

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ernest F. Barfoot, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Nicholas & White for No 4 Dec 14, 4, 19, B 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer Ernest F. Barfoot, age, 34 years old, P.O., HARRISTOWN, Neb.

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

Ans. Yes

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. This is prairie land, but for grazing purposes and is used for that.

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

Ans. He settled on the land in March, moved onto his house on the claim April 1st 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 did for two years, then got married, and has resided on the claim most of the time since.

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 has been absent temporarily at work from one to five months at a time, never for 6 months or more.

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

Ans. He has 15 acres in cultivation, and has raised 6 crops thereon.

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

Ans. Frame and chugout house 14 by 22 ft. chugout stable 30 ft long. Well, 15 acres in cultivation & value improvements \$1200.

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. None.

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

Ans. No.

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, & do think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting the entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Ernest F. Barfoot

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 15 day of July, 1895, at my office at Harristown, in Barnes County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. W. Mumblay
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 date, description of land, or otherwise.)