

(4-300.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Mark H. Crosby, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Agnes K. Rider for 1/4 Sec 30, Tp. 7N, Range 7W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Mark H. Crosby, age 48, Warrisburg Nebraska

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 land in his entry

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. The land is not in the limits of incorporated town, city, town or used in any way 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. The character of the land is level prairie land

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

Ans. The claimant settled upon his homestead October 1st 1892. Established residence October 1st 1892

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 not resided continuously on the land. Settler is a widower

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 absent from about October 1st 1892 to April 1st 1893, absent for support of his family

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

Ans. Settler had cultivated 35 acres each season raised 7 crops

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

Ans. None from 14x20 ft. set of 18x24 Case 12x16 one water pump. Also fence. Total value of improvements \$300

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. I have no knowledge of any minerals on the land

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

Ans. No, has not sold, mortgaged or contracted to sell any of the homestead to the best of 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 in the land and think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Mark H. Crosby

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 21th day of January, 1900 at my office at Warrisburg in Barnwell County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

John W. Blake
Clerk 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.)