

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel R. Spear, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Elmer Peak for N.E. Sec. 31, Twp. 20 N., R. 57 E., testifies as follows:

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

Answer. Samuel R. Spear—55 years old—Full Center Co., Nebraska,

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

Ans. Yes—Yes

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. No—No

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Prairie and farming land.

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

Ans. Does not know he was living on his claim when I came to the country Oct. 1886.

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 is unmarried—claimant has resided continuously except a few times when he left to get work.

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. Claimant has no family—Was absent in 1887 from June 27 until Oct. 25—Was absent in 1887 from Dec. 1 until Mar. 1, 1890—Was absent in 1892 from Oct. 1 until Nov. 10, 1892—Cause of absence was to get work.

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

Ans. Has cultivated 30 acres—Has raised crops four seasons

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

Ans. Log house 14x20 ft. Val. \$200.00 Log stable 14x20 ft. Val. \$80.00 Well 115 ft. Deep Val. \$10.00 Fence 10x14 ft. Val. \$25.00 30 acres broken Val. \$50.00

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. No—

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

Ans. No he has not

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. No—Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 18 day of March, 1891.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Samuel R. Spear
J. E. Logan
Clerk 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.)