



The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 9698
Application 17892 }

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Lan^der Arkansas, 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 Robert E. L. Franklin has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section twenty-five in Township seventeen South of Range eight West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Arkansas, containing forty 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 Robert E. L. Franklin the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Robert E. L. Franklin and to his heirs and assigns forever. ~~And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.~~

In testimony whereof I, William McKinley
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 seventeenth day of December , in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and , and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth
By the President: William McKinley

L. S.

By F. M. Akers Sec'y.

J. H. Brush, Recorder of the General Land Office.