

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Clayton Peck being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Albert C. Hull for 240<sup>+</sup> Sec. 23 Twp. 6 N. R. 27 E., testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. Clayton Peck—28 years old—Hull (Cramer) County, Neb.  
 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—not used for trade or business except Mrs. Hull sells groceries and has post office on her claim  
 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. Settled on the homestead in May 1886, established residence May 20, 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. Claimant has resided there continuously since establishing residence, and his family has resided there since he married which was in October or November 1887.  
 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

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

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Frame house two story 14x20 ft. addition to house 10x20 ft. Value \$426.00  
 120 acres fenced with wire fence Val. \$800.00 40 acres broken Val. \$120.00  
 120 acres Val. \$200.00 100 ft. well Val. \$30.00

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

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

Clayton Peck

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. E. 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.)