

**HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.**

Edwin J. Whipple being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Eli Beebe for SW. 1/4 Sec. 32, Tp. 21, R. 57 W. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Edwin J. Whipple Age 31 Years Postoffice Gering, 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 in this case and 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? Said tract is not in limits of incorporated

Ans. TOWN or selected site of city or town, 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. It is ordinary prairie or 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 his actual residence thereon during the month of March 1895.

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

Ans. Claimant and family have resided continuously on the homestead since establishing their residence thereon.

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 only been absent from the land to transact the ordinary business of a farmer, and family resided on and cultivated the land in his absence.

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated and raised crops on about ten acres of the land each year since date of entry.

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

Ans. Good three room log house, 180 feet of stabling and sheds, three wells and two windmills and tanks, and land all fenced. I consider the improvements worth \$1000.00

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals on the land.

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

Ans. Claimant has not sold, contracted to sell or mortgaged any portion of his homestead 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 think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Edwin J. Whipple

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this first day of March, 1902, 1902, at my office at Gering in Scotts Bluff county County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. M. Swinton  
Clerk of 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.)