

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Amzi W. Lawson, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James T. Nelson for NE 1/4 Sec 17, T 20, R 57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Amzi W. Lawson, my age is 44 years, B. address

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

Ans. I am well 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 within the limits of a town, or city

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 October 1888, 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. Settler and family have resided continuously

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 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 35 acres, and has raised crops

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

Ans. There are on the tract, house, value \$100, barn, value \$20, well, and other improvements, value \$25, 20 acres of fruit, 20 apple trees, 25

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, salines, or minerals on

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

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

Amzi W. Lawson

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

Wm. H. Nelson

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

(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.)