

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John C. Giltner, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James Stevenson for NW 1/4 Sec. 9, T. 24, R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John C. Giltner, my age is 58 years, Post-office Caldwell, 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 both claimant, and the land embraced in 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. The tract is not within the limits of any town or city or selected site of one, 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. The land is ordinary prairie, and is well suited for grazing, being able to grow corn

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

Ans. Claimant settled on said tract in the fall of 1886 and established actual residence at that date

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

Ans. The claimant is unmarried; He has not resided continuously on the tract

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. The settler has been absent three or four months each season, to earn money to live upon; He has not been absent at any one time 6 months

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated 6 acres; and has raised crops that 3 times of 3 seasons

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

Ans. There is on the tract a Homestead, 45, stable 25, well 35

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 Homestead

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

Ans. The settler has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of the Homestead

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 the claim; I think the settler has acted in good faith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1897

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] W. H. Hulbert, W. S. Stewart

(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.)