

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

Bert W. Williams, being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 641, for N.1/2 SE.1/4 NE.1/4 SW.1/4 Sec. 27 T 21 N. R57, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Ans. Bert W. Williams, age 31, years, Postoffice Mitchell, 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 New York.

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. 641, at the Alliance land office on the 15th day of March, 1893, and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?
 Ans. I am the identical person who made H.E. No. 641 at Alliance Land Office Mar. 15th 1893 on N.1/2 SE.1/4 NE.1/4 SW.1/4 Sec 27 T 21 R. 57 W.

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. I built my house on the land during the month of August, 1893 and established residence at that time. Log house 12x14. and spring well, and land is enclosed in fence. I consider improvements worth 150.00

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. I am an unmarried man, I have resided on the land only when working out to earn livelihood.

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. I have absent from the land a few months each season working out. but made my home on the land.

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season, and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?
 Ans. I have not cultivated the land as it is most valuable for grazing purposes.

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. My present claim is not in limits of a town or selected site of a city or town or used for trade or business

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. It is rough grazing land, most valuable for grazing purposes.

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. There are no indications of coal, salines or minerals on the land.

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
 Ans. I have no other homestead entry.

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?
 Ans. I have not sold conveyed or mortgaged any portion of the land.

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. I have some cattle which I am feeding in Mitchell Valley, in Scotts Bluff County, Nebr.

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 no other filing of any kind since Aug. 30th, 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Bert W. Williams

* (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.)