

Before the U. S. Land Office  
Sidney, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska,  
Scotts Bluff County } ss.

I, William H. Smith being first-  
duly sworn, on oath, depose and say:

That I am the identical person who  
made Homestead entry No 803 on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1888 before said land office for  
the South West quarter of sec 13. Tp 20 N. Range 57  
West-6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, and  
am now seeking to make final proof on the  
said land by virtue of said entry.

That owing to the inadvertance or mistake  
of W. A. Hale who made out my application  
for final proof, my name was sent in  
as W. H. Smith and so appears in the  
advertised notice of this proof.

I further swear that the Recurre duplicate  
Receipt issued to me at the date of said  
filing is lost and its present whereabouts  
is to me unknown. That about the month  
of May 1888 a pocket-book containing  
said receipt and other papers of value  
and money was taken stolen and  
carried away from me by some person  
or persons to me unknown and was never  
afterwards recovered and the said duplicate  
receipt became thereby lost or destroyed.

William H. Smith

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to  
before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1895. at my  
office in Scotts Bluff County Nebraska.

W. Gardner  
County Judge.