

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel R. Spear, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Albert R. Hull for 207 Sec 23 Twp 20 N R 7 E, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Samuel R. Spear—55 years old—Hull, Nebraska

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

Ans. Yes—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. No. section for trade or business in any way except Mr. Hull has a growing crop and fallow located on the tract.

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

Ans. Prairie and Farming 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 he was living on the land when I came to the country in October 1886.

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

Ans. Has resided continuously and the land never since he came to the country in Oct, 1886, and think he lived there since in the spring of 1886.

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. Has not been absent—Very Knowledge

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

Ans. Has cultivated 20 acres—raised crops four seasons.

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

Ans. Branes fence 1/4 280 type stoves additional to house frame 1000 ft. value 100—200 ft. stable 12x20 ft. value 30—200 ft. feed 14x18 ft. value 20—200 ft. well 40 ft. value 50—200 acres fence 100 ft. value 20—400 acres broken land 1100 ft. value 100.

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. no indications

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

Ans. No 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. No—yes

x Samuel R. Spear

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 18 day of March 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. C. Logan
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.)