

[4-070.]

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants.

Section 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

I, William J. Merrish, having made a homestead entry of the W. E. 4th Section No. 24 in Township No. 20 of Range No. 6-8, subject to entry at Sictory Neb. under section No. 2289 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of Section No. 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear, that I am a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said land, having resided thereon since the 9th day of May, 1886 to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, except as provided in section 2288 of the Revised Statutes, but that I am the sole *bona fide* owner as an actual settler; that I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States; and further, that I have not heretofore perfected or abandoned an entry made under the homestead laws of the United States.

William J. Merrish
 [Signature of claimant, name correctly spelled, and one christian name in full.]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 8th day of April, 1887

J. C. Logan Clerk Dist. Court
Joan Logan deputy