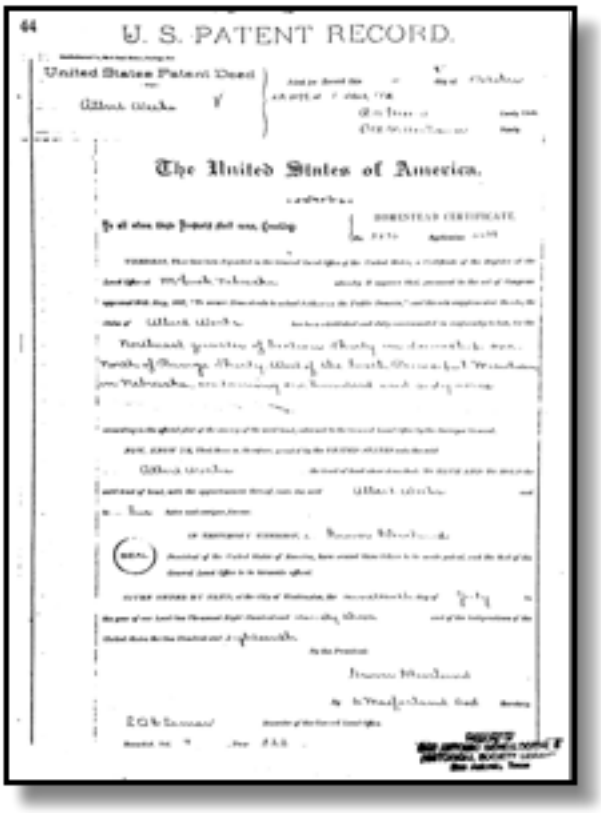
A Nebraskan Homesteader

On the 11th day of October, 1899, Homestead Certificate 2232 was filed for record on behalf of Albert Weeks. This certificate reads, in part:


U. S. PATENT RECORD.

United States Patent Deed

The United States of America.

HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE

Whereas, as there had been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at McCook, Nebraska, 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 Albert Weeks has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty in Township one, North of Range Thirty, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Nebraska, containing one hundred and sixty 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 Albert Weeks the tract of land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Albert Weeks and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be affixed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, at the City of Washington, the nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety three and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and eighteenth.

By the President
Grover Cleveland

This Homestead Certificate can be found in the *Weeks* file within the SAGHS vertical files.

Other materials in this file reveal that Albert Weeks was born in Iowa in August 1858, married Caroline Wiest 17 August 1886 in Wayne County, Iowa, and he enjoyed a long life, not passing away until 1955. Albert Weeks is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Nebraska.

When researching at the SAGHS library, don't overlook the library's vertical files. Like the Homestead Certificate cited above, they contain many useful documents, photographs, and information. Access to most vertical files is through the library's computers. Additional files are being digitized as a continuing library project.


Albert & Caroline Weeks (Eva)
Minnie & Winfred Weeks