

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Washington S. Bookwalter, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William H. Eagle for 16 10 4 Sec 29 Twp. 28 N. Range 37 W., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Washington S. Bookwalter—32 years—Birmingham, Ala.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes Sir

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. No Sir

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Prairie—Farming

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

Ans. About the 10th of Jan. in Jan. 1887

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

Ans. No Sir—Single

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. From March 1887 till August 1887
To work—Yes Sir

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

Ans. 20 acres—One season

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

Ans. Grain house 12x14 Corn 12x16 Log stable 14x16 Corn well
100 feet deep 20 acres broke—About \$700.

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. None

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. I have not—I do.

Washington S. Bookwalter

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23 day of February, 1892,

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Hoke

Clerk of District Court
Carroll County, Ark.

(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.)