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# HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John Card being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Chris J. Pater for 164 Ac. 15, T. 20 R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. John Card, 53 years old, Heall, Banner Co. Neb.

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, also 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. It is not within the limits of any incorporated town or selected site of a city or 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. It is ordinary prairie land.

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

Ans. She settled on the homestead the last of March 1897, and established actual residence at same date.

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 continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon. She is unmarried.

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 been absent for three or four months at a time teaching school.

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

Ans. She has cultivated ten acres, and has raised crops for five seasons.

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

Ans. She has a house 12x16, stable 12x12, a well, ten acres of breaking. Value \$200.

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 of any kind on the land. It is more valuable for agricultural purposes.

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

Ans. She has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of homestead.

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, and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1898.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Vickrey, Clerk of Dist Court  
By Mattie L. Vickrey, Deputy

(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.)