

[4-063.]

HOMESTEAD.

[AFFIDAVIT.]

Land Office at North Platte Neb

March 22, 1886

I, Willie B Merrick, of Grafton Neb

having filed my application, No. 9954, for an entry under

Section No. 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear

that I am a single man over the age of 21 years and a citizen of the United States

that said application, No. 9954, is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my own exclusive benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit or use of any other person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the benefit of the homestead laws.

Willie B. Merrick

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day

of March 1886, before

Olevis Shannon
Receiver of the Land Office.

17- See note which Clerks of the Courts and Registers and Receivers will read and EXPLAIN THOROUGHLY to persons making application for lands where the affidavit is made before them. (See Instructions to Land Officers in Duplicate Receipts.)

Timber land embraced in a homestead, or other entry not contemplated, may be cleared in order to cultivate the land and improve the premises, but for no other purpose. If, after clearing the land for cultivation, there remains more timber than is required for improvement, there is no objection to the settler disposing of the same, but the question whether the land is being cleared of the timber for legitimate purposes is a question of fact which is liable to be raised at any time. If the timber is cut and removed for any other purpose it will subject the entry to cancellation, and the person can not file for recovery of the value of said timber, and also to removal of the entry from the list of the Revised Statutes.

NOTE.—If this affidavit be acknowledged before the Clerk of the Court, as provided for by Sec. 2294, U. S. Revised Statutes, the Homestead party must expressly state herein that he or some member of his family is residing upon the land applied for, and that bona fide improvement and settlement have been made. He must also state why he is unable to appear at the Land Office.