

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel R Spear, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Charles Huntington for SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 8 E 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 9 E 1/4 R 35 Testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Samuel R Spear Age 55 yrs Howell 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. No not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town nor 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. Rough Prairie land Most valuable for grazing

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

Ans. I do not know as he was living on the land when I came to the County Oct 8 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 had no family (unmarried)

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. He has been absent each summer for different periods I can not give the dates.

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

Ans. One acre the first season

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

Ans. Frame house 12 by 22 ft Frame Stable 14 by 16 ft
Round top 4 by 5 ft well under a two wire fence
one end of barn 12 ft by 10 ft

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications for 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 of any kind on the land

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

Ans. No he has not mortgaged sold or contracted to sell any portion of said land to my knowledge

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 have no interest in the claim. Yes I think so.

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 23 day of March 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

R. B. Searcy

Clk of the Dist 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.)