

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William R. Hampton, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of James Conner for 20<sup>th</sup> Section 5 T<sup>19</sup> R<sup>18</sup> E<sup>7</sup> S<sup>16</sup> testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William R. Hampton Age 67 P. O. Harrisonburg

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 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. It is prairie 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 18 89 September 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. They have resided continuously on the 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. He has only been absent a short time in any one year.

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 five acres Five crops.

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

Ans. Spring frame for 24. 14 x 22 value 400<sup>00</sup> stable and sheds 75<sup>00</sup> well and wind mill 60<sup>00</sup> 4 mowing mch 70<sup>00</sup> but value 50<sup>00</sup>

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 or contracted to sell any part

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. Think settler has acted in good faith

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) William R. Hampton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1897, at my office at Harrisonburg, in Buncombe County, Northeast

[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 mistake in dates, description of land, or otherwise.)

William R. Hampton  
Clerk District Court