

(4-3409.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John W. Stearns, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William R. Hampton for NW 1/4 Sec 35 T20R57, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. John W. Stearns, age 34, Harshburg, Nebraska

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

Ans. Well acquainted with claim and claimant

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. Brazing and farming

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

Ans. Claimant settled March 1887, established residence March 1887

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 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. have not been absent

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated about 30 acres on homestead each

Ans. year since and including 1887

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

Ans. Wool frame 12x36, stable, dugout 22x9, 16x40 crib frame 8x10 with 330 feet deep frame, tin house 6x10, Total Value \$5700

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 indications of coal or minerals

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

Ans. 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

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Yrs. Sir,
John W. Stearns

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 9th day of January 1897, at my office at Harshburg in Banner County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. W. Hokey
Clerk Dist 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.)