

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting.

Homestead Certificate No. 983)  
Application 2342 and 2543.

Whereas there has been deposited in the General  
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Register of the Land Office at Vancouver Washington Territory whereby it appears that pursuant to the act of Congress approved 20th May 1862, to secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain and the acts supplemental thereto the claim of Christian Ritter has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law, for the North east quarter of section thirty two in township two north of range five East of Willamette Meridian in Washington Territory containing one hundred and 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 Christian Ritter the tract of land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances thereof unto the said Christian Ritter and to his heirs and assigns 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 decision of courts and also subject to the rights of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted as provided by law. In testimony whereof I, Chester A. Arthur 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 twentieth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighty.

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By the president Chester A. Arthur.

By W. H. Crook, Secretary.

S. W. Clark Recorder of the General Land Office.

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Geo. H. Stgvenson, Auditor.

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Know all men by these presents that we Charles Sweeney and Emeline Sweeny his wife in consideration of one Dollar to us paid by O. F. Paxton have granted, bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said O. F. Paxton all of the following described parcels of real property lying and being situate in the County of Skamania and Territory of Washington to wit: The South East quarter of Section twenty four in Township three North of Range nine East of the Willamette Meridian containing one hundred and sixty acres of land also the North East quarter of the North west quarter and Lots one, two, and three of section thirty in township three North of Range ten East of the Willamette Meridian containing one hundred and fifty four acres of land. To have and to hold the same with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said O. F. Paxton his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this the 23 day of October. A. D. 1884.

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In presence of:

Charles Sweeny, (Seal)

Emeline Sweeny, (Seal)

B. Quewenberg.

M. Oppeuleimer.