

[4-063.]

HOMESTEAD.

[AFFIDAVIT.]

Land Office at

Sioux Falls

June 9th, 1888

Francis M. Cooper, of *Sioux Falls*

having filed my application, No. *502*, for an entry under

Section No. 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear

that *I am the head of a family and Native born Citizen of the United States*

that said application, No. *502*, is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my own exclusive benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the benefit or use of any other person or persons whomsoever; and that I have not heretofore had the benefit of the homestead laws.

Francis M. Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed this *9th* day

of *June* 1888, before

John M. Adams

of the Land Office.

See note, which Clerks of the Courts and Registers and Receivers will read and EXPLAIN THOROUGHLY to persons making application for lands where the affidavit is made before either of them. (See directions to Land Officers on Duplicate Receipt.)

Timber land embraced in a homestead, or other entry and settlement, may be cleared in order to cultivate the land and improve the premises, and for no other purpose. If, after clearing the land for cultivation, there remains more timber than is needed for the cultivation of the land, the person who has cleared the land is to be held liable for the value of the timber so cleared, and the person who has cleared the land is to be held liable for the value of the timber so cleared, and the person who has cleared the land is to be held liable for the value of the timber so cleared.

NOTE.—If this affidavit be acknowledged before the Clerk of the Court, as provided for by Sec. 2294, U. S. Revised Statutes, the Homestead party must expressly state herein that he or some member of his family is residing upon the land applied for, and that bona fide improvement and settlement have been made. He must also state why he is unable to appear at the Land Office.