

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John W. Stevens, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Commodore Kempton for 18° 31' 22" N 27° 10' 20" W 1/4 Sec 36 testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John W. Stevens age 34, Hamlet, Nebraska

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

Ans. Well acquainted with claimant and land

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

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

Ans. grazing land

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

Ans. Claimant settled fall of 1888, established residence fall of 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. Claimant has resided on land 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. Claimant has not been absent

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? Claimant has cultivated about 25 acres each year

Ans. since and including 1889, raised 6 crops

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

Ans. Wood pond 14 x 28 1/2, 14 x 16 stable frame 16 x 40 shed log 20 x 180
granary frame 16 x 16, Well 40 feet deep fence, Total Value \$750

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 or minerals on land

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

Ans. No

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 sir

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

John W. Stevens

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 19th day of January 1897, at my office at Hamlet, in Basler County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Hale
Clerk Dist 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.)