

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE,
No. 16554

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS

William M. Stoddard of Porter County, Indiana

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Minamoo* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

William M. Stoddard

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 South West quarter of Section Eight in Township Thirty Three North of Range Five West of the Second Principal Meridian, in the District of Lands Subject to sale at Minamoo, Indiana, containing Eighty acres.

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 M. Stoddard,*

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 M. Stoddard*

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, thereunto belonging, unto the said *William M. Stoddard*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I,

James K. Polk
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.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *fourth* day of *May* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty eight* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the *Seventy second*

BY THE PRESIDENT:

James K. Polk
-By *J. S. Stephens* Sec'y.
RECORDER of the General Land Office.

