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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William H. Beck, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Charles A. Smith for S.½ Sec. 33, T.20, R.07, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William H. Beck — Age 44 years — P.O. Barrington Ill.

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

Ans. Yes — 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. No.

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

Ans. Prairie Land.

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

Ans. Nov. 1, 1886 — Nov. 1, 1886.

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

Ans. No, Claimant and family have not resided on the land continuously.

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 was absent several times, but can not give dates. He was never absent over six months at one time except during the months of 1889-1890. He was absent from June — Claimant's family not present during the month of July, 1890, in order to look after his interests.

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

Ans. 70 acres cultivated — About three seasons.

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

Ans. House, Stable, Sheds, fencing, Barn, Well. Value $400.00

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. No.

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

Ans. No.

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. Yes

William H. Beck

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14 day of Dec., 189/.

J. E. Logan, Clerk Dist. Court
Jessie Logan, Deputy

[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 mistakes in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)