

(4-360.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Andrew Balin being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Geo. J. Freeman for SM 8 1/2, 19, P. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Andrew Balin (44) 45 1/2 Cornell, P.O. Warrington, Mo.

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

Ans. Yes

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 and farming land.

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

Ans. He built his house in September 1887, and established his residence therein immediately thereafter.

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

Ans. He is unmarried, he has resided continuously on the land, except at times he was absent temporarily.

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 absent at one time about 4 months only temporarily then at work.

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

Ans. He has 20 acres in cultivation, and has raised crops on the place for each season for 6 years.

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

Ans. He has a dry-crop house, stable, well, carriage, grain, all the place under fence, cross fence. Total improvements at \$250.

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 good faith in perfecting this entry.

Andrew Balin

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of January, 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Warrington
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.)