

HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at North Platte, Neb.,

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I, *Simon Ritchie*, of *Paulfield Neb*
 having filed my application, No. *11624*, for an entry under Section
 No. 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am the
 head of a family, [or over 21 years of age,] and a *Native Born*
 citizen of the United States, [~~or have declared my intention to become a citizen of~~
~~the United States;~~] that said application, No. *11624*, 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 person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the
 benefit of the homestead law.

Simon Ritchie

Sworn to and subscribed this *16th* day

of *Oct 1886* before

Olive Shannon
 Rec of the Land Office