

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William B. Spahr, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John C. Hancock for Section 28, T. 28 S., R. 25 E., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William B. Spahr—Age 50 years—No. 444 Hall St.

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 land

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

Ans. I do not know, but he was living on his claim when I made my settlement May 17, 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. I think they have been living on the claim since they established residence on it. They have lived there since 1888-1890.

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. Absent once—absent from August 1890 until October 1890—Cause, he went away to work—No family.

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

Ans. 40 acres cultivated—four seasons

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

Ans. Log house—log barn—shed—fence—well—windmill, chicken house—barn—furniture—Value \$2,000

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.

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 entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. Yes.

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 4th day of May 1891.

J. E. Logan, Clerk of Court
Julia Logan, Deputy

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(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.)