

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ed. J. Whipple, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John C. Smith for S<sup>2</sup> NW 1/4 Sec 12 T<sup>2</sup> N. R. 20 W. S. 22 E., testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. Ed. J. Whipple, Age 31, Years, Post-office Genoa, Nebraska.
- 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 the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim.
- 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 within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town nor used in any way 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. Rolling prairie land, most suitable for grazing purposes.
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead some time during the fall of 1888, and established actual residence thereon during the month of December 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. Claimant and family have resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon.
- 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. Settler has not been absent from the land since first making settlement, except to transact the ordinary business of a farmer.
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?  
 Ans. Settler has cultivated 10 acres of soil and has raised crops thereon for 12 years.
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Shed house 14x22 feet— with an ell 14x16 feet, Stable 16x24 feet, One well, Wind Mill, and 125 rods of wire fence. Total value of \$7000.
- 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, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead.
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of the homestead?  
 Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell, any portion of the homestead.
- 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, I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

Ed. J. Whipple

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1890

E. S. DeLaMater  
 County Judge

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(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.)