

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Cyrus W. Rider, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Berry Bunker for N<sup>o</sup> 26, T. 19, R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Cyrus W. Rider, Agt. 50 years, P.O. Harristown, Mo.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. I am

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

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

Ans. Prairie farming and grazing land

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

Ans. He settled and established actual residence there during the first week in April 1887.

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

Ans. He and his family have never left the place all at a time

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 absent temporarily at work and was absent one month, his family resided on the land during that time.

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

Ans. About 75 acres in cultivation, he has raised crops for seven seasons.

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

Ans. House, Stables, Sheds, well, windmill and heavy Carriage wheel farm under fence. I value the improvements at \$150.

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. No indication of coal, salines or minerals

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

Ans. He has not mortgaged, sold or contracted any of the claims

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 the claim, I believe settler has acted in good faith in perfecting his entry

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this Tenth day of January, 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Cyrus W. Rider  
A. H. Humphrey  
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.)