

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charles H. Spieth, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Era E. Hoyle for SE 1/4 Sec 34, T20N, R20E, S14, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Charles H. Spieth age 25 1/2 address Dorrington Neb.

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

Ans. Yes Sir

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 Sir

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

Ans. Grazing and farming

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

Ans. Settled in fall of 1876. Established residence in Spring of 1877

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. I think not Unmarried

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 at work.

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

Ans. Cultivated about 2 1/2 acres or a part thereof each year raised about three years

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

Ans. Stable Log 16 x 22. Stable Log about 12 x 32. Corn room 100 ft deep. Value \$600

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. Not to my knowledge. More valuable for agriculture.

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

Ans. Not that I know of

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. Not interested. Think he has acted in good faith

Charles H. Spieth

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 February 1897

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. M. ...
Clerk 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.)