

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William C. Spahr, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James K. Craton for S² N⁶ E⁴ Sec 102 T12S R57E 58 testifies as follows:

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

Answer William C. Spahr, Age 36 years, W. P. 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. It is not.

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

Ans. 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 May 1887. Established actual residence about June 8th 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 land since first settling thereon.

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 not been absent, only temporarily for a few days at a time.

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

Ans. He has 40 acres in cultivation and has raised crops

25 acres in 1888 to 40 acres each year since in crops.

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

Ans. Lug house 16 by 39 ft. Log stable 18 by 22 ft. Shed 12 by 40 ft. well and pump, Case 70 acres fenced. Value improvements at \$500.

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

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 27 day of March 1894

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Wintney
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.)