

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Gottlieb Koerig being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Ernest J. Barfoot for SW 1/4 Sec 24, T4R 57 testifies as follows:

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

Answer Gottlieb Koerig Age 40 years ab. P.O. Harrisburg Neb.

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

Ans. Yes

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.

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

Ans. Prairie farming & grazing land best for grazing

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

Ans. He built a house and moved into it about the 10th day of April 1888.

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

Ans. They have

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 at one time about five weeks, his family resided on the place during the time

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? He has raised seven crops, from 20 to 50 acres

Ans. each season since including 1888

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

Ans. Loy house 16x21 ft kitchen 8x21 ft 2 Stables 15x42, and 14x53 ft. Cow sheds, well, out house, all the place under fence, 50 acres in cultivation

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 no interest in the claim, I think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Gottlieb Koerig

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of January 1897, at my office at Harrisburg in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dumbauld
County Judge

(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.)