

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ernest J. Barfoot, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John D. Rader for 160^{ac} Sec 36, T. 19 N., R. 27 W., testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ernest J. Barfoot is my name, age is 38, Kassiaberg, 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 and 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. The land is not within limits of incorporated town or city 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 grazing and farming

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

Ans. The claimant settled on homestead Oct. 1892, established actual residence in October 1892

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

Ans. The claimant has not resided continuously on his homestead, he is a widower

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 claimant was absent from about Oct. 10th 1892 to April 1st 1893, absent for the support of his family

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

Ans. The claimant had cultivated 30 acres for each year raised seven crops

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

Ans. One house 14 x 22, one dog 18 x 24, corn 12 x 14, one mile of two wire fence. Total value of improvements \$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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals on the land

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

Ans. The claimant has not sold or contracted to sell any portion of his 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, that the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1897, at my office at Kassiaberg in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

John D. Rader
Clerk of the District Land

(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.)