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Personally appeared before me John Henry
Belser of the District Court in and for Scott
Bluff County, and State of Nebraska,
Henry Pector, and who being duly sworn
on oath says, I am the identical person
who made Homestead filing No. 1623 on
April 12, 1889, on the N.E. of N.E. Sec. 32, N. 1/2 of N.W.
N.W. of N.E. Sec. 33, all in Tp. 21 Range 57 W. of 6 P.
M. in Nebraska that I have made residence
on and improved said claim since the
24 day of Sept. 1889. I have placed
the improvements on said land as follows.
A log house, 14 by 21 feet, 12x16, log, with
sheds, all fenced.
I have cultivated about 30 acres of said
lands that at the time of making said
filing said land was covered with a
good growth of Grass. And from all appearance
was a good tract of land, but since I have
began to cultivate said land, and after
the sod was plowed, the whole of said
land so plowed has proven to be a bed
of sand and each season it blows away
as fast as it is plowed up until at present
the sand has blown out on the cultivated
tract to the depth of three feet, and in
fact said land is absolutely worth
less for the purpose of farming. The first year
I resided on said place I planted the land
to corn which made a small crop of corn
but since the sod has been broken the
soil is all sand and has blown out
until the land is rendered worthless, and
it is impossible for me to make a living on
the above described tract of land, or to make
a home of it in any way.