400.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charles Gingrich, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph Marshall for SE 1/4 Sec 34 T19 N R 87 W, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Charles Gingrich, age 39, P.O. Hamistburg, Wash.

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 and his land.

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 in any 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 homestead in October 1891 and established actual residence some 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 has resided continuously on homestead since first establishing residence. Settler is a bachelor.

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. Settler was temporarily absent a few times but has not been absent over two months in any one year.

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated eight acres and has raised crops on same for four seasons. He has grazed from 4 to 180 head of cattle.

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

Ans. House 12x20 ft. 70¢. Bath 8x12 ft. 50¢. Chapel 12x16 ft. 30¢. Fence 25¢. Fencing 25¢. Well 10¢. Corn 10¢.

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 or minerals.

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 to any person.

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 claim. He has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Charles Gingrich.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 1892, at my office at Hamistburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

William E. Chaflin
Clk 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.)