

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

David P. Hayes, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Edwin A. Keeney for No. 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address? Answer. David P. Hayes; age 52 years; address, Caldwell, 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 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. The tract is not within the limits of any town, city or village, nor is it 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 tract is ordinary prairie.

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the tract about the first of August 1897 and established actual residence on the tract 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 is unmarried; he has resided continuously on the tract since establishing actual residence thereon.

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 not been absent from the tract.

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 24 acres and has raised crops thereon 4 seasons.

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

Ans. There is a well on the tract, value \$150, well timber \$75, 482 rods of prairie fence \$85, 300 ft of iron pipe for water \$50, and a building built especially for the tract, 24 feet fronting \$75.

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 tract.

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

Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of the 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 the claim; I think the settler has acted in good faith.

David P. Hayes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28th day of April 1897

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. A. Hulbert, N. C.

Notary Public for Nebraska at Genney, Nebraska

(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.)