

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James M. Henry, being called as witness in support of the Homestead 3
entry of Charles B. Mills for S. 18; 1/2 S. 28; 27; 26; 25, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. James M. Henry, Age 64 P.O. Donnellton 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 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.

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

Ans. Prairie & grazing land

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

Ans. He settled upon homestead on June 1893, and established actual residence June 29 or 30 1893.

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 unmarried. He has resided continuously on 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 away 6 months in 1896, and 6 months in 1897 for the purpose of making a new home.

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

Ans. About 30 acres, but he has raised no crops. He has used it for grazing purposes. He has grazed three or four head of livestock and

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

Ans. Dugout 12 x 14 well 1/2 mile of fence. Value \$150.00

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 indication of coal or minerals.

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

Ans. Claimant has not sold or mortgaged 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. I think settler has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

James M. Henry

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1898 at my office at

Carver in Banner County, Neb has by Orville A. Hays Clerk of the District Court

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.)