

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE

No. 27641

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

WHEREAS *Richmond Merrill* of Shelby County, Alabama

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

*Richmond Merrill*

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 West half of the North West fraction of fractional Section Twenty Three, in Township Twenty Two, of Range One East, in the District of Lands Subject to Sale at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, containing forty acres and five hundredths of an acre.

STATE SEAL  
I CERTIFY  
INSTRUMENT

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Dec 2.50  
Jan 1.00  
4.00

*Thomas A. Sullivan, Jr.*  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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 *Richmond Merrill*

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 *Richmond Merrill*

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 *Richmond Merrill*

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 *first* day of *August* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty three* and of the Independence of the United States the *Seventy-Eighth*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Franklin Pierce*

By *Geo. H. Wheeler* as Secy.

*J. H. Geary* RECORDER of the General Land Office.

*Maurice Pearson*

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