

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George W. Kessler, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Benjamin F. Sten for SW 1/4 Sec 29, T. 20, R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. George W. Kessler, Age 48 years old, P.O. Harrington Neb

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

Ans. Yes

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. It is prairie farming & grazing land.

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

Ans. He established his actual residence on said claim September 20 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. 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. He has never been absent only temporary on business for a day or two at a time

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

Ans. He has 20 acres in cultivation, and has raised

five crops thereon

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

Ans. Log house 20x30 ft high, 14x20 ft log stable 14x30 ft by coral 40x40 ft, 130 acres fenced, 30 acres in cultivation.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, shales, 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 shale or minerals

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

Ans. He has not.

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, & do think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

George W. Kessler

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of September 1894, at my office at Harrington, in Barmer County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Linsley
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.)