

(4-360.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James Hutchison being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph Mansard for 26th Dec 8th 1911, 58, testifies as follows:

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

Answer James Hutchison, Age 38 years, P.O. Hull Neb

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

Ans. I am

Question 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. No.

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

Ans. Prairie farming & grazing land.

Question 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 1886, established actual residence on the Homestead Dec 11th 1888

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

Ans. They have, except 2 months in 1890

Question 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 two months in the fall of 1890

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

Ans. He has raised six crops of 30 acres each

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

Ans. By house 14x28 ft. Stab 14x30 ft. Well, Corn, grass, 30 acres well fence, 30 acres in cultivation, value, 250.

Question 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

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

Ans. No.

Question 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 think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

James Hutchison

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 4 day of March 1895, at my office at Harrisonburg, in Barnes County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dumlavy
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.)