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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

CERTIFICATE }  
No. 18777 }

*To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:*

**WHEREAS** *Franklin Blake, 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 *Winamac,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Franklin Blake,*

*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 South west quarter of the South East quarter of Section Fourteen, in Township Thirty-six, of Range Seven, West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Winamac, Indiana, containing Forty 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 Franklin Blake,*

**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 Franklin Blake,*

*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 *Franklin Blake,*

*and to his* heirs and assigns forever

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *Zachary Taylor,*

**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 *first* day of *December* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty-nine,* and of the Independence of the United States the *Seventy fourth.*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**



*N. Sargent,*

By

*Z. Taylor,*  
*Jno. Garing Jr. Sec'y.*  
RECORDER of the General Land Office.