

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James H. Caldwell, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Anthony Beck for W.B. Sec 9, T. 2, R. 55, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. James H. Caldwell age 24 years R. #11, Wash.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes — 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 No

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Farming land

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

Ans. April 7, 1886 — Nov. 10, 1886

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 & family has resided on the land continuously since they established their residence thereon. Claimant has been absent.

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 been absent several times but I cannot give the dates. He has been gone three or four months at a time. His family has resided on the land 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. Thirty acres — raised crops five seasons

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

Ans. Log house, good stable, fencing, chicken house
well, barn — Value \$300 or

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. No

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

Ans. No

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. No — Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 17 day of Nov, 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.)

James H. Caldwell

J. C. Bogan, District Court
J. C. Bogan, Deputy