

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1898, at my office at Gering, Sutton Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE BELOW.]

C W Ford  
 Clerk of the District Court

NOTE.—The officer before whom the testimony is taken should call the attention of the witness to the following section of the Revised Statutes, and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

TITLE LXX.—CRIMES.—Chapter 4.

SEC. 5392.—Every person who, having taken an oath before a competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly, or that any written testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate by him subscribed is true, wilfully, and contrary to such oath, states or subscribes any material matter which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment at hard labor, not more than five years, and shall, moreover, thereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. (See § 2750.)

(4-369.)

**HOMESTEAD PROOF.**

LAND OFFICE AT  
Sidney Neb

Original Application No. 3142  
 Final Certificate No. 2869

Approved: June 16-1898  
Robley D. Varnum, Register, Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2271 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Edwin J. Whipple, having made a Homestead entry of the 17<sup>th</sup> 15 2 Section No. 6 in Township No. 20 2 of Range No. 57 N., subject to entry at Sidney Nebraska 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. 2271 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that I am a native born citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1898, up to June 14 1898, since that time I have performed all duties of entry to Sutton Bluff Co. Neb. 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, except

(Sign plainly with full christian name.) Edwin J. Whipple

C W Ford of Gering Nebraska do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1898, at my office at Gering, in Sutton Bluff County, Nebraska.

C W Ford  
 Clerk of the District Court