

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Thomas Preston, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Charles C. Whipple for SW 1/4 Sec 34-21.57, and 1/4 Sec 35-20-57

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

Answer. My name is Thomas Preston age 68 years Post office Dornington Neb

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 the claimant in this case 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. Said tract is not within the limits of an 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. The character of this land is prairie devoid of timber, adapted to grazing and

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the Homestead in the Spring of 1893 and established his actual residence thereon at that 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 is a single man and has resided on this land on the Homestead since establishing residence thereon

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. The settler has been absent only for short periods to raise money to improve his claim

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated 40 acres of the Homestead for one season and raised some crop

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

Ans. Improvements on the land are one house built of logs 51x12x14 State 16x28 corn well. Total value of improvements \$250.00

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. There are no indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead to my knowledge

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 any portion of the Homestead 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 this claim, and think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting his entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Thomas Preston

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 9th day of July 1898, at my office at Dorning, in Scott Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C. Wood

Clk 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.)