

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John C. Siltner, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Wm. C. Morse for SE 1/4 Sec 9 T21R37, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John C. Siltner age 56 yrs Granger Neb

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

Ans. Yes I am acquainted with both

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. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or 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. Ordinary prairie land grazing

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

Ans. He was buying on his claim when I came to the country in March 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. Yes 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. Not absent to my knowledge

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

Ans. 10 acres 1887 10 acres 1888 10 acres 1889 10 acres 1890 10 acres 1891 Corn & clover

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

Ans. Frame house 16 by 20 addition 10 by 16 ft Log stable 16 by 26 ft Corn stable 16 by 26 Corn shed 16 by 60 ft @ 10.00 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 10 by 15 ft 50 rods of fencing @ 10 acres

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. No indications of coal salines or minerals

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

Ans. Not mortgaged sold or contracted and

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 I do

John C. Siltner

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 Aug 1891.

B. B. Bentley

Clk of the Dist Court

[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 mistake in date, description of land, or otherwise.)

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