

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

William C Spahr, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William J Fuller for SW 1/4 Sec 4 T. 19 N. R. 57 W., testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer. William C Spahr Age 47. Address Hull 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 in this case and the land embraced in his 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. This land is not within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town
- Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.
 Ans. The character of this land is ordinary grazing land.
- 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 as soon as filed on or as soon after as was practicable
- 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 is a single man and has been away to work for short periods of time but has made the claim his home
- 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 claimant has been away for short periods of time during the summer time for purpose of earning a livelihood
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?
 Ans. The settler has under cultivation about 15 acres and raised corn crop for the last years
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. The improvements on the land consist of house barn well windmill and trap line is all fenced and is valued at about \$250.00
- 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 of any kind on the claim
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?
 Ans. The claimant has not mortgaged sold or contracted to sell any of this land
- 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 good faith in perfecting his entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) William C Spahr

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the witness before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this Twenty first day of May 1904, at my office at Harrisburg, in Barnes County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

W M Loom
 Clerk of Dist. 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.)