

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE
No. 23,255.

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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS John Smethers, of Fairfield County, Ohio,

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 Smethers, 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 Section Seventeen, in Township twenty Six North, of Range fourteen East, in the District of lands Subject to Sale at Fort Wayne, Indiana, containing one hundred and sixty 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 Smethers,

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 Smethers,

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

Smethers.

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, 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 tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty fifth



BY THE PRESIDENT:

Martin Van Buren

By

M. Van Buren Jr. Sec'y.

J. S. Wilson Acting

RECORDER of the General Land Office, ad interim.