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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Enos H Barfoot, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Jamz Kurich for N^o 12 1/2 of 19, 1857, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Enos H Barfoot, Age 33 years old, P.O. Harrisburg, 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. No.

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. He built a house in June, 1858. Established residence therein August 15th 1858

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. The family here, Mr Kurich 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 4 months at a time, at work, his family lived on the place during his absence.

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 on the place 15 acres in 1859 and 40 acres each season since

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

Ans. Log house 16x24 ft. frame stable 14x28 ft. corn, well corn, shed, and 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, 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 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.)

Enos Barfoot

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 Harrisburg, in Dawson County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dumbley
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.)