

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Chauncey D Wells, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Henry Z Beach for SE 1/4 Sec 11 T 24 N 2 R 5 W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Chauncey D Wells, age 23 years & P.O. address Mitchell Mo

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 the 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. The same tract of land is not within the limits of any incorporated town or selected site of a city or town or 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. The character of this land is grazing land devoid of timber

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 in March 1888 and established actual residence in his house in September 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 resided continuously on the homestead after establishing residence thereon until Oct 1891

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 from the land from Oct 1891 until recently on account of great illness. Claimant's family has resided thereon

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. The settler cultivated an acre for three seasons (wheat and corn) had it cultivated continuously since

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

Ans. The improvements consist of a house 20x25 Rods and a well 18x28 Chickens house 10x16, 2 miles wire fence in case of breaking total value \$450.00

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or mineral of any kind on the homestead

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of said homestead 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 am not interested in this claim in any way and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry as far as his knowledge goes with Chauncey D Wells

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 18th day of April 1896, at my office at Spring, in Scotts Bluff County, Mo

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C W Ford Clerk Dist Court

(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.)