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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John W. Stevens being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Daniel A. White for S.E. 1/4 Sec. 1, T. 19, R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John W. Stevens, Age 32, 1102-1st, P.O. Darrington Neb.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. I am

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

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Prairie land grazing and farming

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

Ans. On or about the 9 or 10 of April 1889

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 an unmarried man he has

made this place his home continuously ever since

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 has been temporarily absent a few times but at no time to exceed 4 months.

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

Ans. About 2 or 3 acres, has raised crop each

season for 5 years

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

Ans. House, Log, Sod Stable, well, I value the \$350

improvements

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. No indications of coal or other minerals, most valuable

for grazing

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

Ans. He has not sold mortgaged or contracted to sell 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 have no interest in the claim, I believe claimant has acted in good faith in perfecting his entry

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed

and was sworn to before me this Ninth day of January, 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Darrington
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.)