

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John A. Shingbaum, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Russell A. Shingbaum for W. 20th N. 10th E. 20th R. 27, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John A. Shingbaum, Age 37, P. O. Hannsburg, Neb.

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 his land.

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 or used 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. Prairie 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 and established actual residence in spring of 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. He left 11 months in 1896. Settler was unmarried at that time.

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 11 months in 1896 to spring of 1897, was working in Iowa.

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

Ans. He cultivated 10 acres and raised 7 crops.

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

Ans. Grain shed \$200, stable \$150, shed \$75, chicken house \$25, irrigating plant \$200, fencing \$200.

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 minerals.

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

Ans. Not 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. No Sir, I think so.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John A. Shingbaum

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1898, at my office at Hannsburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Milton E. Shogfts
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.)