

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Edward Ostrander, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Travis Thomas for H. W. G. Sec. 23 T. 19. R. 52, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Edward Ostrander, Age 28 yrs. Harrisburg, 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. No.

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

Ans. Prairie farming & grazing land.

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

Ans. Was residing on land May 29th 1888 when first came to this country. Improvements were all perfected before that date & date of actual residence was established

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

Ans. Yes. Unmarried. (Claimant was away short periods to work.)

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. 4 mo. in 1890. 5 mo. in 1891. To work.

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

Ans. 5 or 6 acres. on 4 seasons.

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

Ans. House, Stable, Well \$2.00. Total value.

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. More valuable for agricultural.

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. Yes.

Edward Ostrander

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 2nd day of May 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. B. Hummer

Co. 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 date, description of land, or otherwise.)