

FIND YOUR



ROOTS

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PICTURE YOUR ANCESTOR IN HOMESTEAD HISTORY

Was your ancestor one of the more than 75,000 people whose existing records prove they received free land in Nebraska through the Homestead Act of 1862? Are you looking to use the homestead records for scholarly research? Experts at the National Archives and Records Administration, who preserve and care for these records, have stated that the Homestead Case Files are extraordinarily informative with wide-ranging research value. However, over the years they have been an under-used collection by scholars and family historians alike.

Now, for the first time, all the Nebraska Homestead Final Certificate Case Files have been completely digitized and are accessible online.

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TO ACCESS THE RECORDS:



- 1** Visit www.fold3.com and www.ancestry.com, or visit a FamilySearch Family History Center (for locations see <https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator>)
- 2** Access the records through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries Electronic Resources
- 3** Visit Beatrice, Nebraska and use Homestead National Monument of America's research computers
- 4** Visit any of the National Archives research facilities nationwide

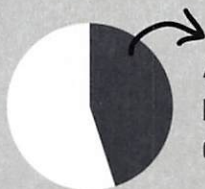
ABOUT THE RECORDS:



The first homestead ever claimed in the U.S. was in Nebraska. All 93 counties saw homesteaders.



Nebraska's peak year for homesteading was 1913 when 5,134 homesteads were distributed equaling 2,476,575 acres.



45% of all land in Nebraska was given to homesteaders, the largest percentage of land distributed by any homesteading state.

For more information about this project and the status of other states, please contact Homestead National Monument of America at 402-223-3514 or visit www.nps.gov/home or Homestead's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HomesteadNM.

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