

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William C. Spahr, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Joseph Manard for 86<sup>th</sup> Dec 8<sup>th</sup> of 1858, testifies as follows:

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

Answer William C. Spahr, Age, 37 years, 4<sup>th</sup> PO, Hull, 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. No.

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

Ans. Prairie farming & grazing land

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 1889, established residence on the Homestead Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 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. He is a widower, they have resided continuously on the place except 2 months in 1890

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 about two months in the fall of 1890

Ques. 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

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

Ans. Log house, 10x25ft stable, 14x30ft well, corn granary, 800 cu ft, well, 30 acres in cultivation, value \$550

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 perfect faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. I have no interest in the claim, I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting the entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

William C. Spahr

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of March 1893, at my office at

Harrisburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dumbleary  
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.)