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Pre-emptive
CERTIFICATE
No. 21,672

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

WHEREAS William Birch, 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 William Birch,

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 Section twenty-three, in Township thirty-three of Range five West, in the District of Soand subject to sale at Winamac, 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 William Birch.

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 Birch,

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 Birch, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce,

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 31st day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the United States, the Seventy-ninth,

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce,

By J. E. Baldwin,

Asst. Secy.

B. N. Granger, RECORDER of the General Land Office.