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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ziba V. Cleveland, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John A. Caldermeade, E½ SW Sec 31 T 20 R 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Ziba V. Cleveland, 48 yrs. Atwell, Nebr.

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

Ans. Yes. 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. No No. No.

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Prairie farming and grazing land.

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

Ans. In May 1887 — In May, 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. Family has resided continuously on claim,

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. Absent from July 6 Nov. 1888; June 25 to Dec 1, 1889 June to Oct 1890; April 21 to Sept 16 1891; April to Aug 1892 away at work. Family resided on claim.

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

Ans. From 5 to 10 acres each year. Six seasons.

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

Ans. Sod house 16 by 26 ft. $225.00 Stable $100.00 Breaking 50.00 Other improvements, 40 — Total value $413.00

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. No indications

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. Yes

Ziba V. Cleveland

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4th day of April 1898.

S. B. Shumway
County Judge.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.)