

# Land Records Unlocked: A Genealogist's Guide to Deeds and Other Records

## *Class 4: Homesteaders*

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - History
  - Using the Bureau of Land Management Website
  - Locating Records
  - Strategies for Using Federal Land Files
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# Overview

- History
- Did Your Ancestor Have a Homestead?
- Using the Bureau of Land Management GLO Website
- Locating Homestead Records on Ancestry
- Requesting Land Entry Case Files from the National Archives
- Locating Tract Books on FamilySearch
- Locating Other Homestead Records on FamilySearch
- Strategies for Using Land Entry Case Files
- Case Study

# History

# Manifest Destiny

- A widely held cultural belief in the 19th century United States that American settlers were "destined" to expand across North America

*American Progress* (1872)  
by John Gast (Library of Congress)



# The Removal Act of 1830

- President Andrew Jackson granted land west of the Mississippi River to Native American tribes that would give up their homelands.
- By the end of his presidency, almost 50,000 Native Americans were removed to Indian Territory
  - West of the Mississippi River
  - Excluded the states of Missouri, Iowa, and the Territory of Arkansas

# The Trail of Tears

- The Cherokee Nation challenged the rulings on their tribal lands in court. A Supreme Court ruling said that the Indian tribes were sovereign nations and immune to Georgia's laws.
- President Jackson obtained a signature from a Cherokee chief agreeing to relocation.
- In 1838 the Cherokee tribe was forced by the federal troops and Georgia militia to relocate from Georgia to the dry plains across the Mississippi.
- The trail ended in modern day Oklahoma (then Indian Territory) with the last detachment arriving on March 24, 1839.
- Between 3,000 and 4,000 out of the 15,000-16,000 Cherokee died enroute.

# The Homestead Act

- Signed in 1862, this law allowed any American (or immigrant pursuing the citizenship process) to purchase up to 160 acres of federal land.
- The law was not fully repealed until 1986, when it expired in Alaska. All previous states had repealed the law by 1976.
- Buyer was required to live on the land for five years and perform necessary upkeep and additions.
  - Civil War Union veterans could use time served in military towards the residency requirement.
  - Settlers could also acquire the title of land if they lived on the land for 6 months and paid the government \$1.25 per acre.

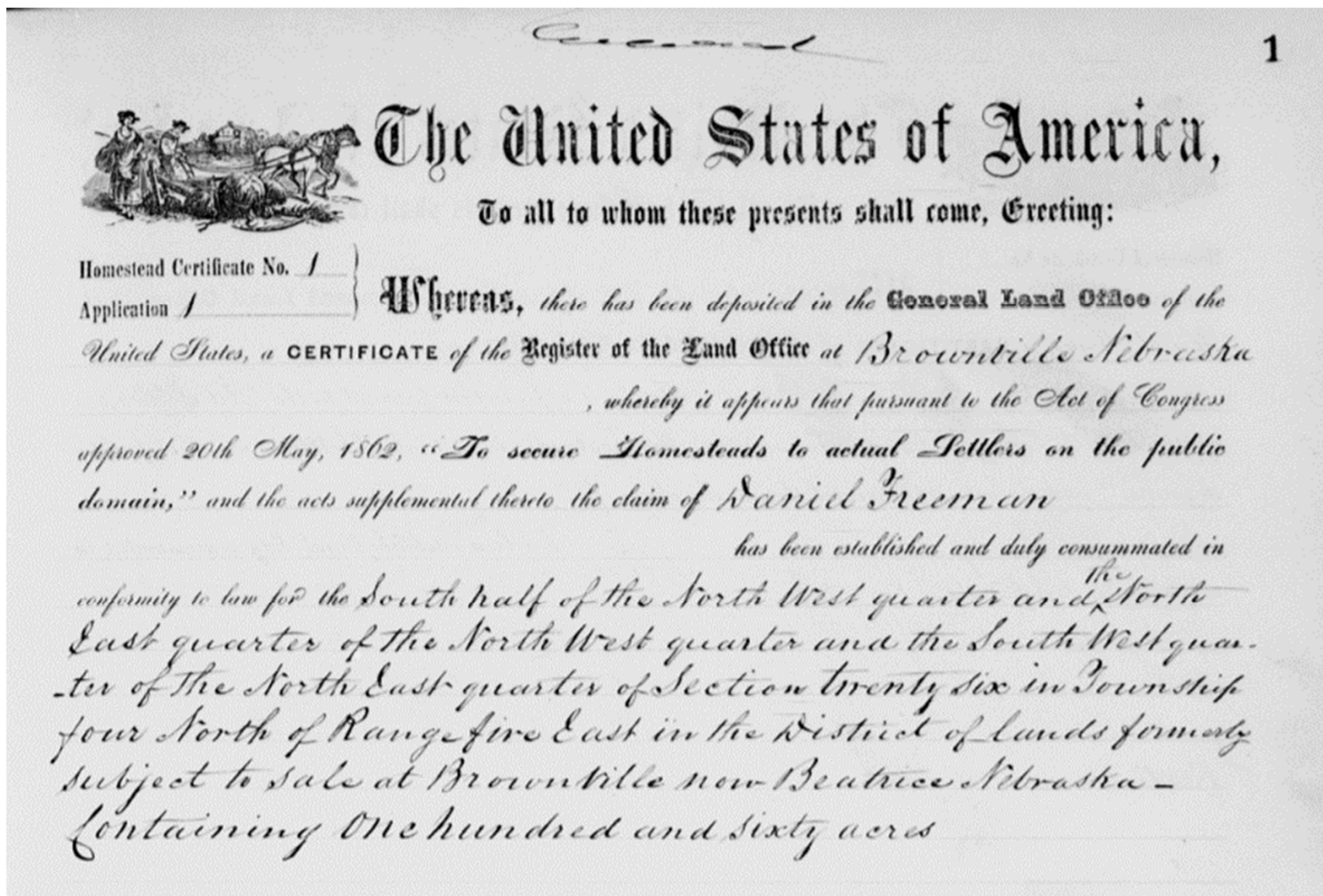
# Eligibility

- Adults 21 years and older
  - Single women
  - Former enslaved people
    - (1868 – 14th Amendment was passed)
  - Immigrants
    - 1st papers required (declaration of intention)

# The Process

- Go to the local land office
- Pay a small filing fee (\$10)
- Live on the land and grow crops for 5 years
- After the 5 years, file for the patent (land title); Pay the last fee (about \$8)
- If approved, patent was awarded





Homestead Certificate 1, Daniel Freeman

# What's in the Land Entry Case File?

- Final Certificate
- Final Receiver's Receipt
- Testimony of Claimant
- Testimony of Witness
- Final Homestead Affidavit
- Application and accompanying affidavits

# Which States Did NOT Have Homesteads?

- Original 13 colonies
  - Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia
- Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia

**Items From the Junction Union,**  
Emigration is beginning to pour into Western Kansas. The benefits of the Homestead Act are already being felt in this portion of the State. Come on, emigrants and home-seekers, this is the best country in the West.

The cattle and other stock in this county are getting excessively fat.— There is no better stock raising country in the world than Kansas. In this branch of industry is a mine of inexhaustible wealth. Our farmers are becoming aware of this fact and are acting accordingly.

*The Topeka Tribune* – 5 July 1862  
(Newspapers.com)

# Life on the Prairie

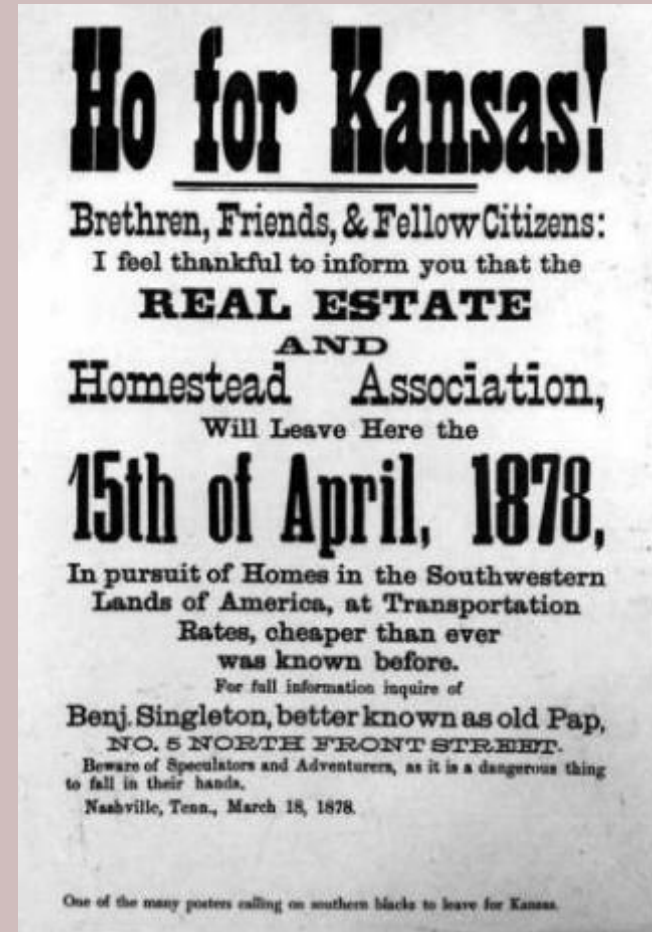
- Fierce winds and fires
- Grasshopper infestation
- Severe droughts
- The lack of trees forced many of the early settlers to create their houses out of sod.
- Settlers had to supply their own farming tools.
- It was common for settlers to give up their land claim or declare bankruptcy.



Sod house in Custer County, Nebraska  
(Library of Congress)

# The Exodus of 1879

- First mass migration of African Americans from the South after the Civil War
- Many were former slaves (known as exodusters)
- Settled in the states of Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma.



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# Homestead Acts

- Southern Homestead Act of 1866
  - Included and encouraged African Americans to obtain a homestead
- Timber Culture Act of 1873
  - Claimant required to plant trees
  - No residency requirement
- Kinkaid Amendment (1904)
  - 640 acres to new homesteaders in western Nebraska
- Enlarged Homestead Act (1909)
  - Doubled acreage from 160 to 320 acres in marginal areas
- National Stock-Raising Homestead Act (1916)
  - Granted 640 acres for ranching purposes

# Dawes Act

- Passed in 1887 under President Grover Cleveland
- Allowed the federal government to divide tribal lands. Native Americans who accepted the division were allowed to become U.S. citizens.
- 160 acres of farmland or 320 acres of grazing land was granted to the head of each Native American family.
- To receive allotment, enroll with the Office of Indian Affairs. Their name went on the "Dawes rolls."

# Did Your Ancestor Have a Homestead?

# Clues for Possible Homesteading

1

Check census records for birthplace of head of family and children. You may notice a move shortly after 1862 out west.

2

Check census records for the occupation of the head of household. Look for farmers that owned property.

3

Review agriculture schedules to identify if the family had 160 acres (full portion) or 80 acres (half portion).

- Early 20th century, you may see a higher acreage (320-640 acres).

**1880 United States Federal Census for John Vadra**  
 Nebraska > Fillmore > Geneva > 327

Street	House No	Dwelling	Family No	Name	Race	Sex	Age	Birth Mor	Relationship	Single	Married	Widow/Di	Married C	Occupation	Months U	Sick	Blind	Deaf and	Idiotic	Insane	Disabled	Attended	Cannot re	Cannot w	Birthplace	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
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				— Katie	W	F	8		Daughter													1		Ill	Penn	Ind	
				— Ruby	W	F	5		Daughter													1		Ill	Penn	Ind	
				— Maudie	W	F	1		Daughter															Ill	Penn	Ind	
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				— Louisa	W	F	45		Wife	1				Keeping House										NY	NY	NY	
				— Arthur J	W	M	13		Son	1				Helps on farm										Iowa	NY	NY	
				— Jennie J	W	F	11		Daughter	1				At School									1		Iowa	NY	NY



1880 U.S. Census – Geneva, Fillmore County, Nebraska (Ancestry.com)

OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.				ACRES OF LAND.						
THE NAME.				YEVUE.			IMPROVED.		UNIMPROVED.	
				Owner.	Rents for fixed money rental.	Rents for shares of products.	Tilled, including fallow and grain in rotation, (whether pasture or meadow.)	Permanent meadows, permanent pastures, orchards, vineyards.	Woodland and forest.	Other unimproved, including "old fields" not growing wood.
				No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
				2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Punkhart Sam'l						1	210 270			210
Vodra John				1			80			80
Burt James				1			1			1
Hosack William				1			5			5
McMahon Jesse						1	6			1
Robert				1			125			35



1880 Agriculture Schedule – Geneva, Fillmore County, Nebraska (Ancestry.com)

# Using the Bureau of Land Management GLO Website

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#### Names On Document

[VODRA, JOHN N](#)

Military Rank: ---

#### Miscellaneous Information

Land Office:	Lincoln
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	---
State In Favor Of:	---
Authority:	May 20, 1862: Homestead EntryOriginal (12 Stat. 392)
General Remarks:	---

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#### Survey Information

Total Acres:	160.00
Survey Date:	---
Geographic Name:	---
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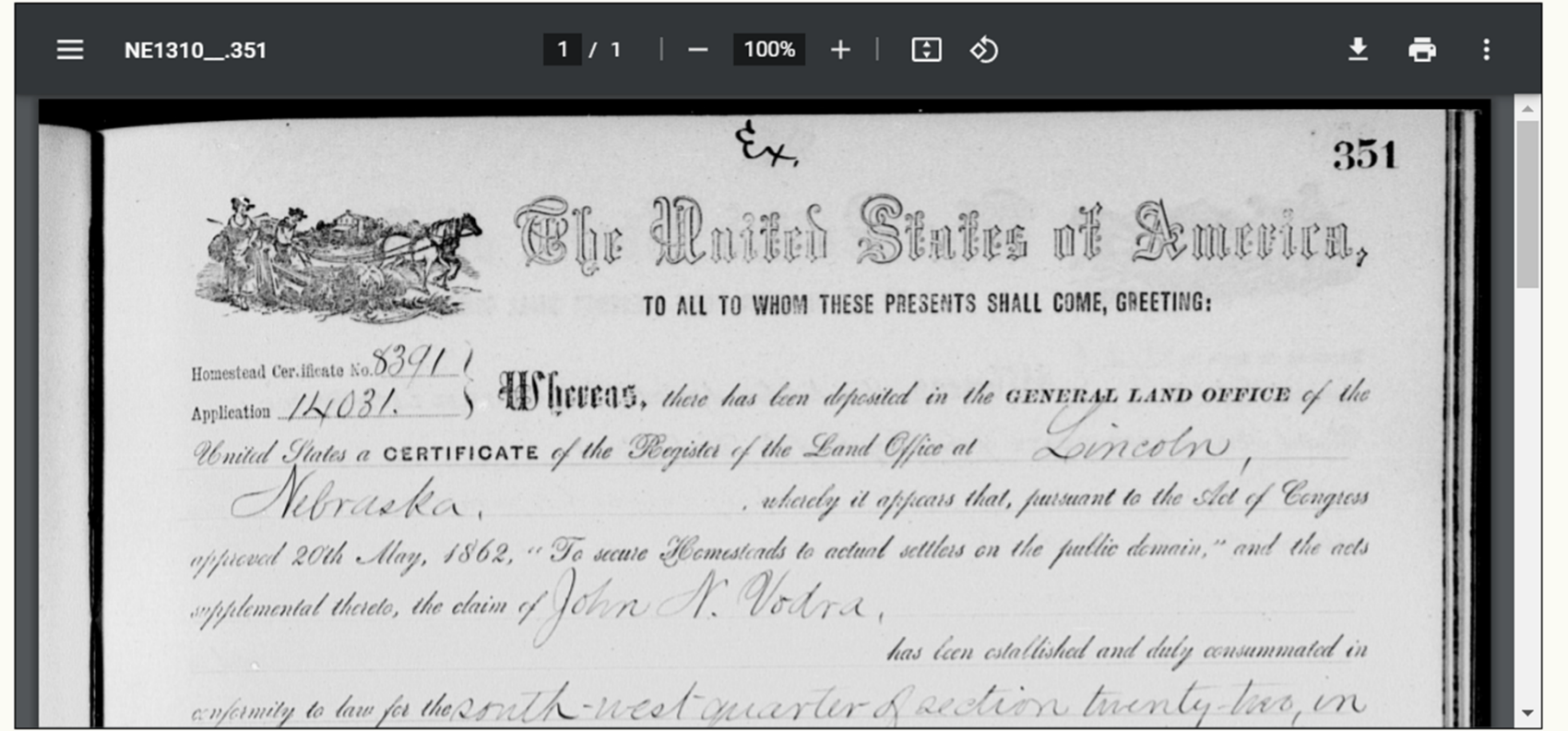
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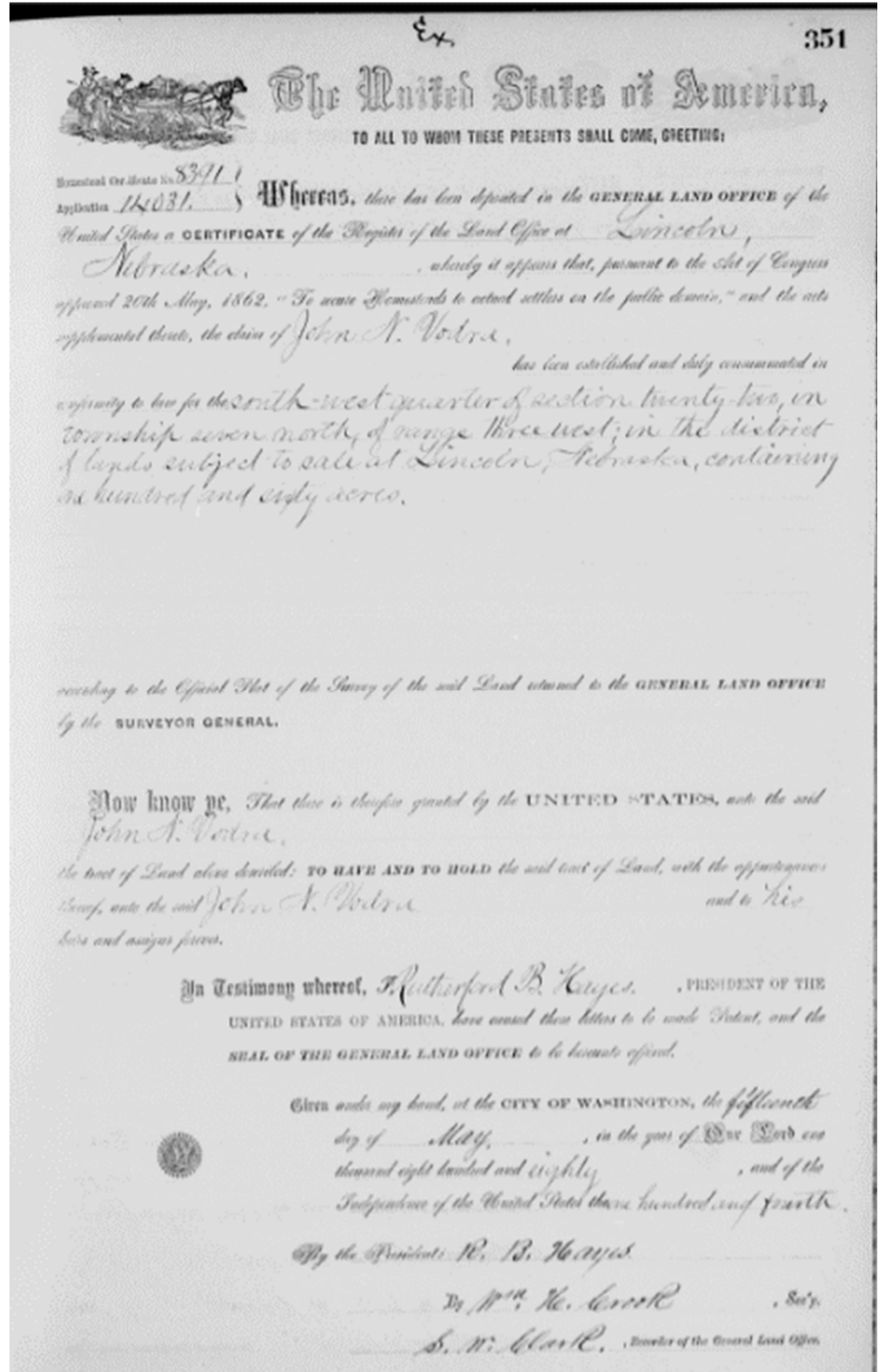
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# Land Patent of John N. Vodra



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# Locating Homestead Records on Ancestry

# U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908

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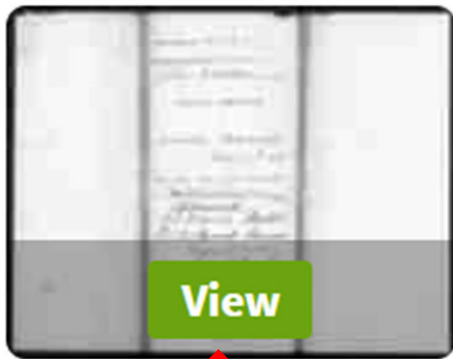
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# John N Vodra

## in the U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908



 Add or update information

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Name: John N Vodra

Final Certificate Date: 11 Oct 1878

Homestead Place: Nebraska, USA

Land Office: Nebraska City; Lincoln

Section: 22

Township: 7 North

Range: 3 West

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*Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 1878.*

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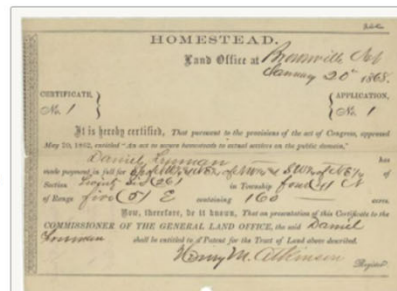
### Introduction

The land records that are generally of most interest to genealogists are the land entry case files. These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to private ownership.

There are over ten million such individual land transactions in the custody of the National Archives. These case files cover land entries in all 30 public land states.

The case files were filed as either military bounty land warrants, pre-1908 general land entry files, or as post-1908 land entry files. The information required to access and order copies of the records will differ depending on which of these 3 categories the transaction falls into.

- [Learn how to access these records](#) →
- For more background information and an overview of important terminology, review [Research in the Land Entry Files of the](#)



Homestead Entry Number 1, Brownsfield, Nebraska Land Office, for Daniel Freeman, January 20, 1868. This document is held at the National Archives in Washington, DC.

[View in National Archives Catalog](#)

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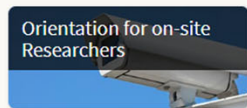
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## Accessing Land Entry Records

Land entry files (land patent files) are records of the U.S. General Land Office (GLO) that document the initial transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to individuals, businesses, and institutions.

The [National Archives Building in Washington, DC](#) (Archives 1), houses land entry files from the 30 Federal public land states (all states in the United States except the original 13 states, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maine, West Virginia, Texas, and Hawaii). These records are part of Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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**New to land entry records?** Please see:

- [Land Entry Case Files and Related Records](#) for an introduction
- [Research in the Land Entry Files of the General Land Office](#)  for background information and an overview of important terminology

## Types of Land Entry Files

Land entry files at Archives 1 are divided into three rough categories: (1) surrendered military bounty land warrants, (2) pre-1908 general land entry files, and (3) 1908 and later land entry files.

Researchers can search the BLM's [GLO Records website](#) to find the information needed to request each type of land entry file. Note that the GLO Records website only indexes patented or completed land entries. The site does not index cancelled land entries or expired leases.

 Surrendered Military Bounty Land Warrants

 Pre-1908 Land Entry Files

 1908 and Later Land Entry Files

## Contact Us

Questions about **land entry files** at Archives 1?

Email us at: [archives1reference@nara.gov](mailto:archives1reference@nara.gov). Due to the high volume of requests that we receive, please allow 10 to 12 business days for a response.

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## Pre-1908 Land Entry Files

The broadest range of land entry files at Archives 1 record the day-to-day business of the GLO field branches to approximately 1908.


These records include credit files (up to about 1820), cash files (from 1820 on), homestead files (from 1862 on), and related records for both patented and cancelled land entries.




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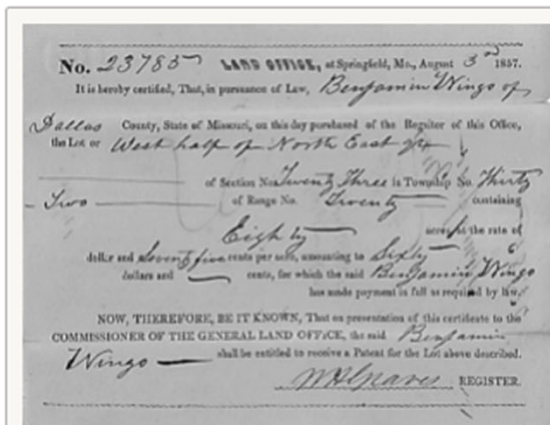
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- Land office
- Type of patent under law\*
- Patent number\*\*

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Pre-1908 land entry files can also be ordered remotely by using [NATF Form 84](#)  or placing an [order online](#).

Select homestead records have been digitized and made available online through [Ancestry.com](#)  (database title: "U.S., Homestead Records, 1863–1908"), [Fold3.com](#)  (database title: "Homestead Records (NE)"), and [FamilySearch.org](#)  (database title: "U.S., Homestead Final Certificates, 1863–1909").



Cash Land File of Benjamin Wingo

National Archives Identifier [300283](#)



# Pre-1908 Land Entry Files


- National Archives has a name index on file cards for the following states:
  - Alabama
  - Alaska
  - Arizona
  - Florida
  - Louisiana
  - Nevada
  - Utah

## 1908 and Later Land Entry Files

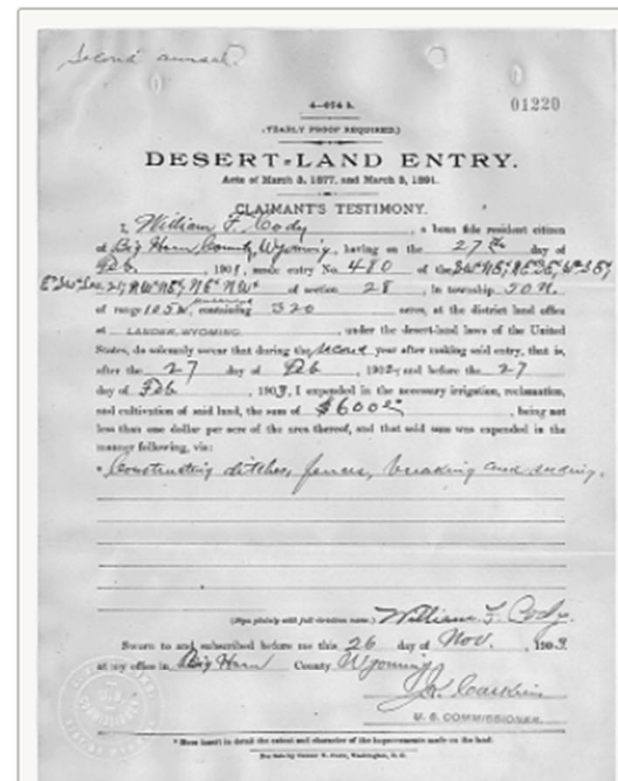
Beginning in July 1908, the GLO revised its system of issuing patents, assigning each consecutive patent issued a unique number instead of assigning numbers by state and land office.

To request a serial land patent file on site at Archives 1, researchers only need the **serial patent number**. Serial patents at Archives 1 range from approximately 167 to 1,242,597.

In the GLO Records database, the serial patent number is generally listed in the "Accession Nr." field. The "Issue Date" will be July 1908 or later.

Serial land patent files can also be ordered remotely by using [NATF Form 84](#)  or placing an [order online](#).

**Note:** While the serial land patent files at Archives 1 can include documents dating as late as the early 1970s, files dating from the early 1960s on are often housed at the appropriate [NARA regional facility](#).



Serial Land Patent File for  
Buffalo Bill

National Archives Identifier 300285





# Locating Tract Books on FamilySearch

# Bureau of Land Management Tract Books

- Contain the records of each parcel of land transferred from federal to private ownership in 28 of the 30 federal land states
  - The tract books for Alaska and Missouri are lost.
- Volumes are organized by state, in some states by land offices, and then by township number and range.
  - Within each volume, entries are arranged by Section, Township, Range.
- Use the Coverage Table on the FamilySearch wiki to identify which volume to find the corresponding tract book.



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Learn more about the [United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books](#) collection. Access the [United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955](#) records.

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ALABAMA	Vol. 1 GREENVILLE	Township 5-23, Range 5-21, 23
ALABAMA	Vol. 2 GREENVILLE	Township 5-6N, 11-12N, Range 7-8E, 15N, 17N 10-11E, 13E
ALABAMA	Vol. 3 GREENVILLE	Township 5-7, 9-22, Range 5-24
ALABAMA	Vol. 4 GREENVILLE	Township 12-16N, Range 21E
ALABAMA	Vol. 4 GREENVILLE	Township 12-15N, Range 22E
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## United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955

### Description

3,907 tract books containing official records of the land status and transactions involving surveyed public lands arranged by state and then by township and range. These books indicate who obtained the land, and include a physical description of the tract and where the land is located. The type of transaction is also recorded such as cash entry, credit entry, homesteads, patents (deeds) granted by the Federal Government, and other conveyances of title such as Indian allotments, internal improvement grants (to states), military bounty land warrants, private land claims, railroad grants, school grants, and swamp grants. Additional items of information included in the tract books are as follows: number of acres, date of sale, purchase price, land office, entry number, final Certificate of Purchase number, and notes on relinquishments and conversions. Original documents are located at the Bureau of Land management in Springfield, Virginia.

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First Names

Last Names

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Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

   From  To 

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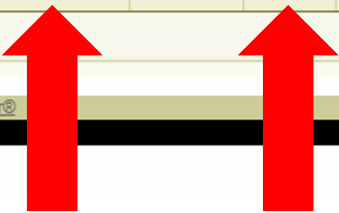
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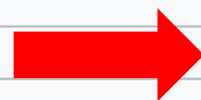
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United States Bureau of L...Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955			
State			
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">Idaho</a>	<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	<a href="#">Illinois</a>	<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	<a href="#">Oregon</a>
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Source Box Attach to Family Tree

Volume (Land Office Location)

Vol 1	Vol 31	Vol 60	Vol 90
Vol 2	Vol 32	Vol 61	Vol 91
Vol 3	Vol 33	Vol 62	Vol 92
Vol 4	Vol 34	Vol 63	Vol 93
Vol 5	Vol 35	Vol 64	Vol 94
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TOWNSHIP NO.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT.				Contents.		Rate per acre.		Purchase money.		NAME OF THE PURCHASER.
PART OF SECTION.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Acres.	100ths.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	
Horne 640	NE 22	7	3	169	00	2	50	10		Samuel W. White
	2277 NE	John Lee	Oct 10-12-70							
	3001 NE	N.S. Burt	apl 26. May 1. 71							
	3209 NE	Samuel W. White	May 18. 18. 71							
Horne	NW 22	Thomas Riley	Oct 10-12-70	160	00	2	50	10	00	James H. Burt
	3002 NW	J. H. Burt	apl 28. May 1. 71							
Horne	SE 22	John Wheeler	Aug 15-18-70 - Riley	160	00	2	50	10	00	Mordicai Pangle
	"	"	"							
Horne	SW 22	Lewis Lee	Oct 10-12-70	160	00	2	50	10	00	John N. Vodra
	2903 SW	Robert Carson	apl 19-19-71							

RANGE NO.		DISTRICT OF			
DATE OF SALE	Number of receipts and certificate of purchase.	BY WHOM PATENTED.	DATE OF PATENT.	Where recorded.	
				Volume.	Page.
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	11136	Final Cof. No 8924, July 18 1877			
Oct 2. 1871	7745	Final Cof. No. 5762, Dec. 19. 1876.			
Mich 30. 1871	7265	Final Cof. No. 7396, Aug. 1878			
October 29 1873	14031	Final Cof. No. 5391 Oct. 11. 1878.			

Tract Book, Nebraska, Vol. 97  
(FamilySearch)

# Locating Other Homestead Records on FamilySearch



## United States, Cancelled, Relinquished, or Rejected Land Entry Case Files, 1861-1932

### Description

Serialized land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected by the General Land Office. The applications include homesteads, mining claims, and land preemptions. This collection includes Kansas land offices at Dodge City and Topeka and Nebraska land offices at Alliance, Broken Bow, Lincoln, North Platte, O'Neill, and Valentine. The records are at the NARA Regional Center in Kansas City, Missouri. This collection is being published as images become available.

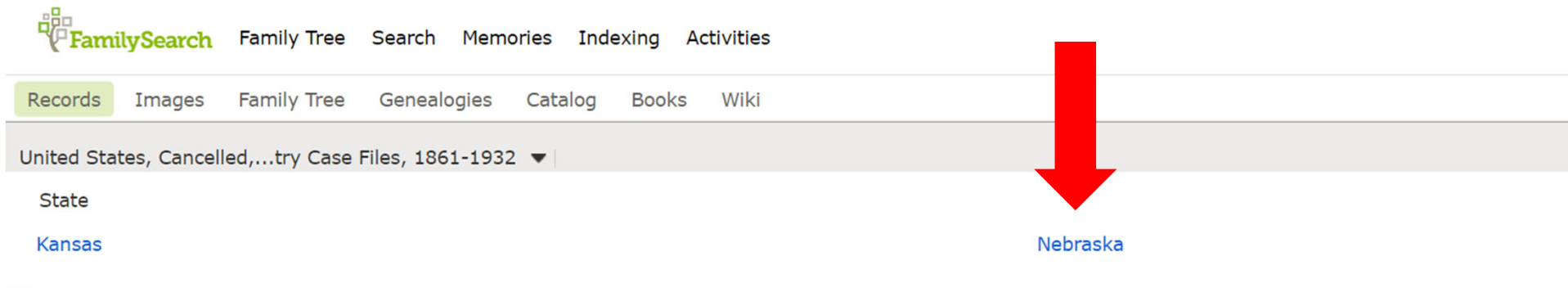
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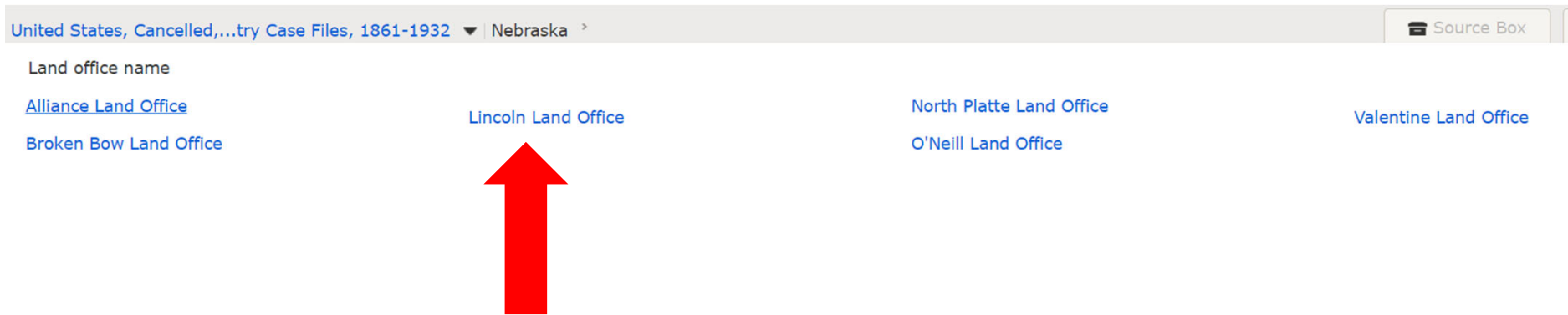
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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the FamilySearch website. The 'FamilySearch' logo is on the left, followed by links for 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', 'Indexing', and 'Activities'. Below this is a secondary menu with 'Records' highlighted, and other options like 'Images', 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog', 'Books', and 'Wiki'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Records', showing 'United States, Cancelled,...try Case Files, 1861-1932' with a downward arrow. Below this, 'State' is listed, and 'Kansas' is selected. 'Nebraska' is also visible as a link to the right of the dropdown.



The screenshot shows search results for 'United States, Cancelled,...try Case Files, 1861-1932' filtered by 'Nebraska'. A 'Source Box' icon is visible on the right. Under the heading 'Land office name', several links are listed: 'Alliance Land Office', 'Broken Bow Land Office', 'Lincoln Land Office', 'North Platte Land Office', 'O'Neill Land Office', and 'Valentine Land Office'. A red arrow points up to 'Lincoln Land Office'.



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Record Type, Date Range, File no. range	Record Type, Date Range, File no. range	Record Type, Date Range, File no. range	Record Type, Date Range, File no. range
Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 3-126	Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 527-574	Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 1520-1639	2247
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Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 226-254	Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 621-791	Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 1729-1872	Land entry case files that were cancelled, relinquished, or rejected; 1905-1920, no 2253-2334
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Lincoln HE 0543.  
4-480. SPECIAL AGENTS MUST RETAIN A PRESS COPY OF THIS REPORT.  
Adverse report.  
2 Inc.  
PRW.

## REPORT OF FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR ENTRY.

*This form must be used only in cases found or believed to be fraudulent or abandoned. Cases found to be lawfully made and maintained may be reported by letter when necessary.*

*In cases of homestead claims the blanks must be filled up strictly as here indicated. In other cases the form will be followed as closely as applicable, and in ALL CASES reported such other points will be covered as the nature of the case may require.*

*In EVERY INSTANCE when names of parties or witnesses are given, the post-office address and residence must also be stated.*

FRED DENNETT,  
*Commissioner.*

1. Name and post-office address of claimant: **James Broz, St. Ann, Neb.**

2. Dates and numbers of filing or entry and of final proof and certificate, with description of land:  
**Lincoln HE 12903, Serial 0543, Dec., 15, 1903, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Lot 2, Sec. 3-5-31, FC not issued.**

3. Date of examination: **July 8, 1909.**

4. Character of land: (Timber, Mineral, Agricultural, or Desert.) If timber land, whether, if cleared, it would be fit for agriculture; if a desert entry, whether grass or other agricultural crop could be produced without artificial irrigation; if mineral, character and evidence thereof:  
**Land is all rough except about 15 acres. The rough land is  
suitable for stock pasture only. Corn is growing on about 8 acres  
without irrigation.**

## Report of Fraudulent Claim or Entry (1903)

State of Nebraska )  
                          ) SS:  
Hayes County      )

I, Peter Kucera, being duly sworn, upon oath say: I am 60 years of age. Thornburg, Neb., is my postoffice. I reside about one half mile from the sod house that is on the homestead land of James Broz. His said land is in Sec. 3, T 5 N., R 31 W. I have lived at my said place of residence for the last seven years. I am well acquainted with the said James Broz. I am also well acquainted with the father of said James Broz. The father lives about 4 miles from the sod house on the James Broz land. During the first year after the said James Broz made said entry he made his home and resided with his brother-in-law, Frank B. McKillip and since then he has made his home and resided with his father. He has never made his actual home on his said homestead land.

(Signed) Peter Kucera.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this July 8, 1909.

(Signed) P.R. Wadsworth,  
Special Agent, G.L.O.

## Affidavit alleging fraud (1909)

9. *Residence of claimant.*—When actually established on the land, and whether continuous for the period required. If the head of a family, of whom does the family consist; whether the family resides on the land, or has an actual residence elsewhere. State every fact relative to the good or bad faith of the claimant in establishing and maintaining actual residence, and whether he was legally qualified to make the entry, and is known in the neighborhood of the claim:

**Claimant is a single man and has never been married. He was qualified to make the entry and is well known in the neighborhood of the land. He has not made his actual residence and home on this land as required by law, having resided and made his home with his father and with a married sister.**

10. Evidence that the entry was made at the instance or in the interest of a party or parties other than the claimant: Whether sale or contract of conveyance has been made; date of sale or contract, name of purchaser or transferee, price given or agreed upon, nature and date of any instrument in writing, and whether the same has become a matter of record; whether the entry has been abandoned or relinquished, and, if so, when and for whose benefit:

**There is no evidence that the entry was made in the interest of anyone other than the claimant.**

11. If you have not secured affidavit of any witness, state why not, with the name of such witness:

**Affidavits of witnesses secured.**

12. Have you requested claimant to make a statement? If so, and he does not intend to offer proof, did you try to obtain a relinquishment or an affidavit to that effect (without coercion)?

**I requested claimant to make a written statement but he said that he did not have anything to state except what he had already sent in**

13. What legal proceedings have been instituted?

**None.**

14. The undersigned special agent protests against the validity of said entry for the following numbered causes:

**1. That the entryman has never resided upon the land.**

## Report of Fraudulent Claim or Entry Cont'd (1903)

1 Ex. to C.F.D.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*June 3, 1913, WJM*

*JH*

The United States	Involving H. E. No. 12903, McCook
vs.	series, made December 15, 1903,
James Broz	for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and lot 2, Sec. 3, T. 5 N., R. 31 W., 6th P.M.

REGISTER AND RECEIVER,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sirs:

In reference to the above-entitled case, you are advised that the decision of the Secretary of the Interior, dated March 24, 1913, has become final.

A copy of said decision is herewith inclosed, for your information and for your files.

The case is hereby closed. So note on your records.

The entry is canceled, and you will so advise the defendant.

## Cancelled Homestead Case (1913)

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog search results for the keyword 'homestead'. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Refine your search' contains several filter sections. A red arrow points to the 'Keywords' section where 'homestead' is entered. Another red arrow points to the 'Availability' section, where the 'Online' radio button is selected. A third red arrow points to the search results list, specifically to the entry for 'Colorado, Gilpin County, homestead records, 1868-1894'. The search results list includes the following entries:

- [The Dakota homestead historical newsletter](#) Add  
Author: Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society (Bismarck, North Dakota)
- [Edith Burnham : or, How the homestead was saved](#) Add  
Author: Alden, Fannie A Stall
- [Colorado, Denver County, homestead records, 1864-1908](#) Add  
Author: United States. Department of the Interior. General Land Office; United States. National Archives (Denver, Colorado)
- [Colorado, Garfield County, homestead records, 1884-1908](#) Add  
Author: United States. Department of the Interior. General Land Office; United States. National Archives (Denver, Colorado)
- [Colorado, Gilpin County, homestead records, 1868-1894](#) Add  
Author: United States. Department of the Interior. General Land Office; United States. National Archives (Denver, Colorado)
- [Colorado, Gunnison County, homestead records, 1882-1907](#) Add  
Author: United States. National Archives (Denver, Colorado)
- [Colorado, La Plata County, homestead records, 1882-1908](#) Add  
Author: United States. National Archives (Denver, Colorado)
- [Colorado, Lincoln County, homestead records, 1890-1908](#) Add

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PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

## Colorado, Gilpin County, homestead records, 1868-1894

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Authors: [United States. Department of the Interior. General Land Office](#) (Main Author)  
[United States. National Archives](#) (Denver, Colorado) (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Digital Images

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Digitized by FamilySearch International, 2015

### Notes

Digital images of originals held by the National Archives and Records Administration, Denver, Colorado.

The Timber Culture Act was a follow-up act to the Homestead Act. The Timber Culture Act was passed by Congress in 1873. The act allowed homesteaders to get another 160 acres of land if they planted trees on one-fourth of the land... (Wikipedia)

[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations](#)

### Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film DGS	Format
Registers of homestead entries, no. 1-1065, 1868-1893	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Digital	100897962	
Registers of homestead entries, no. 1066-1110, 1868-1894	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Digital	100897963	
Register of final cash certificates, v. 125, 1868-1893	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Digital	101180292	
Receiver's register of homestead final receipts, v. 127, 1873-1894	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Digital	100920954	
Register of timber culture entries, v. 130, 1878-1891	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Digital	101180315	



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**TIMBER CULTURE.**

REGISTER OF ENTRIES made at the Land Office at *Central City, Colorado.*  
to the *Thirtieth* day of *June*

NO. OF APPLICATION.	DATE OF APPLICATION.	TRACT ENTERED. SECTION OR PART OF SECTION.	No. OF SECTION.	No. OF TOWNSHIP.	No. OF RANGE.	QUANTITY.		NAME OF APPLICANT
						ACRES.	100ths	
<i>2</i>	<i>June 24 1887</i>	<i>E 1/2 of Sec 8 - T. 14 N. R. 71 W. E 1/2 of Sec 8</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>71 W</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>John C. Hedges</i>

Timber Culture Register of Entries, Central City, Colorado (1887)

# QUESTIONS?

# Strategies for Using Land Entry Case Files

# Immigrant Origins

- Immigrants were required to have already filed their first papers (declaration of intention) in order to apply for a homestead.
- Many land entry case files contain copies of the naturalization papers that were filed by the applicant.
- Applications also list details about an ancestor's birthplace.
  - Pre-1906 naturalization records often list the name of the country with no specifics on county or townland.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Comm. Letter  
'6" of March  
27<sup>th</sup> 1878



Dec 27/78

State of Iowa, Clay County, ss:

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** That at a term of the Circuit Court holden in and for said County, in the town of Camden therein on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight was present the Honorable Jno. St. Prouty sole presiding Judge of said Court, when the following among other proceedings were had, to wit:

Mrs. Mary Crain

a native of Ireland and at present residing within said State, appeared in open Court, and makes application to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that he had declared on oath before the Clerk of the District Court for Clay County Iowa

a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, and using a seal, two years at least before his admission, that it was *bona fide* his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain & Ireland of whom he was heretofore a subject; and said applicant having declared on oath, before this Court, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain & Ireland of whom he was a subject.

The Court being satisfied that said applicant has resided within the United States for the term of five years next preceding his admission, without being at any time during the said five years out of the territory of the United States, and within this State one year at least; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of this Court that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. Thereupon the Court admitted the said applicant to become a citizen of the United States, and ordered all the proceedings aforesaid to be entered of Record, which was accordingly done by the Judge of this Court.

**In Testimony Whereof, I** J. Prouty

Clerk of the Court aforesaid, have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, at my office in the town of Spencer in said County, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight

*(Seal)*


J. Prouty Clerk.

Certificate of Naturalization of Mrs. Mary Crain (Ancestry.com)

# Military Service

- Veterans who served in the Union during the Civil War were eligible to apply for a homestead and use their military service towards the 5-year residency requirement.
- Soldier's Discharge records are included as proof of service.
  - Information includes regiment information, where enlisted or drafted, occupation, birth date and birthplace.

**SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE.**



To all Whom it May Concern:

Know Ye, That John N Vodra  
 a Third Class Musician of Captain Company  
 ( ) 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers,  
 who was enrolled on the Sixteenth day of September One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Sixty one to serve Two years, or during  
 the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States, this  
Sixteenth day of August 1862, at Leulpepper Va  
 by reason of An act of Congress 8<sup>th</sup> 1862. to muster Regimental  
Bands out of U.S. Service (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)  
 Said John N. Vodra was born in Lewis Co  
 in the State of New York is 31 years of age, Five feet  
five inches high, Light complexion, Black eyes, Brown hair,  
 and by occupation, when enrolled, a Painter  
 Given at Leulpepper Va this Sixteenth day of  
August 1862  
N. B. Lord  
Col  
 Commanding the Regiment.  
35<sup>th</sup> N.Y.  
J. P. Drommille  
Capt A. C. G. & Mus. Off.  
 A. G. O. No. 90.  
 State of Nebraska, } Geneva Feb., Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1878  
Fillmore County. }  
 I, the undersigned, J. Jensen Co. Clerk do hereby certify  
 that the above is a correct and true copy of the original.  
J. Jensen County Clerk  
J. W. Muntaster  
Deputy  
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Soldier's Discharge Certificate, Land Entry Case File of John Vodra (Ancestry.com)

To all Whom it May Concern:



Know Ye, That John A. Vodra  
a Third Class Private of Captain Regiments Band  
Company ( ), 35 Regiment of New York  
VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty one to serve two years  
or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United  
States, this sixteenth day of August 1862, at Culpepper Va.

by reason of an act of Congress passed July 8 1862  
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)\*

Said John A. Vodra was born in Lewis county  
in the State of New York, is thirty one years of age,  
five feet five inches high, light complexion, black eyes,  
Brown hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Painter

Given at Culpepper Va, this sixteenth day  
of August 1862

C. B. Lora  
Col. Comd.  
35 Regt.

\*This sentence will be erased should there be anything  
in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier  
rendering him unfit for the Army.

[A. G. O. No. 99.]

United States Land Office,  
Lincoln, Neb., Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1873

I, the undersigned Register N. S. L. C. do hereby certify that the  
above is a correct and true copy of the original.

Letter accompanying discharge certificate, Land entry case file of John Vodra (Ancestry.com)

6.

War Department,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1879, requesting a  
"Statement of Service" of John W. Vodra

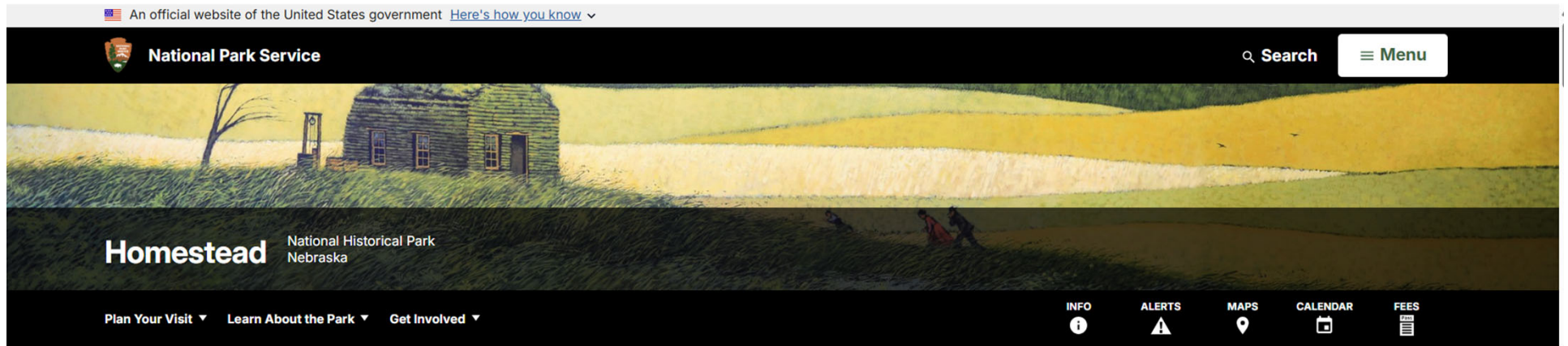
The following information has been obtained from the files of this  
Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that  
John W. Vodra was enrolled on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept., 1861, at Watertown, in Co. Band  
35<sup>th</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers, to  
serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as  
a Musician on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1861,  
at Watertown, in Co. Band 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
of New York Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the  
war. On the Muster Roll of Co. F. S. Band of that Regiment for the  
months of dated October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1862, he is reported  
Mustered out Aug. 10, 1862.

Statement of Service, Adjutant General's Office, Land  
Entry Case File of John Vodra (Ancestry.com)

# African American Homesteaders

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## Black Homesteaders



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Calvin Burford	
Spouse's Name	Carrie Burford
Birth Year and State	NA, TN
Homestead Acreage	36.5
Information Source	OHS Copy Oklahoma Territorial Census
Census County	Kingfisher
Census Township	Wannamaker
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# Nicodemus, Kansas Homestead Colony

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#### Daniel Hickman



In the spring of 1878, Daniel and Willianna Hickman and about 150 other formerly enslaved people left Georgetown, Kentucky. They traveled by train to Ellis, Kansas and then on foot to Nicodemus. Attracted by the allure of what was predicted to be the "largest Colored Community in America", the Hickmans and others saw homesteading on the frontier of Kansas as a new beginning. As a Baptist pastor, Daniel was leadership figure in the Black community of Nicodemus.

**Locations:** Homestead National Historical Park, Nicodemus National Historic Site

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PERSON

## William Kirtley

[Homestead National Historical Park](#), [Nicodemus National Historic Site](#)

**William Kirtley understood how important land and education were to being free and living as a full and equal citizen.**

Kirtley arrived in [Nicodemus, Kansas](#) in November 1878. Like many of his fellow settlers, he was born into slavery. He believed that owning land encouraged self-sufficiency.

Kirtley secured a preemption claim three miles southwest of Nicodemus. Six months after arriving, he filed for a homestead claim of 160 acres. While living on the land, he built three sod houses and a frame building. He went to great lengths to get his patent, securing it in 1888.

His passion was education. As a child, he was denied the chance to learn to read and write. When he arrived in Nicodemus, he was carrying books—two Bibles, an elementary speller, and an unabridged dictionary.


Albert Kirtley was one of the champions in Nicodemus in educating the community's children. He believed that education led to self-sufficiency and freedom and worked with other community members to formally organize the community and Graham County's first school, [School District No. 1](#), in 1879. He permitted the students to use the books that he had brought with him. School was sometimes held for four to six months during the year. Kirtley ensured that students always had books at their disposal even when school was not in session.



# Case Study: Peter Dougherty

# Peter Dougherty

- Born 1832 County Monaghan, Ireland. He was son of Francis Dougherty and Catharina Clarkin
- Moved with family to Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada between 1836 and 1841
- Married Margaret Cairns in 1858 in PEI
- 1861 Census – Living on Lot 58 in PEI as head of household
- Four children born on PEI between 1861 and 1872 (John, Susan, Mary Ellen, and Margaret)
- No trace of him in PEI after 1861



# Peter Dougherty

**BIRTH** Aug 1832  
County Monaghan, Ireland

**DEATH** 31 Jul 1923 (aged 90)  
Elmo, Dickinson County, Kansas, USA

**BURIAL** [Mount Calvary Cemetery](#)  
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in the Kansas, U.S., State Census Collection, 1855-1925



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Enumeration Date: 8 Jun 1880

Place: Banner, Dickinson, Kansas, USA

Schedule Type: Agriculture

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**SCHEDULE 2.—Productions of Agriculture in Bassett Township in the County of Dickinson enumerated by me on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1880.**

OF THE PERSON WHO CONDUCTS THIS FARM.				ACRES OF LAND.				FARM VALUE.			FENCES.		LABOR.			
THE NAME.				IMPROVED.		UNIMPROVED.		Of Corn, including land, straw and stalks.	Of Cattle, hogs, sheep and swine.	Of Horses, mules and other stock.	Of all buildings and appurtenances in 1879.	Of all buildings in 1880.	Value of all buildings in 1879.	Value of all buildings in 1880.	Value of all labor in 1879.	Value of all labor in 1880.
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
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**Miscellaneous Information**

Land Office:	Salina
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	---
State In Favor Of:	---
Authority:	May 20, 1862: Homestead EntryOriginal (12 Stat. 392)
General Remarks:	---

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Document Nr:	5467
Misc. Doc. Nr:	15178
BLM Serial Nr:	---
Indian Allot. Nr:	---
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**Survey Information**

Total Acres:	80.00
Survey Date:	---
Geographic Name:	---
Metes/Bounds:	No

**Land Descriptions**

Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
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# The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. *5467*

Application *13178*

Whereas, there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at *Salina Kansas*, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of *Peter Dougherty*

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the south half of the north west quarter of section twenty five township sixteen south of range two east of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Kansas containing eighty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES, unto the said *Peter Dougherty*

Peter Dougherty Land Patent

# Time to Request the File!

- The land entry file was requested from the National Archives and photographed.
- Peter Dougherty's file was 54 pages long!
- The following is a sampling of what was included.

Rec'd Printers of the Abilene Gazette  
Chas. W. Blair  
Pub. Gazette

No. 1.—HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_

I, Peter Dougherty, of Rhoades Co. Dickinson Co. Kan.  
who made Homestead Application No. 15178 for the  
1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 20 in Township 16 S.  
of Range 2 E.  
do hereby give notice of my intention to make final proof to establish my claim to the  
land above described, on Wednesday, the 2<sup>d</sup> day of June 1880  
before the Judge of the Probate Court at his office in Abilene, Dickinson County, in said  
State, and that I expect to prove my claim by the following witnesses:

Thomas O'Connell of Rhoades, Dickinson County, Kas., and  
Patrick Karans of " " Dickinson County, Kas., and  
John Hughes of " " Dickinson County, Kas., and  
John Armstrong of " " Dickinson County, Kas.  
Peter Dougherty  
(Signature of claimant)

Land Office at Salina K.  
Apr 14, 1880

Notice of the above application will be published in the Abilene Gazette, printed at  
Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, which I hereby designate as the newspaper published  
nearest the land described in said application.

Notice of Intention to Make Final Proof for Claim to Land, Peter Dougherty

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Peter Dougherty being called as a witness in his own behalf in support for his homestead entry for Sec. 20. Township 16 S. of Range 2 E. Kans.

testifies as follows:

Ques. 1. What is your name? (Be careful to give it in full, correctly spelled, in order that it may be here written exactly as you wish it written in the patent which you desire to obtain.)

Ans. Peter Dougherty

Ques. 2. What is your age?

Ans. 47 years.

Ques. 3. Are you the head of a family, or a single person; and, if the head of a family, of whom does your family consist?

Ans. he is the head of a family of wife & 4 children

Ques. 4. Are you a native-born citizen of the United States? If not, have you declared your intention to become a citizen, and have you obtained a certificate of naturalization?\*

Ans. has obtained Certif. Cat. of Naturaliz. Nat.  
See Certified Copy enclosed

Ques. 5. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land embraced in your homestead entry above described? (If so, state what they are, and whether the springs or mineral deposits are valuable.)

Ans. no

Ques. 6. Is the land more valuable for agricultural than mineral purposes?

Ans. yes for agricultural purposes

NOTE.—At the time of making proof the party should be required to surrender his original homestead duplicate receipt, or file an affidavit accounting for the same.  
\*In case the party has been naturalized, a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization must be furnished. In case of commuted homesteads it is required that a certified copy of his declaration of intention must be furnished.

## Testimony of Claimant, Peter Dougherty

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF  
The *8<sup>th</sup>* Judicial District of State of Kansas,  
Sitting in and for the County of Dickinson.

*March* Term, A. D. 1880

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this, the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*  
*U. S.* 1880, personally appeared in open court, *Peter*  
*Dougherty* — a native of *Ireland* —  
and applied to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and produced a certificate of  
his declaration of his intention to become a citizen.

Issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Dickinson County of  
*State of Kansas*, dated *January 26<sup>th</sup>*, 1874, and proved  
to the satisfaction of the court here that he has resided in the United States for more  
than the period of five years next preceding this application, and for one year last past,  
within the State of Kansas, and that during the whole of that period he has conducted  
himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of this Government  
and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Thereupon, the Court being fully satisfied that said applicant has fulfilled all the  
requirements of the laws of the United States respecting the naturalization of Foreigners,  
and the said *Peter Dougherty*,  
having declared on oath, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and  
renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince,  
Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to ~~the~~ *Queen Victoria*  
*Queen of England* of whom he was heretofore a subject. It is  
ordered by the Court, that the said *Peter Dougherty* —  
be and he is hereby declared a citizen of the United States of North America, with all  
the rights and privileges thereto.

STATE OF KANSAS,  
DICKINSON COUNTY,

Sct.  
*W. S. Davidson* Clerk of the

Court aforesaid, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and perfect  
copy of the order naturalizing *Peter Dougherty* as the same now

Naturalization Petition, Peter Dougherty

Ques. 7. What is your post-office address?  
Ans. *Roads Dickinson Co. Kans.*

Ques. 8. Have you ever made a homestead entry except for this land, No. *15178*? (If you have, give, as nearly as you can, the date thereof and description of the land, and state whether the entry still subsists, or, if it has been cancelled, state the cause of its cancellation.)  
Ans. *no.*

Ques. 9. Have you sold the land or conveyed to any one your right and interest in the same; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?  
Ans. *have not.*

Ques. 10. Does any one except yourself claim the land under the homestead or pre-emption laws?  
Ans. *no. one does.*

Ques. 11. When did you first make settlement on the said land?  
Ans. *20<sup>th</sup> of November 1873.*

Ques. 12. When did you first establish a residence upon the land?  
Ans. *20<sup>th</sup> of November 1873.*

Ques. 13. At the date you have given as being the date that you first established your residence upon the land, did you move thereon in person?  
Ans. *I did.*

Ques. 14. Up to what time have you resided on the land?  
Ans. *To the present time.*

Ques. 15. Was your residence upon the land continuous during the period named?  
Ans. *yes.*

Ques. 16. If you had a family during said period of residence on the homestead, did your family reside thereon?  
Ans. *yes.*

Ques. 17. What improvements have you made or do you possess on the land? (Describe them.)  
Ans. *1 Story Stone basement 14 X 18 1 Stone Stable for 4 Horses 1 Stone granary 12 X 14 X 8 1 Stone Chicken House, Stone Hog Corns dug one well Planted fruit & forest trees placed Hedged all around along 1 side*

## Testimony of Claimant Cont'd, Peter Dougherty

Ques. 18. When was your house built?  
Ans. 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1873.

Ques. 19. What is the total value of said improvement?  
Ans. \$500 00

Ques. 20. For what purpose have you used the land?  
Ans. home and farm

Ques. 21. How much of the land have you broken and cultivated, and what crops, if any, have you raised?  
Ans. 70 acres wheat oats, Corn Potatoes & garden stuff

W. H. Van Doren Peter his Daughter  
J. J. Sullivan Witness Mark Dougherty

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That each question and answer in the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before he signed his name thereto, and that the same was subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1880

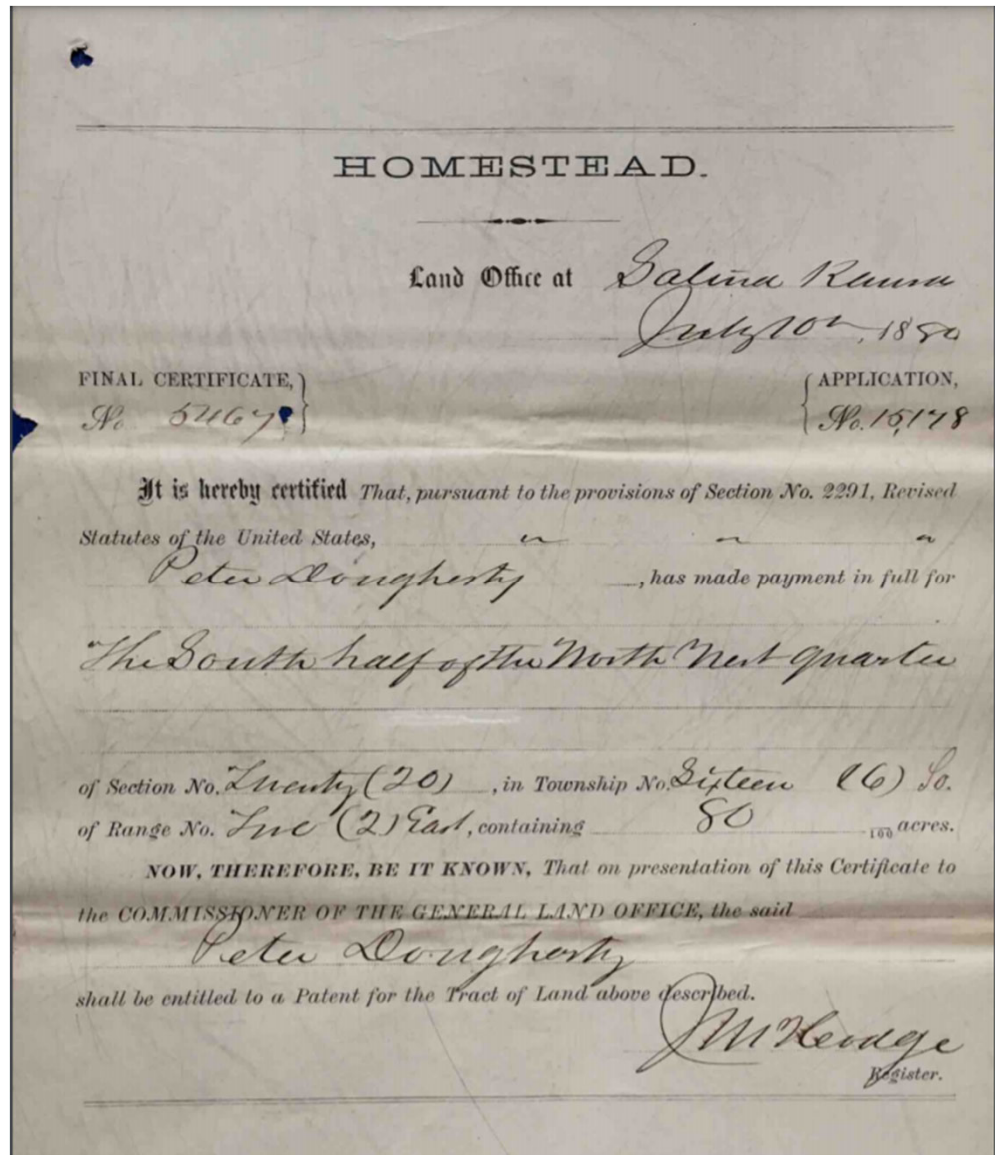
R. H. Smith  
Probate Judge

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 testified 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, disposition or certificate by him subscribed is true, willfully and contrary to such oath states or subscribes any matter in relation to 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. (See § 5176.)

Testimony of Claimant Cont'd, Peter Dougherty



Final Certificate, Peter Dougherty

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