

[4-063.]

## HOMESTEAD.

[AFFIDAVIT.]

Land Office at North PlatteFeb 16, 1886I, Wm J. Merrihue, of Grafton Nebhaving filed my application, No. 9679, for an entry under Section No. 2289,Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear that I am  
the head of a family and a  
Citizen of the United Statesthat said application, No. 9679, 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.William J. MerrihueSworn to and subscribed this 16 dayof Mar 1886, beforeWm. Keen  
Register of the Land Office.

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.