

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John W. Hoke, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of and ones for 10000 5 19 1870, testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. John W. Hoke Age 37 P.O. Harrisburg Neb
- Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?  
 Ans. I am well acquainted claimant and his 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. It is not in any city or 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. Land is prairie & grazing land
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. He settled upon homestead in September 1889, and established actual residence same 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 his sons on homestead
- 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. Settler has been absent only once for eight weeks, 1891.
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?  
 Ans. He cultivated five acres, and has raised 8 crop
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Horse 16x24 - 1000 value 4000 stable and shed value 16x30 - 18x18 - value 11000
- 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 indications of coal or minerals
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?  
 Ans. He has not mortgaged or sold
- 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 claim. Think he has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John W. Hoke

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26 day of June 1897, at my office at Harrison, in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] Wm. G. Proffers  
Clk. 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.)