

(4-369.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John Smith, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James B. Nelson for N.E. 1/4, Sec. 17, T. 20, R. 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John Smith, age 34, years, P.O. address, Dannington, Nebraska

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

Ans. James B. Nelson is acquainted with the claimant and the land

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, nor selected site of town or city, nor 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. The tract is ordinary prairie

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

Ans. Claimant settled on the tract in the fall of 1892 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 and family have resided on the tract continuously since settlement

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 from the tract since settlement

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 3 seasons

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

Ans. There is one the tract, having value \$100, barn and sheds \$100, well and windmill and pump, \$80, 2 1/2 horses and three cows, and 1 head of beef \$25, 10 apple trees, \$25, 31 acres of timber, \$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. There are no 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 tract

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

John Smith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 6 day of June 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W. H. Hulbert, D. C.

James B. Nelson  
at Dannington, Nebraska

(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.)