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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Washington Bookwalter, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Ira C. Kagle for Sec 22 Town 30 R 37, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Washington Bookwalter Age 39
Washington, Nebraska

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

Ans. I am

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 it is not

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

Ans. Prairie and farming land

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

Ans. Made settlement in fall of 1886
Established residence in January 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. Single. He has had wife

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. Absent from claim at intervals not to exceed six months, at work, cultivated land each year

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

Ans. Cultivated 23 acres, Raised four crops

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

Ans. House log 16 x 20 Stable log 20 x 32 Cane 12 x 16 Well 100 feet deep
Value total \$550.00

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. Not to my knowledge, More valuable for agriculture

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 Think he has acted in good faith
Washington Bookwalter

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23rd day of Feb 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. D. Wolfe
Clark 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.)