

(4-369.)

# HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William R Hampton, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Schumaker for NW 1/4 Sec 26 T6 R20 E37 W, testifies as follows:

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

Answer. William R Hampton 62 years Hannsburg Neb

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 No

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

Ans. Prairie Farming & Grazing land B

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

Ans. Commenced farming in June 1887  
Built house in October of same year 140

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. Yes continuously

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. Absent from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> 1891  
Family resided on claim

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

Ans. 10 acres in crops 6 years 40 acres in 5 years

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

Ans. House 12x26 ft \$75 Stable 12x24 ft \$50 Care \$75 Fence 1/2 mile \$20 Breeding \$20 Other improvements \$20 Well 20 Total \$330

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. 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. No Yes

William R. Hampton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 10th day of October 1892

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

S. B. Shumway

County 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.)