

CERTIFICATE }
No. 17,254. }

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Sheldon Stoddard, of Porter County, Indiana,*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Winamac,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Sheldon Stoddard,*

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 East Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section Eight, in Township thirty-three North, of Range Five, West of the Second Principal Meridian, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Winamac, 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 *Sheldon Stoddard.*

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 *Sheldon Stoddard,*

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 *Sheldon Stoddard,*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, James K. Polk,

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 *14th* day of *April,* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Forty eight,* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *Seventy-second,*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *James K. Polk,*
By *J. H. Stephens, apt.* Sec'y.

S. H. Laughlin, RECORDER of the General Land Office.

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