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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John Fairchild, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Frank E. Woodward for S.W. 1/4 Sec 28 T. 25 N. R. 25 E. testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John Fairchild, age 39 P.O. Worthington, Scotts Bluff Co.

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 the limits of incorporated town city or village and is not used for business.

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Ordinary prairie farming & grazing.

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

Ans. He commenced to build house Dec. 21 1886 and established actual residence the 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. His residence has been continuous. He is an unmarried man.

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 only been absent a week or so at a time at work.

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

Ans. Has cultivated 20 A. 1887, 40 A. each year after that.

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

Ans. House 16 x 24, barn 30 x 40, State 12 x 24 sod house, good well of water, carb. 12 x 14, value \$350.

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, most valuable for farming & grazing.

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

Ans. Not 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 title.

John Fairchild

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.]

J. B. Vickrey  
Clerk of District 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.)