

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

*John A. Shugbarn* being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of *Julius Foster* for *100<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Sec. 12 T. 9 R. S. 2*, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. *John A. Shugbarn Age 60 Post Office Hamlet, New York*

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

Ans. *Yes Sir I am*

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 it is not.*

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

Ans. *Practically farming land*

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

Ans. *They settled and established residence on the land on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 1858.*

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

Ans. *They have resided there continuously*

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. *They have not been absent and have cultivated the land each season.*

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

Ans. *Twenty five acres for six seasons.*

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

Ans. *House and a Barn, a well 170 acres fenced twenty five acres cultivated all of the value \$500.*

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. *None what ever.*

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 but they have shown the best of faith* *John A. Shugbarn*

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 *July*, 18*93*.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

*A. M. Fairchild*  
U. S. County Court Commissioner

(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.)