



The United States of America,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850,

entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. *57,577*, for *40* acres,

issued in favor of *William Ard, Private in Captain Bickham's Company, Louisiana Militia, Mar 1812.*

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the

North West quarter, of the North East quarter, of Section seventeen, in Township one, of Range fourteen East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Washington, Mississippi, containing forty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL: *which has been assigned to John M. Rankin*

Now Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said

John M. Rankin

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *John M. Rankin, and to his*

heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *Franklin Pierce*

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 *fifth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-four* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the seventy-*eighth*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Franklin Pierce*
By *Geo. W. Wheeler, Asst. Sec'y.*
J. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office.



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