

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James P. Wiseman, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph L. Gilmore, for Sec 3 & 4, E 34<sup>th</sup> Sec 7, 21<sup>st</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. James P. Wiseman age 50. P.O. 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 in 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. 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 the tract Spring 1888 and he established 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 has resided continuously on the claim since first establishing residence. He is unmarried.

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 away a short time while on a farm to get a grub stake. I do not know the date.

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 20 and has raised crops for five years or has tried to raise crops.

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

Ans. House, food, stable, well, value at \$300

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 and no more valuable for grazing and agriculture.

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

Ans. No 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. and think the settler has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) James P. Wiseman

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

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Cherry  
County Clerk

(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.)