

Before the United States Land Office, Sidney, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Russell R. Hampton, for leave of absence from his Homestead The South half of the North West quarter of Section 25, and the North Half of the South West quarter of Section 25, township 20, range 27.

State of Nebraska )  
Cheyenne County )

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S W 1/2 NW 1/4  
Sec 25, T. 20, R. 27 W

Now comes Russell R. Hampton who being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says, That he is the identical person who made Affidavit No. 2653 before the United States Land Office at Sidney, Nebraska, on the 21st day of January 1896. That he settled upon said tract on the 11th day of February 1892. That he planted to crop on said tract in the year 1892 five acres as follows. Five acres of Millet. That the yield from said crop was about one half ton to the acre. That the cause of the partial failure was the drouth of that season. That during the year 1893, he planted to crop the same five acres to Millet and mowed about forty acres of hay on said tract. That the yield from the Millet was about three tons on the entire piece, and the forty acres yield was about thirty tons. That during the season of 1894 he planted to crop about five acres of Millet and one acre to garden. That the Millet yielded nothing whatever, and the yield from the garden was about two bushels of onions and about three hundred pounds of Cabbage, two bushels of tomatoes and five bushels of turnips. That the cause of the failure of the Millet during the years 1893 & 1894 was drouth. That the garden was irrigated which accounts for the partial yield from it during said season. That in the year 1895 he planted about an acre of potatoes and an acre of turnips which yielded about sixty bushels of potatoes and about a peck of turnips the insects taking them as fast as they would come up. That the said crop was irrigated during said year as well as about ten acres of hay land from which he cut about fifteen tons of hay. That his improvements on said land consist of a sed dwelling house 13 x 16 on the inside lumber roof worth about \$50.00. Stable 14 x 48 also of sed with a pole roof worth about \$50.00. an L shaped shed of sed adjoining the stable used as a cattle shed 40 x 48 worth about \$40.00. One well 14 feet deep with a wind mill standing over it said well and pump being used for irrigating, and is worth about \$100.00 A cave 10 x 12. worth about \$5.00 That the aggregate value of the improvements on said tract is \$245.00 That he is at present without the necessary means of support and that he cannot provide himself with the same in the vicinity of his land and will be compelled to go some where in quest of work to provide for himself. That for the reasons above stated he most respect fully requests that he be allowed a leave of absence for one year and that he has arranged to have his said land farmed this coming season.

*Russell R. Hampton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st. day of March 1896.

Commission Expires *W. P. McCarty*  
State of Nebraska *March 13 1891*  
Cheyenne County *W. P. McCarty Public*

*Barnes*

*Glade Bovey* and being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is acquainted with the tract of land described in the within affidavit of Russell R. Hampton, and that he resides in the vicinity of the same, and that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the statements therein made are true.

*Glade Bovey*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 28 day of *March* 1896.

*W. P. McCarty*  
Notary Public