

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**CERTIFICATE**

No. *16111*

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

**WHEREAS**

*Thomas Ritchard of Allen County Indiana*

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

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 East quarter of Section Eight, and the South West quarter of Section nine, in Township twenty seven North, of Range fifteen East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fort Wayne Indiana, containing three hundred and twenty 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 *Thomas Ritchard*

**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 *Thomas Ritchard*

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 *Thomas Ritchard*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,**

*Martin 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.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *twentieth* day of *August* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty eight* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *Sixty second* year

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

By

*Martin Van Buren*

*M. Van Buren, Sec'y.*

*J. D. Wilson, Acting* **RECORDER of the General Land Office.**



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