

Certificate.
No. 976

The United States of America,

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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, *Simoon Pierce*, of *LaPorte County, Indiana*, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *LaPorte*, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Simoon Pierce*, 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 North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twelve, in Township thirty seven, North, of Range five, West of the Second Meridian, in the District of lands subject to sale at *LaPorte, Indiana*, containing forty 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 *Simoon Pierce*.

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 *Simoon Pierce* 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 *Simoon Pierce* 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 *fifteenth* 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.