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William R Hampton, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 2080, for 11W<sup>4</sup> sec 35 Township 20N Range 57W testifies as follows:

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

Ans. William R Hampton, age 65, Harsisburg Nebraska

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

Ans. I am a native born citizen of the United States, born in Kentucky

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 2080, at the Sidney Nebraska land office on the 16th day of January 1890, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. I am the person who made above filing on the 11W<sup>4</sup> sec 35 Township 20 Range 57

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. House built in March 1887, established actual residence in March 1887. House frame 14 x 34 log stable 14 x 40. Granary frame 16 x 8. Smoke house frame 11 x 10 6 x 4. Pood 2 wire ground Well 320. Total Value \$1200

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. Myself, and wife. Have resided continuously on land

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. Have not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season, and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon? 1887 Cultivated 60 acres 1889 cultivated 45 acres and have cultivated

Ans. 55 acres each year since 1887. Raised 7 crops

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. Prarie Land. most valuable for grazing

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 indications of minerals or coal

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

Ans. No sir

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

Ans. No sir

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 sir

Ques. 14.—Describe by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made, any other entry or filing (not mineral,) made by you since August 30, 1890.

Ans. I have made no other homestead filing

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

William R Hampton

\* (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.)