

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William H Beck being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of S. W. 1/4 Sec 12, T. 20 N., R. 10 E., S. 49 for Carol Kessler, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. William H Beck Age 46 Post Office Dorrougham, Nebraska

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

Ans. Yes Sir 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. No Sir 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 and farming land

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

Ans. She established residence on May 1st 1888

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

Ans. She has resided on the land continuously she is a widow woman and was at date of entry her husband being dead

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. She has not been absent from the land since establishing residence

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

Ans. Fifteen acres for 5 seasons and is in crop at present

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

Ans. She has a house and a well and fifteen acres of cultivated land all of the value of \$2000

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. None what ever

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

Ans. Not 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 and think she has shown good faith
William H Beck

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1893

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. M. Fairfield
U.S. Circuit Court Commissioner

(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.)