

State of Nebraska,
 Buffalo County }
 I, B. F. Harbaugh a Notary Public in and for said
 County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Charles Hard and
 Annie Hard, his wife personally known to me to be the same persons whose
 names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this
 day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered
 the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the use
 and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the
 right thereunto.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal, this 26 day of January
 A. D. 1893.

[Signature]

B. F. Harbaugh,
 Notary Public.

United States
 To Patent
 Louis Gerke
 Homestead Certificate No. 9584
 Application 162.52

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 H. B. Osley, County Clerk,
 By E. C. Osley, Deputy
 The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come
 greeting: Whereas there has been deposited in the General Land Office
 of the United States a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Grand
 Island, Nebraska, 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 acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Louis Gerke
 has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law,
 for the North West-quarter of Section eighteen in Township eleven North
 of Range seventeen West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Nebraska
 containing one hundred and fifty eight acres and twelve hundredths
 of an acre 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 Louis Gerke the tract of land above described: To have and to
 hold the said tract of land, with the appurtenances thereunto, unto the
 said Louis Gerke and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I Benjamin Harrison, 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
 January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 ninety two and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred
 and sixteenth.

[Signature]

By the President, Benjamin Harrison
 By E. Macfarland, Asst. Secretary
 W. P. Roberts, Receiver of the General Land Office