

(4-300.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

*E. W. Barfoot*, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of *Charles F. ...* for *...*, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
Answer. *E. W. Barfoot, age 38, P.O. Harroburg Nebraska*

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 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. *It is not in any town or selected site of a city or used 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. *Land is prairie and grazing land.*

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
Ans. *She settle upon the homestead in December 1891 and established actual residence same 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's family have resided continuously on the homestead.*

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 not been absent from the homestead to my knowledge.*

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 from 2 to 12 acres and raised 7 crops.*

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
Ans. *House 11x27, 12x14, 800; Barn 10x10, 1100; Draining 10x13, 1200; Stable 13x20 and 14-16, 500; Shed 14x16, 800; Well 15x18, 200; Fence 600 rods, 1000.*

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 indication of coal or minerals.*

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?  
Ans. *Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell 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 claim and think she has acted in good faith.*

*E. W. Barfoot*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 189*9*.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

*William E. Shafter*  
*Clerk 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.)