

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed and was sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898, at my office at Essex, State Bluff County, Nebraska.

[SEE NOTE BELOW.]

C. W. Ford  
Clerk 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. (Sec. 5370.)

(4-3012.)

**HOMESTEAD PROOF.**

LAND OFFICE AT

Essex Nebraska

Original Application No. 7233

Final Certificate No. 2835

Approved: March 21 1898

George W. H. Smith, Register.

Robert D. H. Smith, Receiver.

FINAL AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED OF HOMESTEAD CLAIMANTS.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Thomas Preston, having made a Homestead entry of the 12th 11th 12th Section No. 11 in Township No. 20 of Range No. 57, subject to entry at Essex 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 Naturalized citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated and resided upon said land since the 23 day of April, 1894 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.)

I, Thomas Preston, of Essex Nebraska, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898, at my office at Essex, in State Bluff County, Nebraska.

C. W. Ford  
Clerk of District Court