

Final Certificate No. 3666

Homestead Application No. 8676

LAND OFFICE

AT

Bloomington, Neb.

October 9th, 1882.

Sect. 28, Town. 7, Range 11W.

Approved Nov. 29, 1882,

Ex. E. S. S., Clerk,

Division "6"

Patented Feb. 3^d, 1883.

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HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb.

October 9th, 1882.

FINAL CERTIFICATE, }

No. 3666

{ APPLICATION,

No. 8676

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States,

Byron A. Shaffer

, has made payment in full for

South West quarter

of Section No. 28, in Township No. 7 North
of Range No. 11 West 6th M, containing 160 acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said

Byron A. Shaffer

shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

S. W. Switzer

Register.

Allowed original amount July 16th 1887

FINAL RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 3666.

APPLICATION, No. 8676

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Bloomington, Neb.

Oct. 9, 1882

Received of Byron A. Shaffer the sum
of 100 dollars 00 cents,

being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of
South West Quarter

of Section 28 in Township 7 North of Range 11 W. 6 pm.
containing 160 acres, under Section 2291 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States.

SA

R. W. Montgomery
Receiver.

HOMESTEAD PROOF.

Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Byron A. Shaffer, having made a Homestead entry
of the South West 1/4 Section No. 28
in Township No. 7 of Range No. 11 West, subject to entry at Bloomington Nebraska
+ act of March 3, 1879
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 citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said
land, having resided thereon since the 1st day of August, 1879,
+ on W 1/2 S. E. 1/4 Section 28 Township 7, Range 11, since July 15, 1877.
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. Affiant further says that
this Duplicate Receiver's Receipt No 8676 has been lost or mislaid

Byron A. Shaffer

I, A. H. Cramer - Clerk of District Court, of the Land Office at
Adams County Nebraska, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed

and sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1882.
+ that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

A. H. Cramer
Clerk of District Court
Adams County Nebraska

Final Homestead Affidavit.

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UNDER SECTION 2291, R. S.
— — — — —

Application No. 8676

Final Certificate No. 3666

Land Office at Bloomington Neb

October 9, 1887

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
Adams County, } ss.

I, A. H. Cramer, Clerk of the District Court in and for said County, do hereby certify, that the annexed instrument is executed and proved, or acknowledged in due form, according to the laws of the State of Nebraska, to entitle it to be recorded therein. Also, that R. D. Babcock, before whom the same was proved and acknowledged, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for said County, duly qualified and authorized to take the same. And I further certify, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said R. D. Babcock, and verily believe the signature to the said certificate is genuine,

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at Hastings, Nebraska, this 7th day of

September A. D. 1882

A. H. Cramer
By H. Bestwick
Clerk.



STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
Adams County. } ss:

Personally appeared J. W. Livermoughouse before me, a Notary Public, in and for said Adams County, State of Nebraska, who being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is the publisher of THE Juniata Herald ~~ADAMS COUNTY DEMOCRAT~~, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county and state, and that the annexed notice was duly published in said newspaper for five consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being on the 7th of September 1882.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October 1882.

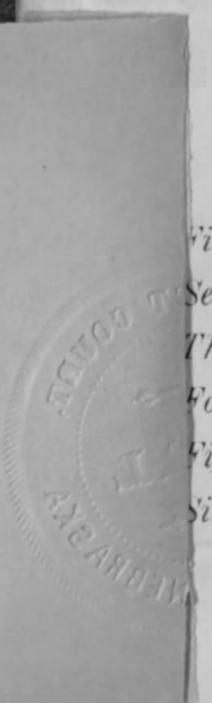
J. W. Livermoughouse
R. D. Babcock
Notary Public



First 18
Second 18
Third 18
Fourth 18
Fifth 18
Sixth 18

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb.
Sept. 7, 1882.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court of Adams Co. at Hastings, Neb., on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1882, viz: Byron A. Shafer, Hd. No. 8676, for the S. W. 1/4 Sec. 28, Tp. 7 North, Range 11 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Samuel L. Brass, George T. Brown, James Marts, Granville S. Dwight, all of Juniata Neb.
S. W. SWITZER, Register.

Printer's fees
Affidavit of publication, 25
Total,



LAND OFFICE AT BLOOMINGTON, NEB.

Oct. 9th 18 82

I SWitzer Register, do hereby certify that
a Notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was by me posted in a
conspicuous place in my office for a period of thirty days, I having first posted
said notice on the 7th day of Sept 18 82

SW Switzer Register.

Final 3666

Notice

said notice on the

23rd

day of August

1875

notwithstanding placed in my office for a period of thirty days I having first posted

a Notice a printed copy of which is hereto attached was by me posted in a

W. M. Phillips

Registered do hereby certify that

W. M. Phillips

1875

LAND OFFICE OF BROOMINGTON VERMONT

No. 1.-HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Bloomington Neb.September, 1882.

P. Byron A. Shafer, of Juniata Neb.
 who made Homestead Application No. 8670 for the
South West 1/4 Section 28 Township 7, Range 11 West
 do hereby give notice of my intention to make final proof to establish my
 claim to the land above described, and that I expect to prove my residence
 and cultivation before Clerk of District Court
 at Hastings Nebraska on Saturday October 7th, 1882,
 by two of the following witnesses:

Samuel L. Brass, of
George T. Brown } all of Juniata Nebraska
James Martz }
Eravill S. Dwight, of

(Signature of claimant.)

Land Office at Bloomington NebraskaSeptember 7, 1882.

Notice of the above application will be published in the Herald
 printed at Juniata Neb., which I hereby designate as the
 newspaper published nearest the land described in said application.

J. W. Switzer

Register

STEREO'S.

Notice to Claimant.—Give time and place of proving up and name and title of the officer before whom proof is to be made; also give names and post-office address of four neighbors, two of whom must appear as your witnesses.

No of record

Land No. 3666

Byron A. Shafer

Ad. No. 2674

Sept. 7. 1882.

RECEIVER'S RECEIPT, No. 8646

APPLICATION, No. 8676

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Bloomington, Neb.

June 16, 1880.

Received of Byron A. Shaffer the sum

of _____ dollars _____ cents;

being the amount of fee and compensation of Register and Receiver for the

entry of South West quarter

of Section 28 in

Township 7 N of Range 11 W, under

Section No. 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Geo. W. Dorsey

Receiver.

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Allowed without fee and commission
July 16 " 1879

No. 8676
Hd. Receipt.

HOMESTEAD.

[AFFIDAVIT.]

Land Office at *Blainville* *N.S.*
June 16, 188*0*

I, *Byron A Shaffer*, of *Adams* *N.S.*

having filed my application, No. *8676*, for an entry under
act March 3rd 1879
Section No. *2289*, Revised Statutes of the United States, do solemnly swear

that I am the head of a family
and a citizen of the United
States

that said application, No. *8676*, 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, *only as provided by act of March 3/79*

Byron A Shaffer

Sworn to and subscribed this *16* day
of *June* 188*0*, before

Receiver of the Land Office.

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.

No 8676
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HOMESTEAD.

APPLICATION

No. 8476

Land Office at Bozington Nebr

June 16, 1880.

I, Byron A Shaffer, of Adams Co

Nebraska, do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289,

Revised Statutes of the United States, the South West 1/4

of Section 28, in Township 7 N of

Range 10 W, containing 160 acres.

Byron A Shaffer

Land Office at Bozington Nebr

June 16, 1880.

I, J. W. Switzer, REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE,

do hereby certify that the above application is for Surveyed Lands of the class which the applicant is legally entitled to enter under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, and that there is no prior valid adverse right to the same.

J. W. Switzer

Register.

Allowed under the Act of March 3, 1879. See July 16, 1880.

No. 8676

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION.

Byron A Shaffer
Placerville, Cal.
June 16, 1880.

Sect. 28, Town. 7, Range 11

See to D. & D. Ferry, 17, 1882.
" B. S. Smith, same date. 1880.

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Receiver's Duplicate Receipt No. 8676

Application No. 8676

HOMESTEAD.

Receiver's Office, Bloomington, Neb.

June 16th, 1880.

RECEIVED of Wm A. Shaffer the sum
of _____ dollars _____ cents;

being the amount of fee and compensation of Register and Receiver for the
entry of S 4 of Section 28 in
Township N 2 E of Range 11 West, under
Section 2290, Revised Statutes of the United States.

*Admitted without fees and
Commissioners Act of March 3^d
"86" July
1879-1880
16-1879*

Geo. W. Dorsey
Receiver.

Final proof must be made
within seven years from the
date of this receipt.

§ _____

NOTE.—It is required of the homestead settler that he shall reside upon and cultivate the land embraced in his homestead entry for a period of five years from the time of filing the affidavit, being also the date of entry. An abandonment of the land for more than six months works a forfeiture of the claim. Further, within two years from the expiration of the said five years he must file proof of his actual settlement and cultivation, failing to do which, his entry will be canceled. If the settler does not wish to remain five years on his tract, he can, at any time after six months, pay for it with cash or land warrants, upon making proof of settlement and cultivation from date of filing affidavit to the time of payment.

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.

Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants.

SECTION 2291 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES.

I, Byron A Shaffer, having made a Homestead entry
of the South West Quarter Section No. 28
in Township No. 9 Seven of Range No. 11, subject to entry at
Bloomington 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 citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said
land, having resided thereon since the 15th day of April, 1876
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.

Byron A Shaffer

I, B. F. Smith County Judge, of the Land Office at
Adams County Neb., do hereby certify that the above affidavit was subscribed
and sworn to before me this 30th day of October, 1881.

B. F. Smith
County Judge
Adams County
Nebraska

Final Homestead Affidavit.

UNDER SECTION 2291, R. S.

Application No. 8676

Final Certificate No.

Land Office at Bloomington Wis

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State of Nebraska }
Adair county } d.d.

Byron A. Shaffer being first duly sworn
deposes and says that he is the identical
person who made homestead entry No
8671 for the South west quarter of Sec.
(28) town seven (7) range eleven (11) west
and that he never served in the army or
the navy of the United States during the
war of the late rebellion and further he
says that
Byron A. Shaffer

Signed in my presence and sworn to
before me this 27th day of October 1881

B. F. Shuck
County Judge

Final No.

Byron A. Shaffer

Honorable affd.

Supplemental affidavit
which shows that applicant
did not serve in the army
or navy during the war
of rebellion

No. 1.—HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb.

August 23^d, 1881.

I. Byron A Shaffer of Adams County Neb.
who made Homestead Application No. 8676 for the

Sand Mt 1/4 of Sect 28 Town 7. Rng 11 West

do hereby give notice of my intention to make final proof to establish my claim to the land above described, and that I expect to prove my claim by

the following witnesses:

George F Brown of Jennetta Adams Co Neb
Samuel L Cross " " " " " "
R. D. Davenport " " " " " "
James Warts " " " " " "

That said proof will be made before Byron A Shaffer County Judge
of Adams County Nebraska on 30th day of September
1881 at Hastings Nebraska.

(Signature of claimant.)

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb.

Aug 25, 1881.

Notice of the above application will be published in the Herald
printed at Jennetta, which I hereby designate as the
newspaper published nearest the land described in said application.

S. M. Metzger

Register.

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Grove A Shaffer

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Proof appl

Aug 25th 1881

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STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
Adams County, } ss.

I, R. B. Tussey, County Clerk in and for said County and State,
and custodian of the roster of county and precinct officers therein, do hereby certify that

G. S. Guild whose name appears to the above acknowledgement,
was at the time of signing the same and is now an acting Notary Public

in and for said county and State, duly Commissioned and qualified. I further cer-
tify that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said G. S. Guild

and verily believe that the signature thereto attached and purporting to be his is genuine,
and further that ~~said Instrument of Conveyance~~ ^{within affidavit} is executed and acknowledged according
to the laws of the State of Nebraska.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Adams county, at my
office in the City of Hastings, this 11th day of October A. D. 1881.

R. B. Tussey
County Clerk, Adams Co. Nebraska.

(L. S.)

PROOF OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
ADAMS COUNTY, } SS.

W. Knickerbocker ... being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the

Publisher of **The Juniata Herald**, a Newspaper printed, published, and in general circulation in the County of Adams, and State of Nebraska, and that the an-

nexed notice was published in said paper for *five* consecutive weeks; the first publication being upon the *first* day of

September 1881..., and the last upon the *29th* day of

September 1881..., and further he saith not.

Wm Knickerbocker.....

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me, this

11th day of *October*, 1881...

A. Shild.....
Notary Public

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb., Aug. 25, 1881.
Notice is hereby given, that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Adams county, Neb., at Hastings, Neb., on Friday, Sept. 30, 1881, viz.:
Byron A. Shaffer, homestead No. 8,676, for the southwest quarter of section 28, town 7 north, range 11 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.:
George T. Brown, Samuel L. Brass, Granyille S. Dwight, and James Marts, all of Juniata, Neb.
S. W. SWITZER, Register.
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FEES—1st insertion, \$
2d " "	\$.....
3d " "	\$.....
4th " "	\$.....
5th " "	\$.....
6th " "	\$.....
Affidavit,	.25
Total,	<u>\$ 3.75</u>

CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OF NOTICE.

Land Office at Bloomington, Neb.

Oct 22, 1881.

I, S. W. Switzer, Register, do hereby certify that a notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was by me posted in a conspicuous place in my office for a period of thirty days, I having first posted said notice on the 7th day of August, 1881.

S. W. Switzer
Register.

Final W,
Notice,

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel Brass, being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Byron A. Shaffer, for S. 1/4 of Sect 28 Town (7) Range (1) West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. live at Junction Adams County Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A. Shaffer, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No.

Ans. I have.

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. he was a citizen of the United States over 21 years of age a single man until Sept 2nd 1879 until which time he had been married & had a homestead on W. 1/2 of S. 1/4 of same section which he abandoned and took the land in question under act of March 3rd 1879.

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. in April 1876 Built a frame frame 14x22 good stable dug a well built a corn crib a frame barn. Planted about 100 acres Planted about 25-3000 Fruit trees 1000 fruit trees 200 Blackberry bushes and 200 grape vines 1000 Raspberry vines all of the value of about \$1200 Dollars

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes he was a single man until 1879 and lived upon the land all the time and has lived there ever since his marriage with his wife

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. Never been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. about one hundred acres and has had crops 6 or 7 seasons

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. no

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. no I think he has acted in good faith

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1881.

Samuel Brass
County Judge
Adams County
Nebraska

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Byron A. Shaffer being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. _____, for *Cont. West 1/4 of Sect 28 T. 9 Range (11)* testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name—written in full and correctly spelled—your age, and post-office address?

Ans. *Byron A. Shaffer age 28 Juneau*
Manitou County Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Are you a native of the United States, or have you been naturalized?

Ans. *I am a Native Born Citizen*

Ques. 3.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. *Built a good home in April 1876 and a frame home in August 1878 14x20 feet and from the frame branched a corn crib Dug a well Planted about 1000 acorns Planted about 25000 Forest trees 100 fruit trees 2000 bush berries & Raspberries 200 bush vines & all worth about 1200 have lived there ever since April 15th 1876.*

Ques. 4.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. *I was a single man until 14 September 1879 and lived alone on the land until that time and ever since then with my wife which is all my family*

Ques. 5.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. *never absent at all*

Ques. 6.—How much of the land have you cultivated and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. *about 100 acres have raised crops 6 or 7 seasons*

Ques. 7.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. *No + yes*

Ques. 8.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. *No I made a one on the W-1/2 of NE 28-7-11 and abandoned it and took bond in another mineral act of March 3rd 1877*

Ques. 9.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. *No not in any manner*

Byron A. Shaffer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this *30* day of *September*, 1881.

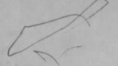
[Signature]

County Clerk

Manitou County Nebraska

NOTE.—If naturalized, the claimant must file a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization. In a commuted homestead a foreign-born claimant, if not naturalized, must file a certified copy of his declaration of intention. In making proof, the party must surrender his original duplicate receipt, or file affidavit of its loss.

SW 28-7-11



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HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

Bloomington Mo

Original Application No. *8676*

Final Certificate No. _____

Approved:

_____, Register.

_____, Receiver.

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.—CH. 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, willfully 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, hereafter be incapable of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. [Sec 5 1730.]

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

Samuel K. Brass being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry
of Byron A. Shaffer for South West 1/4 Section 28
Pariship 7, Range 11 West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Farmer - Juniata Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A. Shaffer, the claimant, in
this case ever since he made his homestead entry, No. 8076 + 4051

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States,
over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. yes - he was head of a family over 21 years of age +
citizen of United States and had not made a prior entry
except No 4051 for the W 1/2 S.E. 1/4 28-7-11

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. On tract embraced in H. No 4051, July 15, 1877, on H. No 8676 August
1st 1879 - same time, frame dwelling house 16x24 feet, stable, granary
well, orchard, small fruits, worth \$800 to \$1000.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for
what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. He has not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres - every season since 1877

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe
what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No - it is

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. Not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfect-
ing this entry?

Ans. No - I do

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him
before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1887
that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

ELECTRO'S.

Samuel K. Brass
W. A. Brown
Clerk District Court
Adams County Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George T. Brown being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry
of Byron A. Shaffer for S. W. 1/4 Section 28 Township
T. North Range 11. West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. Farmer - Juniata Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Byron A. Shaffer, the claimant, in
this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. 8676. & 4051

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States,
over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. yes he was head of a family, over 21 years of age, citizen of United States
and had not made homestead entry prior to above stated

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. On Hd. No 4051, July 15, 1877 same time; on Hd. No 8676, August 1, 1879
same time - frame dwelling house 16x24 feet, stable, granary, orchard,
well, small fruits & worth \$800 to \$1000 -

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. yes

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for
what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. he has not been absent

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres - every season since entry was made

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe
what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No - it

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to any knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfect-
ing this entry?

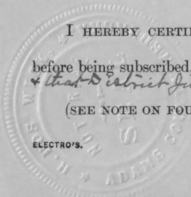
Ans. No - I do

George T. Brown

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him
before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 7 day of October, 1887
& that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

A. H. Kramer
Clerk District Court Adams County Nebraska



HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

George J. Brown being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Bryan A. Shaffer for South West 1/4 of Sect 28 Town 11 Range (11) West, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your occupation and where is your residence?

Ans. live at Junction Adams County Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Have you been well acquainted with Bryan A. Shaffer, the claimant, in this case ever since he made his homestead entry No. _____?

Ans. yes

Ques. 3.—Was claimant qualified to make said entry? (State whether the settler was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, or the head of a family, and whether he ever made a former homestead entry.)

Ans. He was a single man over 21 years of age and a citizen of the United States and was married in September 1879. He had a Homestead upon the W 1/4 of N 6. 1/4 of section but abandoned the same and took the land under another act of March 3rd 1879.

Ques. 4.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

(Describe the dwelling and other improvements, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. About April 15th 1876 built a small house 12x14 feet a frame barn 14x20 feet a good horse a frame sawing a corn crib. Dug a well. Planted 100 acres planted about 25000 trees & trees 100 fruit trees 1000 Blueberries bushes 1000 bushing vines 200 grapes vines + all worth about \$1200. Fenced hundred Dollars.

Ques. 5.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon?

(If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. he was a single man until 1879 lived there alone until then and has lived there ever since his marriage with his wife

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. never was absent and has lived with his family ever since he was married

Ques. 7.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. about 100 acres has raised crops 6 or 7 seasons

Ques. 8.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kinds on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. no + yes

Ques. 9.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. not to my knowledge

Ques. 10.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. no, I think he has

George J. Brown

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the witness is a person of respectability; that the foregoing testimony was read to him before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1881.

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

Notary Public Adams County Nebraska

HOMESTEAD PROOF.—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Byron A. Shaffer being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry No. 8676, for S. 1/4, Section 28, Township 7, Range 11 West testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name—written in full and correctly spelled—your age, and post-office address?

Ans. Byron A. Shaffer—29 years—Juniata, Nebraska

Ques. 2.—Are you a native of the United States, or have you been naturalized?

Ans. I am native born

Ques. 3.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. (Proof of residence has been furnished in regard to H. 8676) on H. 8676, house was built in July 1879, moved into same August 1st 1879—frame house 16x24 feet—stable, granary, well, orchard, small fruits, worth \$1000⁰⁰

Ques. 4.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. a wife and two children—yes

Ques. 5.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. I have not been absent

Ques. 6.—How much of the land have you cultivated and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. 100 acres—every season since entry was made

Ques. 7.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No—It

Ques. 8.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. H. 86051 for W. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 28, T. 7, Range 11 West

Ques. 9.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. No

Byron A. Shaffer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn

to before me this 7 day of October, 1882, at that District Judge is absent from Adams County Nebraska

A. H. Thomas
Clerk District Court Adams County, Nebraska

NOTE.—If naturalized, the claimant must file a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization. In a commuted homestead a foreign-born claimant, if not naturalized, must file a certified copy of his declaration of intention. In making proof, the party must surrender his original duplicate receipt, or file affidavit of its loss.

(SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.)

SW 28-7-11W

July 16 1879

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HOMESTEAD PROOF.

LAND OFFICE AT

Bloomington Nebraska

Original Application No. 8676

Final Certificate No. 3666

Approved:

J. Switzer, Register.

....., Receiver.

Ad 4051

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.—CH. 4.

Sec. 5382. 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, willfully 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, be liable to the penalty of giving testimony in any court of the United States until such time as the judgment against him is reversed. [See § 1720.]

