

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Hans C. Olson, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Patrick J. Swann for W 1/4 Sec 25, T. 19, R. 57 N. testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. My name is Hans C. Olson, my age is 34 years, my post office address is Harrison, Nebraska.
- 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 the claimant & the land embraced in the claim.
- 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. The said tract is not within the limits of any city or town or selected site & is not 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. The land is grazing land principally, partly agricultural.
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. The claimant settled on the homestead & established residence thereon in Feb 1901 or thereabouts.
- Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)  
 Ans. The claimant has lived on the claimant's settlement I believe, he was a single man till about 2 months ago.
- 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. He has not been absent from the land for any considerable period to my knowledge.
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon? If used for grazing only, describe fencing, state number and kind of stock grazed, and by whom owned.  
 Ans. He has cultivated about 20 or 25 acres and has raised crops for the past 5 years.
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. A frame house 14' x 24' 1/2, a chicken coop 10' x 12', a log barn 16' x 24', a 2 mile fence, a post and rail fence about 3/4 mile altogether, a dugout 12' x 16', a well under construction, valued together \$550.
- 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, salines or minerals on the homestead.
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?  
 Ans. Claimant has not mortgaged, sold or contracted to sell any part of this homestead 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 in this claim & I think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Hans C. Olson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 20 day of June 1916, at my office at Harrison, in Banner County, Nebraska.

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 Clerk of the 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.)