

(4-369.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Charles C. Nelson, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Francis C. Williams for SE 1/4 Sec 21 or 22 R 57, testifies as follows:

- Question 1.—What is your name, age, and post-office address?  
 Answer. Charles C. Nelson age 35 Dunnington Nebraska Scott 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 Sir
- Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.  
 Ans. Prairie and farming
- Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?  
 Ans. about July 1st 1887 established residence about July 1st 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. Claimant single, has not resided continuously
- 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 at short times but not to exceed four months, absent 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, Has Raised four crops,
- Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?  
 Ans. House 30x40 Stable 16x15 well & about 60 feet deep 160 acres fenced with wire Value \$300
- 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. No Sir
- 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, think he has acted in good faith

Charles C. Nelson

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. H. Ware  
 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.)