

The United States of America, To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Homestead Certificate No 8537

Application 2142. 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 the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Othlaus Christenson has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the South East quarter of Section two, in Township Eight north of Range seventeen 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 said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General: Now knowye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Othlaus Christenson the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Othlaus Christenson 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 tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundredth.  
 By the President: U. S. Grant, By D. D. Cone Secretary, C. W. Keelcomb, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Seal of  
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Simon B. Ayer  
County Clerk