

# The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at **Bismarck, North Dakota,** has been deposited in the General Land Office, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862, "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of **Charles H. Benedict**

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the **south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of Section two in Township one hundred forty-four north of Range seventy-three west of the Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota, containing one hundred sixty acres,**

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor-General:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said claimant the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said claimant and to the heirs and assigns of the said claimant forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, **Woodrow Wilson**

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 **FOURTEENTH**

(SEAL)

day of **JANUARY** In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **NINETEEN** and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and **FORTY-THIRD.**

By the President

By

*Woodrow Wilson*  
*W. P. LeRoy* Secretary,  
*S. P. Samar*

Recorder of the General Land Office.

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