

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel J. Hodges, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Charles W. Nelson for 18<sup>th</sup> sec 4 p. 20 R. 57, testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. Samuel J. Hodges 29 4 p. P.O. Livingston Neb.
- Ques. 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 the land he is claiming
- 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. It is not in the limits of any town or in any way used for trade or business
- Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.  
 Ans. Ordinary prairie land
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. I arrived in 1867 and established actual residence at the same time
- Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)  
 Ans. They have resided continuously on said claim since making settlement
- 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. They were absent about four months in 1867 on work
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?  
 Ans. About 25 acres had crops for five seasons
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Barn well and claimant's house valued about \$350
- 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. There are no indications of coal or minerals of any kind
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?  
 Ans. Not to my knowledge
- 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. I am not interested and think the settler has acted in good faith

Samuel J. Hodges

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 5 day of June 1892.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Vickrey  
Clerk

(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.)