

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

John A. Slingbamm being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of John W. Carrington for S. 26 24 102 Sec 2 T. 19 N. 53 testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer, John A. Slingbamm, Age 61 years old, P. O. Harrisburg, Neb.

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

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.

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

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?
 Ans. He settled on the place in March 1888. Established his actual residence about the 1st of April 1888.

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 on the place continuously except he was away at work temporarily at two different times.

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. The settler was away temporarily at work at two different times, had his family with him and they cultivated 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 about 50 acres in cultivation, has raised six crops, from 25 to 50 acres each season since first year of settlement.

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. Log house 16 by 18 ft by Stalk 18 by 30 ft Corral, with 100 acres under fence, & value improvements \$500.

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 indication of coal, saline or minerals.

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?
 Ans. He has not.

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 this claim, I do think the settler has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

John A. Slingbamm

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 26 day of March 1894.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. H. Blumhau
 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.)