

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Clark B Whipple, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Thomas Bretton for S. 1/4 Sec. 4, T. 12 N., R. 11 E., 20-57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer My name is Clark B Whipple, age 54 yrs., Post Office Orrington Me.

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 the claimant in this case and the 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. Said tract 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 the land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. The character of this land is prairie, devoid of timber and adapted to grazing for horses.

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the Homestead in the Spring of 1890 and established his actual residence thereon at that time.

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 and family have resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon.

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. The settler has not been absent from the Homestead for any period of time since first establishing residence.

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated from 10 to 40 acres each season for 7 seasons and raised some crops each season for 6 seasons.

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

Ans. Improvements consist of log house 18x40 with L 13x14, Stable 14x24 cow barn 12x51, Sheds 4x10, Corncrib 2 bars, well. Total value \$800.

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 Homestead to my knowledge.

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

Ans. Claimant has not sold, mortgaged or contracted to sell any portion of the 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. I am not interested in this claim and think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Clark B Whipple

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

sworn to before me this 18 day of March 1898, at my office at

Orrington, in Penobscot County, Me.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C W Ford

Clark of the 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.)