

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charles E. Fingrich, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Wm. F. Ambrose for 1890-1900, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Charles E. Fingrich, age 40, P.O. Harrington, 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 claimant and the land.

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 in any town or used 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. It is prairie land and grazing land, most valuable for growing pasture.

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

Ans. He settled upon his homestead in 1890 and established actual residence 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. She was absent each year but not over 6 months in any one year.

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. She was absent each year but not over 6 months in any one year, for the purpose of attending to her mother, who she was attending.

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

Ans. He has cultivated all the land valuable for growing crops. The land has been grazed all the time, and some of the best high residences.

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

Ans. Fence 1/2 mile 35.00. Total value 85.00.

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 or minerals.

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged or contracted to sell to any person.

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 claim. I think he has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Charles E. Fingrich

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26th day of June 1897 at my office at Harrington, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] Charles E. Fingrich, Auditor

(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.)