

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Walter E Fuller, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Eljah Rurdell for final proof on homestead, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Walter E Fuller my age is 30 years my address is Hornsburg 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 embraced in the case

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 in limits of an incorporated 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 this land is grazing

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

Ans. Claimant first settled on the Homestead some time during August 1899 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 has resided continuously on the land except for short periods of time he being absent for the purpose of earning a living

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 and family were away at work for short periods of time each year never over four months at any one time for the purpose of earning a livelihood

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

Ans. Settler cultivated 20 acres but did not raise any crops because land is not adapted to farming

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

Ans. Home 14x24 ft. Barn Log. 16x16 ft. Shop 12x16 ft and 80 acres under fence valued at \$200.00

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 homestead

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of said homestead

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 I think claimant has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Walter E Fuller

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this Eighth day of October 1904, at my office at Hornsburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

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(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.)