

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John A. Shingbaum, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Stuppes for Sec 17, 19 & 27 W., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John A. Shingbaum Age 64, Harroburg Nebraska

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 claimant, and his land.

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. Land is not in any town or site of city or used 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. 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 and established actual residence in July 1899

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

Ans. They have resided continuously on the homestead

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 away a few times to work making but has not been absent 6 months in any one year.

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

Ans. He has cultivated from ten to thirty acres each year and raised crops.

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

Ans. Improvements house 16x20 log frame \$100, barn 16x24 \$150, well cost \$65, curb 200, corral lot 500, breeding 600 total value \$720

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 indication of coal or minerals

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

Ans. Not sold, mortgaged, or contracted to sell 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 in claim. I think settler has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John A. Shingbaum

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this eleventh day of March 1896, at my office at Harroburg, in Barnes County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Milton E. Shafte.
Clerk 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.)