

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

James A. Nighswonger, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of William D. Fuller for 200⁰⁰ Ac. 4th 19th Mth Range 57th E., testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?
 Answer. James A. Nighswonger I am 47 years of age my address is Hamisburg 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 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. The said tract is not within the limits of any incorporated town or selected site of any city or town or used for any 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 character of this land is best adapted for grazing
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?
 Ans. The claimant settled and began to work on his claim as soon as he filed on the same
- 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 resided nearly all the time on his claim since filing and has not been absent at any time for the length of six months
- 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 absent for short periods of time for to earn a living
- Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?
 Ans. The claimant has about 15 acres under cultivation and raised three crops of this land
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?
 Ans. The improvements on the land consist of house, well wind mill, stable and place all under fence, valued at about \$500⁰⁰ or \$700⁰⁰
- 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 land
- Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?
 Ans. The claimant has not to my knowledge mortgaged sold or contracted to sell any portion 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 and the claimant has acted in good faith in perfecting this entry.

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) James A. Nighswonger

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 1914, at my office at Hamisburg, in Barmer County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.] M. M. Deod
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.)