

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Arthur S Williams, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Maria Braslow for S 8 1/4 Sec 32 T 27 N 4 S 21 R 5 E 7, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. My name is Arthur S. Williams age 24 years Do Allamore

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

Ans. I am well acquainted with claimant and his land embraced in his claim

Question 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

Question 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 rough prairie land devoid of timber. Not adapted for grazing purposes

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

Ans. Claimant settled upon the homestead in the Spring of 1889 and established actual residence thereon at that time

Question 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 a single woman, and has resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon

Question 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. Settler has been absent but once and that only for a short period in fall of 1889 to visit to obtain grain to improve this claim

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

Ans. Settler has cultivated 40 acres and raised crops from season to season

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

Ans. Improvements consist of 200 ft fence 1/4 mi, 4 cow sheds, stable, chicken house, 2 corn cobs, fuel shed, cow milk house 2 miles worth fence total \$500

Question 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, minerals of any kind to my knowledge on this claim

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

Ans. Claimant has not sold, mortgaged or contracted to sell any portion of her claim to my knowledge

Question 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 in any manner and think the settler is acting in entire good faith in perfecting her entry

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 1st day of June 1896.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Arthur C. Fossil Clerk of the 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.)