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HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ambrose E. Scott, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Willie Thompson for 1/4 Sec 26 T28N R57E, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Ambrose E. Scott Age 13 Barnsting 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 claimant and his land

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 city town or selected site of education or 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 prairie and grazing land

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

Ans. Claimant established actual residence and settled upon the land in 1889

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 is unmarried and resided continuously on homestead

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. He was absent 3 months in 1892 and was at work to the best of my knowledge

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

Ans. He has not raised any crops to my knowledge

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

Ans. House worth value 73⁰⁰ fencing 105 Well 10⁰⁰ Reservoir & irrigating ditch 10⁰⁰ Total value 288⁰⁰

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 coal, salines or minerals

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

Ans. He has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell 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 claim; settler has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Ambrose E. Scott

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4th day of May 1897, at my office at Barnsting, in Barnes County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Winton E. Scott
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.)