

(4-309.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

W. S. Williams, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William W. Adams for S. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 testifies as follows:

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

Answer. My name is W. S. Williams, age 26 yrs., and Post Office Corning, N. Y.

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 the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim.

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. Said tract is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a town or city in any way 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. The character of this land is prairie land of timber, and adapted to grazing purposes.

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

Ans. The claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1892, and established actual residence thereon at that 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. Claimant and family have resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon.

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. The settler has not been absent from the land for any period of time.

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

Ans. The settler has been cultivating one acre for five seasons and raised crops in each season.

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

Ans. Improvements on the land are log house 14x24 with L 16x24, stables 15x50, hen house 10x12, well, corral, 2 1/2 miles wire fence, value \$1000.

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, salines, or minerals of any kind on this claim to my knowledge.

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

Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell any portion of this land to my knowledge.

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 interested in this claim and think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Arthur S. Williams

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1897, at my office at Corning, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

C. W. Fone

Chief 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.)