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# HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Willie B. Merrihue, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Frank E. Woodard for S. 10 & S. 12 + S. 18 & S. 20, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Willie B. Merrihue. Age 22, P.O. Hull, Banner Co., Neb.

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 both.

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. It is not in any incorporated town city or village nor any way used 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. It is ordinary prairie land, farming.

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

Ans. On the 21st day of Nov 1884. And established actual residence at same time.

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. He has resided continuously on the land since making settlement, and is unmarried.

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. I would say he had been on the land all the time. Only away at times to work.

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

Ans. He has 40 A. cultivated and has cultivated it each year since 1884 settlement.

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

Ans. A House, Barn, shed & buggy with board Road 14x26 Stable 14x26 shed 12x26 Cornell & care 12x14 And well.

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 more valuable for farming.

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

Ans. 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. I think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting his entry.

Willie B. Merrihue

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of Jan. 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

John Vickrey  
Notary Public

[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.]