

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Franz Hurich, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Emar S. Barfoot for S.W. Sec. 24, T. 4, R. 18, S. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer Franz Hurich, Age 27 years, P.O. Harrisburg Neb.

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.

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

Ans. Prairie, farming & grazing land, but for grazing

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

Ans. He built a house in April 1888 established residence therein about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888

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.

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. He was absent at one time about five weeks his family resided on the land during the time

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

Ans. He has 50 acres in cultivation, has raised from 20 to 50 acres in crops each season since 1888

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

Ans. Log house, 16 by 21 ft. Kitchen 8 by 21 ft. 2 Stables, 15 by 42, 14, 53, Corn Stalk mill, corn mill, all under grain. Value improvements \$4000.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or mineral 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. None

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. I have no interest in the claim. I think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Franz Hurich

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of January 1895, at my office at Harrisburg, in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Murdock  
County Judge

(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.)