

(4-309.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James Nighswonger, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Block on S. 26 E. 2 Lot 112 Sec 5 T. 9 R. 5, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. James Nighswonger, 36, Clyde 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 a part of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. No No No

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

Ans. Farming and Grazing

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

Ans. Settled about April 14th 1888 Established residence April 14th 1893

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

Ans. No 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. Lived continuously until 1890, afterwards absent at intervals but not to exceed five months, family resided upon land until 1890, absent for support of family

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

Ans. 1888 cultivated 20 acres 1889—25 acres 1890—40 acres 1891 30 acres 1892—20 acres 1893—10 acres. Raised five crops.

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

Ans. House 12x24, corn 11x16 smoke house 10 x 12 chicken house 8x10
 sheds 14x44 shed 12x60—100 acres fenced well 70 feet deep value \$400.

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 No

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

Ans. No No 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 Has acted in good faith
James Nighswonger

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 11th day of September 1893.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. B. Shumway
County Judge

(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.)