

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Robert Smith, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John E. McConney for NW 35, T. 21, R. 55, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Robert Smith, age 50, P.O. address, Healy, Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes, and I am acquainted with the claimant and the land embraced in his 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. The tract is not within the limits of any town or city or selected site of a city or town, nor is it used 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. It is prairie land.

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the homestead in April, and established actual residence at that 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. Claimant is unmarried; he has resided continuously on the tract since 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. The settler has not been absent.

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 25 acres, and has raised crops thereon 5 seasons.

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

Ans. There is one tract of 25 acres bearing 275 bushels of wheat, and the value is \$100, and the value of the improvements is \$75.

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 coal, 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. Robert Smith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1894

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Hetherington, D. S.

(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.)