

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George W. Kessler, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Francis E. Phillips for Sec 17 30 R 57, testifies as follows:

Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer. George W. Kessler age 45 Bonington Nebraska Scotts Bluff Co

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

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 grazing and farming

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?
 Ans. About July 15th 1887 established residence July 1887

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

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. has been absent four times but not to exceed six months for his support

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?
 Ans. has cultivated about fifteen acres each year raised four crops

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. House 8x12 Stable 20x14 well about 100 feet deep 8x10 160 acres well fenced value \$30

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 Sir

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 you acted in good faith

George W. Kessler

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

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

J. M. Drake
 Clerk District 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.)