

(4-3489.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Ellis E. Finkle being called as witness in support of the Homestead
entry of Samuel A. White for Sec 1, T19, R.57, testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Ellis E. Finkle. Age 30 years old P.O. Harrington Neb.

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. It is not

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

Ans. Prairie grazing and farming

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

Ans. He settled on the land and established his residence thereon about the 9 or 10 of April 1889.

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

Ans. Claimant is unmarried. He has made this place his home continuously ever since the date of settlement.

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 been absent temporarily a few times but at no time to exceed 4 months at a time.

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

Ans. Has cultivated about 20 acres, has raised crops every season for 5 years.

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

Ans. 30y fence, stable, well, etc. I value it at \$300.

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 salines or minerals.

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

Ans. He has not sold, mortgaged or contracted to sell same.

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 have no interest in the claim. I believe the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this Ninth day of January, 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

A. H. Dinsbury
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.)