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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George W. Kessler, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Anthony Click for N.E.¼ Sec. 29 T 20 R 5-7, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. George W. Kessler — Age 45 years — P.O. Darrington Neb

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 — In Nov. 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. Yes, Claimants family has resided on the land continuously since Nov. 10, 1886, Claimant has been absent several 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. Claimant was absent several times, I can not give the dates — he was never absent more than five mo. at one time. He was away working — his family 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, Log Stable, Cove, Hen house, fencing, Well, Value $385.00

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

George W. Kessler

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.

J. E. Logan Clerk Dist Court

Josie Logan Deputy

[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.)