

(4-369.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Alfred Smith being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William L. Huntington for N<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>2</sup> SE<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>2</sup> NE<sup>2</sup> Sec 28 R 38, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Alfred Smith age 38 Hull Neb

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

Ans. Yes I am acquainted with both

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. Not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town 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. Ordinary prairie land farming.

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

Ans. April 25 1886 May 2 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. Yes claimant has no family (a widower)

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. Not absent to my knowledge

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

Ans. 25 acres Four seasons

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

Ans. Frame house 10 by 10 2 10 by 10 feet Cane 10 by 16

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. Not mortgaged sold or contracted to sell

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 I am not I think

Alfred Smith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14 day of May 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

B. L. Kuntz  
Clerk of the 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.)