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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

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**CERTIFICATE**

No. *22,803*

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

**WHEREAS** *Joseph L. Houston of Richland County Ohio*

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

*Joseph L. Houston*

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 East half of the South East quarter of section seventeen, in Township twenty eight North, of Range fifteen East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fort Wayne Indiana containing eighty 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 *Joseph L. Houston*

**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 *Joseph L. Houston*

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

*Joseph L. Houston*

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof,** *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 *tenth* day of *November* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *fifth*



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*Martin Van Buren*  
By *M. Van Buren Jr.* Sec'y.

*So. Y. Wilson, acting* **RECORDER of the General Land Office.**  
*ad interim*