

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Henry E. Hoage, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of George R. Engleclaw for S.W. 1/4 Sec. 13, T. 21, R. 5 E., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Henry E. Hoage, my age is 31 years, P. O. address, Coanigan, 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 the claimant, and also the land

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. The tract is not within the limits of any town or city, or used in any way for trade or business.

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

Ans. The land is ordinary prairie; no farming land

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

Ans. The claimant first settled on the homestead in October 1897 and established residence at same time

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's family have resided continuously on the land since settlement; the claimant 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. The claimant has been away from work a good part of the time; I cannot fix the date. His family have resided continuously on the land since settlement, and cultivated the same.

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

Ans. The settler has cultivated on about 25 acres, and raised crops on about the first 4 seasons; but now he has not a small piece of ground

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

Ans. There is on the land a house, value \$100, barn \$75, well \$75, corn \$25, 40 rods fencing \$10, 40 rods breaking \$120

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. There are no indications of coals, salines, or minerals on the tract

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

Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell any portion of the homestead

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 interested in the claim; I think the settler has acted in good faith

Henry E. Hoage

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Hulbert

W. S. Bennett, Clerk, Commission

(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.)