

(4-360.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Jess S. Brown, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Elijah Russell for Final Proof, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Jess S. Brown Jan. 34 years of age, address Harrisburg Neb.

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

Ans. yes I am well acquainted with claimant and land embraced in his case

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. Said tract is not within the limits of an incorporated town, city, or town or used in any way for business or trade

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

Ans. The character of this land is grazing

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

Ans. during the year 1879 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. The claimant and family have resided on homestead since first establishing residence except when temporarily absent

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. Claimant has been absent at short intervals for the purpose of earning a living

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

Ans. Claimant has had 20 acres cultivated but has not raised any crops because land is not adapted to farming

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

Ans. House 12x16 ft. roof 14x24 ft. hog barn 16x16 ft. Shop 12x16 ft. 50 acres fenced with wire valued at \$2500.

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 on the homestead

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

Ans. claimant has not sold mortgaged or contracted to sell any portion of homestead

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 and think settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Jess S. Brown

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 8th day of October 1904, at my office at Harrisburg, in Barrow County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

M. M. Leal

Clerk of 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.)