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The United States of America, To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greeting: Homestead Certificate No 257 }  
Application #793  
of the United States to anticipate of the Register of the Land Office  
posited in the General Land Office, at Grand Island Nebraska, where  
by it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20<sup>th</sup>  
May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the Public  
Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Charles R.  
McConkey has been established and duly consummated, in con-  
formity to law for the East half of the South East quarter of  
Section thirty, in Township ten North, of Range sixteen West in  
the district of lands subject to sale at Grand Island Nebraska  
containing eighty acres. according to the Official Plat of the Sur-  
vey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by  
the Surveyor General: Now know ye, that there is, therefore, gran-  
ted by the United States unto the said Charles R. McConkey the  
tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said  
tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Charles  
R. McConkey and to his heirs and assigns forever. In witness  
whereof, I, Ulysses S. Grant, 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 tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one  
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Seal of the  
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By the President: U. S. Grant  
By S. D. Williamson, Secretary.

Recorded, Vol 1 Page 248 L. T. Lippincott, Recorder of the Gen-  
eral Land Office.

Filed for Record May 29<sup>th</sup> 1875 at 9 o'clock P. M.  
Jot Scott Co. Clerk  
By F. G. Neens Deputy.