

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John W. Cunningham, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Benj. Mitchell for 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 74 1892 58, testifies as follows:

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

Answer: John W. Cunningham 44 35 years all P.O. Harrisburg Neb

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. It is 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 on the land in October 1887 Established actual residence about the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 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. They have resided continuously on the homestead except was away about three months at one 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 at one time about three months at work temporarily only

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

Ans. He has about 30 acres in cultivation, has planted 7 crops, has raised six crops from 14 to 30 acres each season since 1887

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

Ans. Liv house 14 by 24 ft. Stall 14 by 24 ft. Well, Corn, 130 acres plowed 30 acres in cultivation 3 value improvements at \$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. No indications of coal, Saline or Minerals

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

Ans. He has not.

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 this claim, I do think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

John W. Cunningham

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26 day of March 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Winkley  
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.)