

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William Spahr being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Elizabeth Dummer widow of William Dummer for 20<sup>th</sup> 11-19-58, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William Spahr age 37 Full 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 claimant & 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. No

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

Ans. Grazing and farming land

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

Ans. Claimant settled November 1885 Established residence November 1888

Ques. 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

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods was the settler 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. Have not been absent

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

Ans. Has been cultivated each year since death of intestate

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

Ans. House 16x20 stable 16x34 shed 16x11 2600 horse 14x16 600 rods of wire fence Well mill Slat 2000

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 that I know of

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

Ans. Not that I know of

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 Yes Sir

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) William Spahr

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1898, at my office at Waverly in Barnes County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] J. W. Lake  
Clerk 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.)