

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Clark B. Whipple being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Eli Beebe for SW.1/4 Sec 32, T.21, R.42, Nebr. as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Clark B. Whipple, age 58 years, Postoffice Gering, Nebr.

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 the claimant in this case 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? Said tract is not in limit of incorporated town selected site of city or town or used in any way for trade or business.

Ans.

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

Ans. This land is ordinary grazing land.

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead and established his actual residence thereon March 21st 1895.

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 and family have resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence there on.

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 has been only temporarily absent to transact the common business of a farmer and his family have resided always there since date of entry.

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated, and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? Settler has cultivated and raised crops on about eight acres of the homestead each season since establishing his residence thereon.

Ans.

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

Ans. A good substantial log house of three rooms, 160 feet of stabling and sheds three wells, two windmills and tanks, and land all fenced. I consider the improvements worth \$1200.00

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 is no indications of coal salines or minerals on the land.

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

Ans. Claimant has not sold, contracted to sell, or mortgaged any portion of said homestead 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? I am not interested in this claim and think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry.

Ans.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

*Clark B. Whipple*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this first day of March, 1902, 1902, at my office at Gering in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

*J. M. Livingston*  
Clerk of District Court.

(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.)