

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John F. McCaskey, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Jacob J. Boyer for E. D. DeLaWaller, Lots 344-18-20-57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is John F. McCaskey, My age is 29 years. Post office address is Mill, Nebraska.

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, nor is it in 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. The character of the land is grazing land.

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead May 1898 and he established actual residence thereon at 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. Claimant and family have resided continuously on the land since establishing residence thereon.

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. Settler was absent about 2 months during the fall and winter of 1898. He returned on February 1st and has since resided continuously on the land. He was absent at any other time at least a day or two at a time occasionally for the purpose of getting supplies for himself and family and material to work his pump on the land.

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

Ans. Claimant has cultivated one acre of the homestead since he has been settling residence thereon and raised crops thereon. The character of land here is grazing land, and has been used for that purpose since he has been settling thereon.

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

Ans. The improvements on the land are one house 16 x 20 feet, 12 x 14 feet, and one shed 14 x 30 feet, well, fence, 1 acre of corn, one small cell of land, and one well with a 2 inch pump, and the total value thereof is \$400.00.

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 the homestead, to the best of 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, and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry and it is my duty to give my testimony hereon.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John F. McCaskey

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 25th day of August 1906, at my office at Gering in DeWitt County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

E. D. DeLaWaller, County Judge.

(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.)