

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John S. Jones, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Hoke for S. 28 E. 2. Co. 12, Sec. 5, T. 4 N. S. 2., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John S. Jones, 34, Dunnington, Scott's Bluff Co. Nebraska

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

Ans. Yes

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. No

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

Ans. Grazing & Farming

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

Ans. Settled abays April 12th 1888. Established residence about April 12th 1888

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. Claimant has been absent at intervals but not to exceed five months at any one time.

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. Absent at intervals, not to exceed 5 months, 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 cultivated 25 acres 1890 - 40 acres 1891-30 acres 1892-30 acres 1893-10 Raised first crop

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

Ans. House 24' x 24' Cur 12' x 16' Smoke House 10' x 12' Barn house 8' x 10' stable 12' x 14' shed 12' x 60' One hundred acres fenced well to get deep Value \$500.00

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 Was acted in good faith

John S. Jones

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 Sept 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. B. Shurway  
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.)