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# HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Under Section 2294, Revised Statutes, for settlers who cannot appear at the District Land Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Court,

For Banner County,

Jan 3 1881

I, John W. Hoke of Banner County, Nebraska having filed my Homestead application No. 2417, do solemnly swear that I am the head of a family and a native born citizen of the United States

that said application No. 2417 is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, that said entry is made for my exclusive use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; that I am

now residing on the land I desire to enter, and that I have made a *bona fide* improvement and settlement thereon; that said settlement was commenced April 14, 1881

that my improvements consist of Log House, 16 x 24 ft Log stable, well 60 ft deep, 100 acres fenced, 45 acres broken and that the value of the same is \$ 500.00; that owing to great distance

I am unable to appear at the District Land Office to make this affidavit, and that I have never before made a homestead entry except as stated in the affidavit hereto attached.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of Jan 1881.

John W. Hoke  
J. E. Ryan  
Clerk of the Court for Banner County, Nebraska

NOTE.—The claimant must fill up the blank places above, showing whether he is the head of a family or over twenty-one years of age; whether a native citizen or has declared his intention to become a citizen; whether he and his family, or some member thereof is residing on the land, giving the date of actual settlement, describing the dwelling-house and improvements, and stating the value of the same, and stating reason for not appearing at the District Land Office. If claimant ever before made a homestead entry, describe the same; if not, draw a line over the word "except."