

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

CERTIFICATE)  
No. 20,977.5

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

**WHEREAS** Absalom Leonard, 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 *Absalom Leonard*

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 Twenty-eight, in Township Thirty-five, of Range Six, 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 *Absalom Leonard*

**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 *Absalom Leonard*

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 *Absalom Leonard*

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I, *Franklin Pierce* **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 *March* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-four* and of the

Independence of the United States the *Seventy eighth*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*J. N. Granger*

By

*Franklin Pierce*  
*Jno. H. Wheeler* *Asst. Sec'y.*

RECORDER of the General Land Office.