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The United States of America, To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Homestead Certificate No. 586 }  
Application 969 ✓ } 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of John W. Higgins has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law for the North East quarter of Section twenty four in Township nine North of Range fourteen West, in the district of lands subject to sale at Grand Island Nebraska 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 John W. Higgins the tract of land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John W. Higgins and to his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony 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 first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety ninth.

Seal of Gen. Land Office

By the President: U. S. Grant  
By S. D. Williamson, Secretary  
Recorded, Vol 2, Page 55. L. R. Lippincott  
Recorder of the General Land Office.

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J. Scott Co. Clerk  
By F. G. News Deputy.