

Certificate
No. 353

The United States of America,

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas William Thomas, of La Porte County, Indiana, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at La Porte, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said William 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 Lot or fraction of the North-East quarter (North of the Indian Boundary line), of Section thirty-one in Township thirty-seven, North of Range five, West, in the District of lands subject to sale at La Porte, Indiana, containing one hundred and nineteen acres and ninety-six hundredths of an acre, 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 William 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 William Thomas 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 William Thomas 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 fiftieth 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.

Martin Van Buren.

By the President:

By A. Van Buren - Sec'y.

Hudson M. Garland, Recorder Commissioner of the General Land Office.