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DECLARATION  
OF LAND PATENT

PATENT NUMBER 4, 35599

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, I/We Does certify and declare as follows: That names as "assigns" in the Land Patent named above, I bring up said land patent in my/our name(s) and do certify and declare that I/We are assignee's to a land patent or grant listed above.

(1) THE CHARACTER OF SAID PROPERTY SO CLAIMED BY PATENT, and legally described and referenced under Patent listed above is:

Lot 34, Lot 35, Lot 36, Lot 37, Lot 38 in the Gary Guild Subdivision Located in the NE 1/4 of Section 14, T36N, R9W in Lake County, State of Indiana.

and, a Land Patent is the only way a perfect title can be had in my name: *Wilcox v Jackson*, 13 Pet., (U.S.) 498, 10 L. Ed. 264; All questions of fact decided by the General Land Office are binding everywhere, and injunctions and mandamus proceedings will not lie against it: *Litchfield v. Register*, 9 Wall (U.S.) 575, 19 L.ED. 681.

(2) NOTICE AND EFFECT OF LAND PATENT. A grant of land is a public law standing on the statute books of the State, and is notice to every subsequent purchaser under any conflicting sale made afterward: *Wineman v. Gastrell*, 54 Fed. 819, 4CCA 596, 2 US App. 581. A Patent alone passes title to Grantee: *Wilcox v. Jackson*, 12 PET (U.S.) 498, 10 L.ED. 264.

Where the United States has parted with title by a patent legally issued upon surveys legally made by itself and approved by the proper department, the title so granted cannot be impaired by any subsequent survey made by the government for its own purposes: *Cage v. Danks*, 13 LA. ANN. 128.

(3) LAND TITLE AND TRANSFER. LEGAL TITLE - The patent vests the legal title in the patentee and is conclusive evidence of title. *Gibson v Chouteau*, 80 US 92, 20 L Ed 534. TRANSFER BY PATENTEE - Title and rights of bonafide purchaser from patentee will be protected. *U.S. v Debell* (1915, CA8 SD) 227 F 760; *U.S. v Beaman* (1917, CA8 Colo) 242 F 876. 43 USCA §15. LEGAL TITLE - The patent vests the legal title in the patentee and is conclusive evidence of title. *Gibson v Chouteau*, 80 US 92, 20 L Ed 534.

The existing system of land transfer is a long and tedious process involving the observance of many formalities and technicalities, a failure to observe any one of which may defeat title, even where these have been traced to its source, the purchaser must, but at his peril, there always being, in spite of the utmost care and expenditure, the possibility that his title may turn out bad: *Yealde, Torrens System* 209.

If this land Patent is not challenged within sixty days (60) in a court of law by someone, or by the government, it then becomes my property, as no one has followed the proper steps to get legal title, the final certificate or receipt acknowledging the payment in full by a homesteader or preemptor is not in legal effect a conveyance of land: *U.S. v Steenerson*, 50 FED 504, ICCA 552, 4 U.S. App. 332. EJECTMENT - In cases of ejectment, where the question is who has the legal title, the patent of the government is unassailable. *Sanford v Sanford*, 139 US 642, 35 L Ed 290. In the Federal courts the patent is held to be the foundation of title at law. *Fenn v Holmes*, 21 How 481.

A Land Patent is conclusive evidence the Patent has complied with the Act of Congress as concerns improvements on the land, etc.: *Jankins v. Gibson*, 3 LA ANN. 203.

(4) IMMUNITY FROM COLLATERAL ATTACK - *Collins v Bartlett*, 44 Cal 371; *Webber v Pere Marquette Broom Co.*, 62 Mich 626, 20 NW 469; *Surget v Doe*, 24 Miss 118; *Green v Barker*, 47 Neb 934, 66 NW 1032.

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On Sept. 23, 2005

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared Leon and Sadie Watson, known to me whose name is subscribed in the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same. Purpose of Jurat is for oath and identification only and cannot be used to indicate entry into any foreign jurisdiction

Leon and Sadie Watson, deposes and says that: I am the declarant in the foregoing declaration of Land Patent; that I have read and know the contents thereof, and that the matters therein stated are true to my knowledge; and do state that the above court cities are true

Witness my hand and official seal:



Tammy M. Orris  
Notary Public in and for said State

Leon Watson  
Leon Watson

My Commission expires: Nov. 16, 2011

Sadie Watson  
Sadie Watson

