

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Fred Cord, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Jacob J. Boyer for S.W. 1/4 of Sec 34, T. 20 N., R. 20 W., 1887, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. My name is Fred Cord, my age is 29 years, and my post office address is Shell Bluffs, Mo.

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 claim 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 prairie and grazing land only.

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, 1887, and established actual residence thereon at 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 homestead since first 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. Claimant was absent from the land two months during the fall and winter of 1905, attending the Federal Court at Omaha, Mo., as a settled party was not absent at any other time for a day or two for the purpose of getting supplies for himself and family and supplies for animals.

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

Ans. Claimant and family has cultivated about one acre of the homestead since establishing his residence thereon, for his staple crop, corn, and wheat, by agreement for 2 years during the time he resided thereon in the land.

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

Ans. The improvements on the land are one log house 16x20, log stables 16x20 feet, one well 11 1/2 x 30 feet, 1 chestnut cabinet 12x14 feet, 12x16 feet, one well, all of said land is enclosed with 2 wire fences and barbed wire about the stable and house, 1 corn brooder, and the total value of improvements is \$750.00.

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 the homestead, to his knowledge?

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell, any portion of the homestead, to his 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 have no interest in this claim and I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry and I have given this testimony to the best of my actual knowledge and belief.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Fred Cord

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 Cassing in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

E. S. DeLaMatter, 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.)