

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William E. Dunn, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Richard Beigel for NE 1/4 Sec 2 T. 19 N. Range 2 W. Testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. William E. Dunn age 44 yrs. Hull Nebraska

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 sir

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

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. He settled with his family upon his home stead in March 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. The claimant lived continuously upon the land until last September, family lived on land continuously

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 six months the land was cultivated during such absence by family

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

Ans. He has cultivated and raised crops since 1888 on about two or three acres

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Good frame house 1100 value 3000, frame Barn 16x40 value 800, 45000 feet wire fence value 8000, total value 7000

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 sir. Agricultural purposes.

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. No I think they have

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) William E. Dunn

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 22nd day of December 1897, at my office at Lansburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] J. W. Stake  
 Clerk of the 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.)