

**HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.**

Samuel H. Busker, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Frank M. Leach for SW 1/4 Sec 17, T. 17, R. 17, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Samuel H. Busker, age 39, Harrisburg Nebraska

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

Ans. Yes perfectly

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 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. settled November 1897 established residence November 1897

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

Ans. No he has not

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. Claimant has been absent at intervals not to exceed six months at any one time, absent to work for support, family resided on and cultivated land in absence.

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

Ans. Raised 6 crops

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

Ans. House Log 12x42, Stable 12x36, Log, Hay barn Log 16x16, Well, 80 feet deep, Shed Log 16x18. Total value \$700

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. Not visible to my knowledge

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. No sir, I do

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Samuel H. Busker

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1894, at my office at Harrisburg in Baird County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. F. [Signature]  
County Clerk

(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.)