

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Walter E. Morse, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James E. Beach for N.W. 1/4 Sec. 13, T. 21, R. 17, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Walter E. Morse, age, 34 years, P.O. address, Scaldwell, Michigan

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

Ans. I personally was acquainted with the claimant and the land embraced in his claim

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. The tract is not within the limits of any town or city or selected site of one, nor 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. The tract is mostly used for timber, and is adapted to growing

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the tract about the 1st of September, 1888, and he established actual residence about that time

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 the tract since settlement; claimant has been away some

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. Claimant has been absent, some or three times, for a month or more to come to my place to claim; his family resided on the tract during his absence; his family has not been absent more than

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated about 14 acres of the tract and has raised crops thereon 5 seasons

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

Ans. There is on the tract a house value \$250, stable \$150, shed \$300, corn crib \$100, cement 600, fence 450, 600 rods, wire fence \$120, 14 acres of land \$400

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 coal, saline or minerals on the tract

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

Ans. The homestead has not been mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell

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 this claim; I think the settler has acted in good faith

Walter E. Morse

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 2nd day of December 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Beard, M. J.

Register of Deeds, Michigan

(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.)