

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James M. Henry being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Sylvester M. Weber for S. E. 1/4 Sec 23 T. 20 N. R. 5 W.

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

Answer. James M. Henry—60 yrs. Worthington, Neb.

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

Ans. Yes.

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. No.

No.

No.

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

Ans. Prairie farming and grazing

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

Ans. In Jan, 1888—Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1888

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

Ans. Yes

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. Absent one period;—From Jan 13<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 1892. Away to work

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

Ans. About 8 acres each year. Fruit seasons.

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

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> house 76 by 18 ft value \$175. 2<sup>d</sup> Stable 20 by 12 ft value \$40. 3<sup>d</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 4<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 5<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 6<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 7<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 8<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 9<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 10<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 11<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 12<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 13<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 14<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 15<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 16<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 17<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 18<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 19<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. 20<sup>th</sup> Stable 10 by 12 ft value \$20. Total \$355.00

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. No indications.

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

Ans. Not to your 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. No.

Yes.

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 18 day of February 1893

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. B. Shurnway  
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.)