

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John Wayne being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John B. Smith for 6<sup>th</sup> NW 1/4 Sec 152 T20 R35 S7 (testifies as follows):

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer John Wayne Age, 41, P.O. Warringtons Neb

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

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

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. Settled on the homestead in May, 88 and established actual residence in May 1889.

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 but claimant was absent at different times temporarily at 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. He was absent at 3 different times temporarily at work, at from 1 to 4 months at a time, his family resided on the land during his absence.

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated, and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?  
 Ans. He has 45 acres under cultivation, and has raised 7 crops of from 12 to 45 acres each, since

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. Log house, 18 by 24 ft, 2 barns, 12 by 14 ft, Log stable, 14 by 30 ft shed 24 by 30 ft, barn 24 by 12 ft, 2 wells, 2 mts of fence, oak house, 12 ft x 12 ft, 2 mts of fence, 45 m. cultivation, 3 value improvements \$600.

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. None

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 have no interest in the claim, I think settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) John Wayne

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 14 day of September 1895, at my office at Harristown, in Banner County, Nebraska

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] A. H. Dumlau  
 County Judge

(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.)