

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Amzi W. Lawson, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John J. Waiffle for S. 27 1/2 Sec 10 2, T. 26 N., R. 20 E., S. 7 testifies as follows:

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

Answer: My name is Amzi W. Lawson, age 49 years Post Office Dorrington 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 the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim

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 city or town or selected site of a city or 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 prairie devoid of timber, grazing land

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1873 and established actual residence thereon at that 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. Claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead up to January 1st 1877, after that time he has been Deputy County Treasurer and has been absent to attend to his duties

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. The settler has been absent since January 1st 1877, attending to the duties of Deputy County Treasurer of Scott Bluff County, Nebraska

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated from 4 to 22 acres for three seasons and raised some crops for two seasons

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

Ans. Improvements on the land are Log House 14x14, Stable 14x26, Chicken House, well, corn corral, total value of improvements \$150.00

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals of any kind on the land to my knowledge

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 the said homestead 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 this claim and think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Amzi W. Lawson

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 June 1898, at my office at

Gering, in Scott Bluff County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C. W. Fine

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.)