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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Gottlieb Koering, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Franz Blumich for No. 12, of 19, 57, testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer: Gottlieb Koering, 210 1/2 years old, P.O. Harsersburg, Neb.
- Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?
 Ans. I am
- 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. Prairie farming & grazing land. Best for grazing
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?
 Ans. Went to home in June, and established his residence therein about the 15th day of August 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. His family has, he was away at three different times
- 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 was absent at three different times for four months each time, at work. his family lived on the place working his crops
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?
 Ans. He has raised six crops, from 15 acres in 1887 to 40 acres each year since
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. Log house 16 x 24 ft frame Stables 14 x 25 ft, shed 14 x 16 ft Corns, mill, 40 acres in cultivation, I value improvements at \$1500
- 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. None
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?
 Ans. No.
- 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, I think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Gottlieb Koering

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 29 day of January 1895, at my office at Harsersburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Humlany
 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.)