

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John A. Slingham, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Samuel Berry for NE 1/4 Sec 34 T20N R37E, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John A. Slingham Age 65 PO Harrestburg

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 Samuel Berry 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. Said land is not in the limits of a selected site or any town.

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

Ans. Prairie & grazing.

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

Ans. Claimant settled on homestead in March 1890, and re-established actual residence.

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's family lived continuously on claimant's first four years last year and half year before about half of the time as a family, but not very long ago for six months.

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. 1890 claimant was away about 3 months, 1894 1895 was away part of time visiting a brother for family.

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

Ans. He has cultivated 14 acres and raised six crops.

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

Ans. Houses 14 x 22 log value \$2000 or 14 x 24 value \$2100 well 6000 fencing 1400 or 14 x 24 value \$1700

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.

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

Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell.

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 this claim. I think settler has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

John A. Slingham

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 23rd day of May 1896 at my office at Harrestburg, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

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(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.)