

(4-369.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William H Beck, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Samuel P. Borey for NE Sec 34 126 187 testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William H Beck. Age 49 P.O. Donughton,

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.

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 in any town or selected site of city, nor 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 & grazing.

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

Ans. He settled and established actual residence thereon in March 1890.

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's family have resided continuously on land except for first two years. His family were not absent over six months. Land was cultivated during the absence.

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. Settler was absent 3 months 1890 and 1894-1895 was away working for family was not absent over six months. Land was cultivated during the absence.

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated about fifteen acres & he has cultivated over one acre year.

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

Ans. House 16 x 22 value \$1300, Stable \$400, Well 1000, fencing \$300. Total value \$3400.

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 indications of coal, salines or minerals, more valuable for agriculture than mineral purposes.

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 am not interested in claim. He has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

William H Beck

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1895, at my office at Carnesburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.)