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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Fred A. Card being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William J. Schumacher for SE 1/4 Sec 6, T20R E2, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Fred A. Card, age 30 years, P.O. address Hull, 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 & 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. The tract of land is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town and is in no 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 mostly sandy grazing land; a part of it is low alkali and is valuable for hay.

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 his residence thereon at that time. He continued to reside on the land until his family started the present time but was away at work for several months during the summer of the first year.

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

Ans. The claimant & family have resided continuously on the Homestead since first establishing residence thereon, but was away at work for several months during the summer of the first year, which time he has resided on the land, but not going out to work.

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. The settler was absent from the land during the summer months of the first year, 1901, for the purpose of working to make a living and support himself and family. His family went with him when he went away to work.

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

Ans. The settler has not cultivated any of the Homestead for the reason that on account of its sandy and alkaline character it is unfit for cultivation and valuable only for grazing purposes.

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

Ans. I have a log house 16x22 feet on wheels, a Shingle board dog fly, a chicken house, well & pump, Corral, and fencing about one mile of 2 1/2 wire fence. all of the total value of \$3500.

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 on the land.

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 said 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 not interested in this claim I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Fred A. Card

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 Keith County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Wm. C. Hinkley  
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.)