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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE
No. 23281

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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *James P. Thomas, of Wayne 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

James P. Thomas, 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 half of Section fifteen, and the North half of the North East quarter of Section twenty two, in Township County One, North, of Range fourteen East, in the District of Lands Subject to Sale at Fort Wayne, Indiana, containing Four hundred 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 *James P. Thomas.*

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 *James P. Thomas,*

his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, franchises, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *James P. Thomas,*

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 *twelfth* 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.