

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Jerome S. Rice, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William Chanor for NW 20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, testifies as follows:

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

Answer, Jerome S. Rice, 46, 564 Bond, P.O. Warrington 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. It is not.

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

Ans. It is prairie grazing land.

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

Ans. He settled on the land in Sept 1888. Built his house in October 1888 and established his residence immediately after finishing his house

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 unmarried. He has resided continuously on the claim except was absent temporarily at work 1 month or less

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. He has been temporarily absent at work, a month or part a time but at no time has he been absent 6 months. He has cultivated the claim each season since establishing his residence thereon

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

Ans. He has about 30 acres in cultivation, and has raised crops thereon each season for 5 years

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

Ans. Log house 14 x 24 ft. and well, stable, corn crib, case about 10 acres fenced & value improvements \$475.00 more

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

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

Ans. He has not.

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 have no interest in the claim, & think he has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

Jerome S. Rice B

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 20 day of January 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dunlavy
County 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 dates, description of land, or otherwise.)