

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John L. Jones, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James Highberger for S¹ N² E⁴ Sec 28 T¹ R¹ W, testifies as follows:

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

Answer John L. Jones. 34 yrs. Worthington 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 and grazing land.

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

Ans. In April 1888

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.

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. Not been absent.

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

Ans. From 15 to 40 acres each year. Six seasons.

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

Ans. Log house 22 by 28 ft \$100⁰⁰ Stable 8 by 12 ft \$20⁰⁰ Well \$80⁰⁰ Breakery \$125⁰⁰ Fencing \$10⁰⁰ Pasture \$50⁰⁰ Total value \$568⁰⁰

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 11 day of September 1893

[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.)