

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Deville Wells, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Henry Z Beach for SS 4 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 testifies as follows:

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

Answer. My name is Deville Wells age 45 years P.O. address is 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 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 any incorporated town or town-site or used in any way for trade or business purposes

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 on the homestead in the spring of 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 from the first establishment of residence up to Oct-1891 when he was compelled to go east for treatment

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. The settler has been absent from the land since Oct-1891 until recently on account of great illness his family was absent also

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 two acres of said land himself for three seasons and has had no other cultivation except occasionally since

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

Ans. The improvements consist of a Rock and Pool house 20x25. Barn 20x28 Chicken house 10x10 2 miles wire fence the acres of prairie total value \$150

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 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 manner and I think the settler acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Deville 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 Gering, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebr.

[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.)