

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Clark B. Whipple, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Maria Burton for 160 ^{1/2} acres, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. My name is Clark B. Whipple age 52 years Pauldres Living Well

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 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. Said tract is not within the limits of an incorporated town 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 character of the land is rough prairie land

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1889 and established his actual residence in March at that time

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 is a single woman and has resided continuously on the homestead since first settling 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. The settler has not been absent only once for a short period to obtain grain to improve the place in fall of 1889

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 40 acres for five seasons and raised crops to some extent each season

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

Ans. Improvements consist of log house 14x21, 4 cow sheds, 1000 chick house, feed shed, 2 miles wire fence, 2 corral, milk house, total value \$500

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 to my knowledge on the land

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell any portion of her claim or any the same

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 in any manner and think the settler is acting in entire good faith in perfecting the same

Clark B. Whipple

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 1st day of June 1896.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C. W. Fournier

Clark of the Dist 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.)