

(4-3669.)

### HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Charles H. Spittler, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 10307, for S. W. Sec. 33, Town 20, Range 57 testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Charles H. Spittler—Age 23 years—Rd. Deering, Neb.

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?\*

Ans. Yes, native born citizen of the United States  
Born in the state of Illinois

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 10307, at the Deering, Neb. land office on the 14 day of

Ans. Nov 1886, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?  
Range 57, S. W. Sec. 33, Town 20,

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. Built in Nov., 1886—Nov. 1, 1886.  
Frame house 10x12—One Barn, Well, Corn  
fencing, 40 acre breaking, sheds—Total Value \$400, 00

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Wife and one child—We ourselves and family  
have not resided on the land continuously.

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Absent from Nov. 15, 1886 until March 1887  
from Sept. 1887 until March 1888, from Dec. 1888  
until April 1889, from Oct. 1889 until March 1890, from May 1890 until Nov. 1891,

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season/and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. Spring 1887, 35 ac in 1887, 40 in 1888, 40 in 1889, 40 in 1890, 40 in 1891—

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business?

Ans. No.

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. Prairie Land—Dark loam—Most valuable for farming.

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals, of any kind, on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. No.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No.

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. No.

Charles H. Spittler

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14 day of Aug. 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

\* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)