

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charles H Spith, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Archib E. Chapman for S. Sec 14-19-58, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Charles H Spith age 33 Darrington 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 and 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 sir

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

Ans. Grazing land

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

Ans. Claimant settled March 1890 established residence March 1890

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

Ans. (Single) he has not

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. Claimant had leave of absence in 1890, and part of 1891. He has been absent at work at short periods, but not six months at any one time.

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

Ans. Claimant has cultivated about 15 acres each year.

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

Ans. Barn 12x16, stable 12x16, Total value of improvements \$140

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 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 — I think he has

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Charles H Spith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 17th day of October, 1891, at my office at Warrensburg, in Ramez County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. A. Ke
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.)