

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

S Clyde Bovey, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph W Stevens for SW 1/4 Sec 1 Township 19 N R 6 E testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. S Clyde Bovey, Age 26, Downingtown, 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 and his land
- 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 in any town or selected site 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. Prairie and grazing land
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. To my knowledge he has resided upon the land for the past 6 years, I cannot state exact time of he established actual residence
- 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 has resided continuously on the homestead since he established residence
- 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 about 3 months in 1894 and about 3 or 4 months in 1895 making a house for family, family was absent also 3 months in 1894
- 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 from ten to thirty acres. He has raised 6 crops
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Improvements house 16x20 value 1000, stable 16x24 value 1000, well 800, corr etc 200, fencing 400, total value 4300
- 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 or minerals
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?  
 Ans. He has not sold, mort, or contracted to sell 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 claim, I think he has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) S. Clyde Bovey

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this eleventh day of March, 1896, at my office at Harroburg, in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] Orville D. Shafter  
 Clerk 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.)