

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Thomas McCamey, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William H. Smith for SW 1/4 Sec 13 T. 20 R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Thomas McCamey age 26 P.O. address, Gering, Neb.

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 and 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?

Ans. It is not within the limits of an incorporated town or city or selected site thereof, or used in any way 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. It is prairie land most valuable for grazing.

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

Ans. He settled on the land in the fall of 1888 and built his house on the land about the month of September. He established actual residence about September 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. He is unmarried, and resided continuously on the land from the date of settlement until the winter of 1892-3.

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 from the land from the winter of 1892-3 until May 1893, for the purpose of taking care of his aged mother who lived at Gering, Nebraska, and was called with him thereon.

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 about 20 acres of the tract and raised 8 crops.

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

Ans. One house 12x20 ft. Stable, well of water, cow track all fenced with wire 20 acres breaking, all of the total value of \$2750.

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 are no indications of coal, salines or minerals on the land to my knowledge.

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

Ans. He has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell any portion of the tract 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 this claim, and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Thomas McCamey

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1895, at my office at Gering, in DeWitt County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

O. W. Gardner  
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.)