

(4-360.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Enos J. DeLaMatter, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph L. Gilmore for Lot 34 & 35 Sec 7-21, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Enos J. DeLaMatter, age 39 leadwell 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 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. Said tract is not in any town or any way 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. The land is ordinary prairie land grazing land.

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

Ans. Claimant settled on claim April 18 58. and established actual residence at the same 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 unmarried, he has resided continuously on claim since first establishing residence.

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. Claimant has not been absent only to work a little while at a time.

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

Ans. Claimant has cultivated 20 ac. has raised crops three seasons.

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

Ans. He has a house stable and well. value about about \$325.

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 mineral of any kind.

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

Ans. Not 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 he has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Enos J. DeLaMatter,

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27th day of October 1894, at my office at Genig, in Seaton Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. Vickrey  
George D. Stearns

(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.)