

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT

Arthur S. Williams being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. 642 for NE. 1/4 NW. 1/4 SE. 1/4 NW. 1/4 SW. NE. 1/4 Sec. 27 Tp. 21 N. R. 57 West. testifies as follows:

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

Ans. Arthur S. Williams, age 29 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. 642, 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. 642 Mar. 15th 1893 for the NE. 1/4 NW. 1/4 SE. 1/4 NW. 1/4 SW. 1/4 NE. 1/4 Sec. 27. T. 21. N. 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. My house was built on the land in the month of May 1893, and I established residence therein at that time. Log House 10x26, Stable 15x60, 3 corrals all logs, and spring well. Consider value of improvements to be \$300.00

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. My family consists of wife and two children? and we have resided continuously on the land since establishing residence thereon.

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 been absent from the land only to transact the ordinary business of a farmer and ranchman, and family resided on and cultivated the land in my absence.

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 only cultivated a garden each year, as the land 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 town or selected site of town, or used in any way 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 ordinary 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 made 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 am having some of my cattle fed this winter in Mitchell valley in Sec. 9-22-56

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 entry or filing since August 30th 1890.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.)

Arthur S 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.)