

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

CERTIFICATE }  
No. 16862 }

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

**WHEREAS** *Reading Bay of Jay 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 Reading Bay* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

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 two 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 *Reading Bay*

**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 *Reading Bay*

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 *Reading Bay*

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 *third*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *Martin Van Buren*

By

*M. Van Buren* Sec'y.

**RECORDER of the General Land Office.**

*Joseph Wilson Acting*  
*L. C. interin*

