

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Marion Wilbur, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Amos B. Smith for 216 1/2 1/2 E 2nd 7 1/2 N 37, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Marion Wilbur age 56 P.O. Drumington Nebraska

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

Ans. 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. It is not

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

Ans. It is prairie land and grazing.

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

Ans. He settled upon homestead about 1893, exact date I cannot tell exact date, he established actual residence time after he made his entry.

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

Ans. Settler is unmarried. He has resided on claim except when away to work.

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. He was absent about 6 months each year 93-94 from 27 rocks in 1895. He was absent about one year 1896-97.

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

Ans. He has cultivated 30 acres. He has raised no crops but has used it for grazing purpose.

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

Ans. I dug well 1/2 mile of fence. Total value of improvements 1505.

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 indication of coal or minerals.

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

Ans. He has not mortgaged or sold 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 in claim. He has acted in good faith as far as his means would allow.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Marion Wilbur

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 1st day of May 1898, at my office at Drumington, in Emmer County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Walter P. Wright, 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 up mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)