

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Jacob J. Boyer, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William J. Schumacher for Sec 6, T20 R.37, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Jacob J. Boyer age 61 years, P.O. address Hull, 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 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 an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town and is not 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. This land is grazing land only.

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

Ans. The claimant settled upon the homestead in the fall of 1900 and established actual residence thereon at that 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. They have except a few months in the summer of the years 1901-1902-1903 and 1904 when he was working away from home.

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 at work away from home from 3 to 6 months during the summer time of 1901-2-3 & 1904 on farms and hay ranches for the purpose of making a living for himself and family and to earn money to improve the homestead during those times the claimant's family went with him.

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 cultivated any portion of the land, except a small garden, for the reason that it is sandy and not under irrigation and the low portion is alkali and is valuable only for growing hay.

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

Ans. He has a good log house 16 x 22 ft inside shingle roof & board floor, frame barn 16 ft square, good well & pump. Hides & corrals, about a mile of fencing on the place 340 wire, all of the value of about \$6000.

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 and the land is most valuable for growing hay.

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

Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any portion of the 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 in no wise interested in this claim and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Jacob J. Boyer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed

and was sworn to before me this 27 day of July, 1907, at my

office at Gering in Sutton Bluff County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Jacob J. Boyer  
Clerk of the 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.)