

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John C. Gilmer, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Henry Sah for NW Sec 5, T21R57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John C. Gilmer Age 56 yrs Granger Neb

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

Ans. Yes I am acquainted with both

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. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town for use 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. Ordinary prairie land farming

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

Ans. He was living on the land when it came to the County in March 1 1887

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

Ans. Yes they have

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. absent from Oct 22 1887 to Jan 1 1888 and May 15 1888 to Sept 15 1888 away at work to earn money to live on and take care family

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

Ans. 10 acres 1887, 15 acres 1888, 18 acres 1889, 16 acres 1890

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

Ans. 14 acres 1887, 17 acres 1888, 22 acres 1889, 30 acres 1890. Improvements: 16 by 20 ft shed, 14 by 16 ft shed, 10 by 10 ft shed, 12 by 16 ft well, 38 ft dux, 320 rods fencing, 30 acres of timber

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 indication of coal salines or minerals of any kind on the land

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

Ans. Not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of said 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. No I am not I do

John C. Gilmer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 12 day of June 1891.

R. H. Sentry

Clk of the Dist Court

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(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.)