

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Wheeler Dawson, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Russell A. Hampter for 1/4 Sec 16 & 1/4 Sec 27 T. 27 N. R. 37 W., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Wheeler Dawson Age 49 P.O. Dorem from Nebraska

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

Ans. I am well acquainted with Hampter & his land

Question 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 town or used for trade or business

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

Ans. It is prairie land. Grazing.

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

Ans. He settled upon homestead and established actual residence on spring of 1892

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

Ans. He has resided continuously on land except he left in spring of 1896 and was absent about eleven months

Question 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 was absent from spring of 1896 (about eleven months) until spring of 1897

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

Ans. He cultivated about 40 acres and raised crops about each year

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

Ans. House and 1000 ft. fence 200. Chicken house 200. Barn 400. and 1000 ft. fence 100.

Question 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

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

Ans. Not that I know of

Question 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. He has acted in good faith.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Wheeler Dawson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1898, at my office at Dunsmuir, in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Milton E. Shufte
Clerk of the 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.)