

Certificate
No. 8553

The United States of America.

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas *John Stephen Shea of Adams 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 *John Stephen Shea* 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 East half of the South East quarter, of Section nineteen, in Township twenty seven North, of Range fifteen East, in the District of lands subject to sale at Fort Wayne, 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 *John Stephen Shea*

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 *John Stephen Shea* 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 *John Stephen Shea* 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.

[Handwritten initials and scribbles]

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

By the President:
Hudson M. Larance Recorder

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