

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS

Deville H Wells, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John C. Lutter for SE 1/4 Sec 14 T18S7, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Devillo H Wells age 49 yrs Manager Neb

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

Ans. Yes I am acquainted with both

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. Not within the limits of any incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or used in any way 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. Ordinary prairie land farming

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

Ans. June 12 1886 June 12 1886

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 they have

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 absent 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. 2 1/2 acres 1887 35 acres 1888 35 acres 1889 35 acres 1890 and 5 acres 1891

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

Ans. 1/2 acre 18 by 28 ft log stable 1/4 by 28 ft cor mill house 7 by 14 ft Cane 9 by 12 ft that show shed 14 by 20 ft cor chicken house 12 by 12 ft 6 shingle house 30 by 20 ft 2 miles of fencing

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 of coal salines or minerals of any kind

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. Not mortgaged sold or contracted to sell any portion 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 am not interested in said claim Yes I do

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27 day of July 1891

[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.)

for full & complete will not help 35 acres including 1/2 mile

Bob Kentry
Clerk of Dist Court