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Certificate of Preemption
No. 2000

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas *William Crooks*, of *Cass County, Indiana*, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *La Porte*, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *William Crooks* according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the *West half of the North East quarter of Section six, in Township thirty five North, of Range five, West of the second Meridian, in the District of lands subject to sale at La Porte, Indiana, containing six and seven eighths acres and twenty five hundredths of an acre,* according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said *William Crooks*

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said *William Crooks* and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, therewith belonging, unto the said *William Crooks* and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Marion Van Buren*

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 hereunto affixed.

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Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and of the Independence of the United States the thirty first

By the President:

Marion Van Buren
By *A. Lane Buren* Sec'y
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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