Bezaleel Weir — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 1243 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3495)

200 Acres on the North Fork of Clear Creek, Christian County, Kentucky
Original Claimant and Patentee (written "Bazaleel Wyer," "Wire" and "Wier")

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 18 October 1798 the commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certified that Bazaleel Wyer was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land by virtue of his having improved it, under the act "for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," lying on the North Fork of Clear Creek, beginning at a hickory and ash and running west and south to include his improvement (Certificate No. 3495). On 7 November 1798 Deputy Surveyor Will Ward surveyed the 200 acres for Bazaleel Wire in Christian County as a square of 178.8 poles on each side, with Payton Brown and Martin Saunders carrying the chain. That same day Ward surveyed Hannah McBee's adjoining 200 acres (KLG 1241) with the same chain carriers. The plat was received on 19 October 1799 and endorsed "State price not pd." The $70.93 state price was paid in the name of Bazaleel Wier on 27 December 1808, and Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to Bazaleel Wire on 13 February 1809. It was delivered to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey and confirmed against the patent. Distances are in poles.

November 7th 1798 Surveyed for Bazaleel Wire 200 acres of land by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 3495 in Christian County, lying on the North Fork of Clear Creek. Beginning at a white oak; thence West 178.8 poles to a black oak; thence South 178.8 poles to a white oak and dogwood; thence East 178.8 poles to a hickory and post oak; thence North 178.8 poles to the beginning.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3495 (Commissioners' certificate, for having improved the land)
Survey Grant Register Number	1243
Original Claimant	Bazaleel Wyer (written "Wire" on the survey and patent, "Wier" on the receipt)
Surveyed For / Patentee	Bazaleel Wire; no assignment (indexed by Jillson as "Weir, Razabel")
Acreage	200 acres
Land Quality	Second rate
Watercourse	North Fork of Clear Creek
County in Survey	Christian County
Certificate Date	18 October 1798
Survey Date	7 November 1798
Received by Land Office	19 October 1799
Recording	Survey: Book No. 2, page 55. Patent: Grant Book 7, page 352 (archivist's note)
Patent / Grant Issued	13 February 1809, signed by Governor Charles Scott; delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810
State Price Notation	$70.93, paid in full, per Auditor's Office receipt dated 27 December 1808
Deputy Surveyor	Will Ward, D.S.
County Surveyor	Not named
Chain Carriers	Payton Brown and Martin Saunders
Commissioners	Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown

Chronology

18 October 1798	Commissioners Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby and Jas. Brown certify Bazaleel Wyer's claim to 200 acres of second-rate land on the North Fork of Clear Creek, to include his improvement (Certificate No. 3495)
7 November 1798	200 acres surveyed for Bazaleel Wire by Will Ward, D.S.; chain carriers Payton Brown and Martin Saunders (Hannah McBee's KLG 1241 surveyed the same day)
19 October 1799	Plat received; endorsed "State price not pd."; recorded Book No. 2, page 55
27 December 1808	$70.93 paid in full in the name of Bazaleel Wier
13 February 1809	Grant No. 1243 issued to Bazaleel Wire, signed by Governor Charles Scott; Grant Book 7, page 352
3 January 1810	Patent delivered to Y. Ewing (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Bezaleel Weir	Original claimant; improved the land; surveyed for; patentee ("Bazaleel Wyer," "Wire" and "Wier" in the record; "Weir, Razabel" in Jillson's index)
Payton Brown	Chain carrier
Martin Saunders	Chain carrier
Will Ward	Deputy surveyor
Richard Young, Robert Mosby, James Brown	Commissioners
Y. Ewing	Received the patent (margin delivery note)
George Madison	Auditor
Charles Scott	Governor

Land Description

A 200-acre square, 178.8 poles on a side, on the North Fork of Clear Creek in Christian County (later Henderson and Hopkins counties), Kentucky. Its northwest corner, a black oak, is the northeast corner of Hannah McBee's KLG 1241, and its southeast corner, a hickory and post oak, is the beginning of Survey 8545.

Research Notes

Beside Hannah McBee. Will Ward surveyed this tract and Hannah McBee's KLG 1241 on the same day, 7 November 1798, with the same chain carriers, Payton Brown and Martin Saunders. Both are 178.8-pole squares. This survey runs west from a white oak to a black oak; 1241 begins at a black oak and runs west. Plotted, 1241 lies directly west of this tract, the black oak marking 1243's northwest corner and 1241's northeast corner. The southern ends of the shared line are described differently: "a white oak and dogwood" here, "a hickory and dogwood" in 1241.

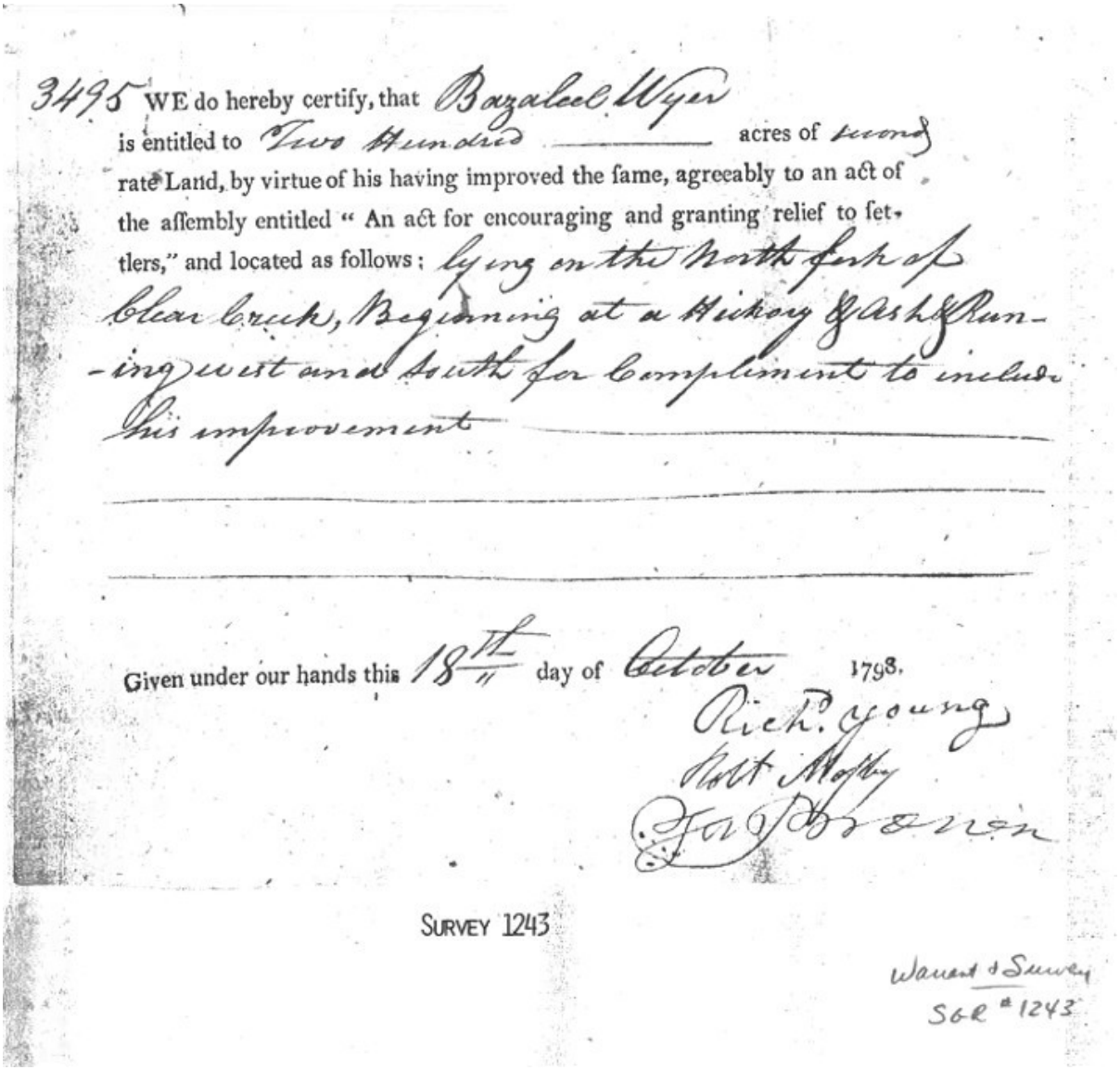
"Bezaleel Wier's line" in later surveys. Two 1806–1807 surveys by Asel Wier appear to call for this tract. Survey 8545 (Sarah Branson, 20 December 1806) begins "on a post oak, south east corner of Bezaleel Wier's survey," matching this survey's "hickory and post oak," and runs its north line 343 poles west "with said Wier's line." KLG 8552 runs south to "a black oak in Bezaleel Wier's line," the black oak that is this tract's northwest corner. These calls do not fit Bezaleel Weir's other tract, KLG 8535, whose southeast corner is "two maples and an elm." Survey 8545 has not yet been checked in full for this collection.

Patented after his death. Family research identifies Bezaleel Weir (1777–1806) as a son of William Weir (d. 1825, Sumner County, Tennessee) (David A. Ralls, "Willis Ralls of Hopkins County, Kentucky," family tree, Ancestry). Arthur Slaton's assignment of 23 May 1807 (KLG 8552) names "William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased." The state price on this tract was not paid until 27 December 1808, and the patent issued in Bezaleel's name on 13 February 1809, the same day as his KLG 8535. Both were delivered to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810.

Certificate and survey beginnings. The certificate locates the claim "beginning at a hickory & ash, running west and south" to include the improvement; the survey begins at a white oak and runs west and south. The record does not explain the difference.

Recording. The back of the survey is endorsed "No 1243, Recd 19 Oct 99, State price not pd., Recorded in Book No. 2 Page 55" and "Grant issued 13th February 1809." A modern archivist's note on the patent gives Grant Book 7, page 352. The receipt's left margin reads "B 33 No 1243" [?].

Images / Appendix



3495 WE do hereby certify, that Bazaleel Wyer is entitled to Two Hundred acres of second rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of the assembly entitled "An act for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," and located as follows: lying on the North fork of Clear Creek, Beginning at a Hickory & Ash & Running west and South for Compliment to include his improvement

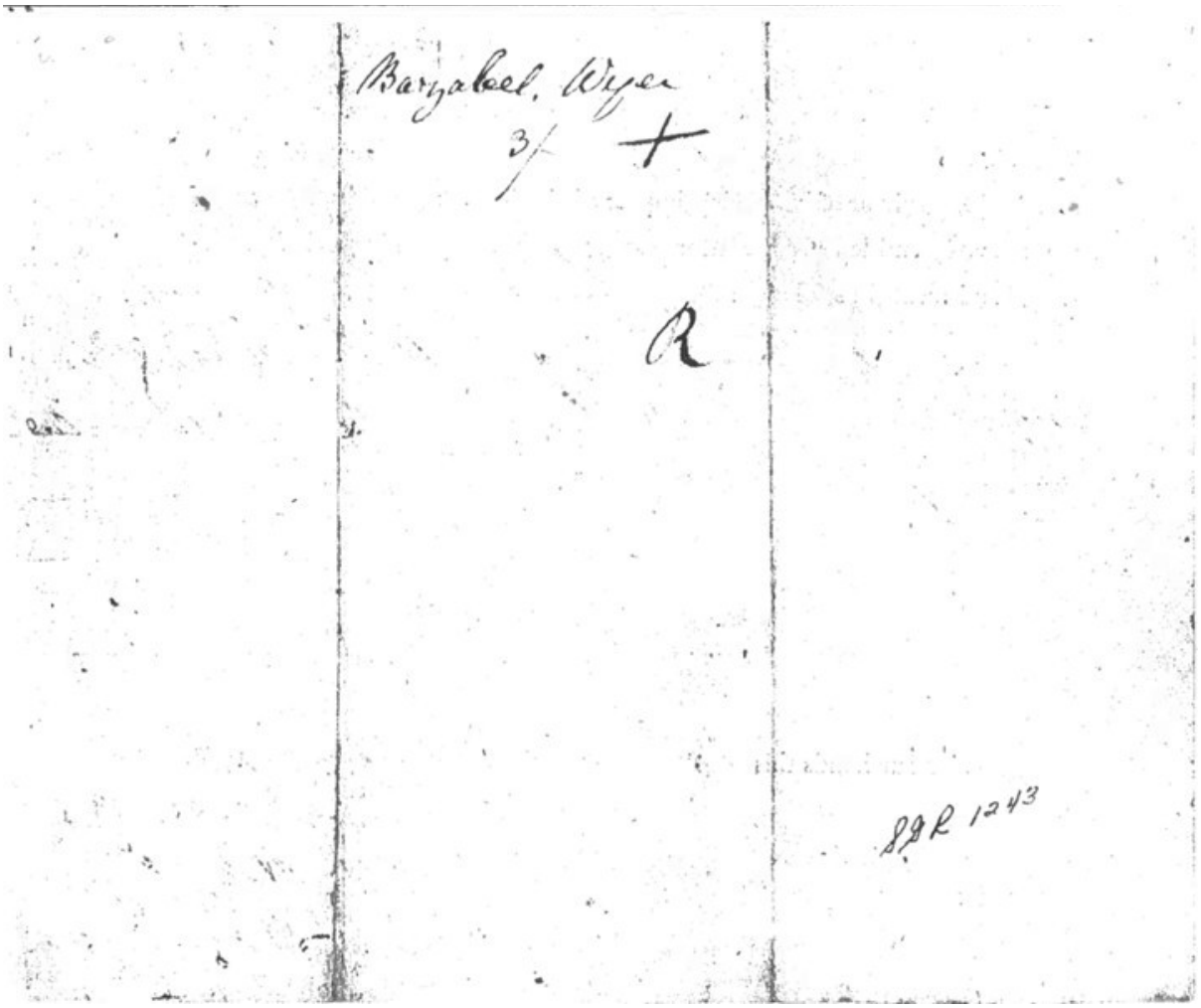
Given under our hands this 18th day of October 1798.

Rich.d Young
Robt Mosby
Jas Brown

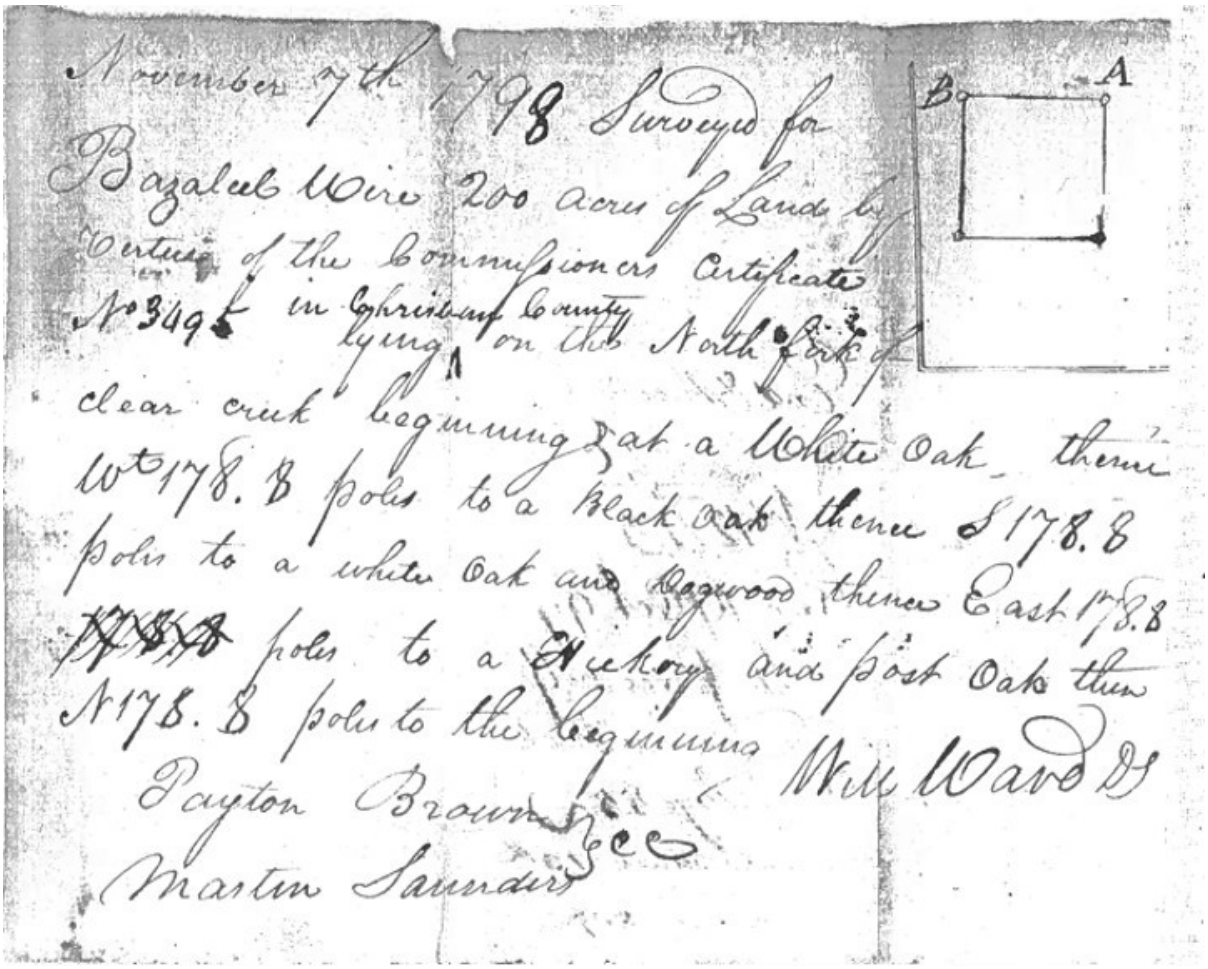
SURVEY 1243

Warrant & Survey
SGR #1243

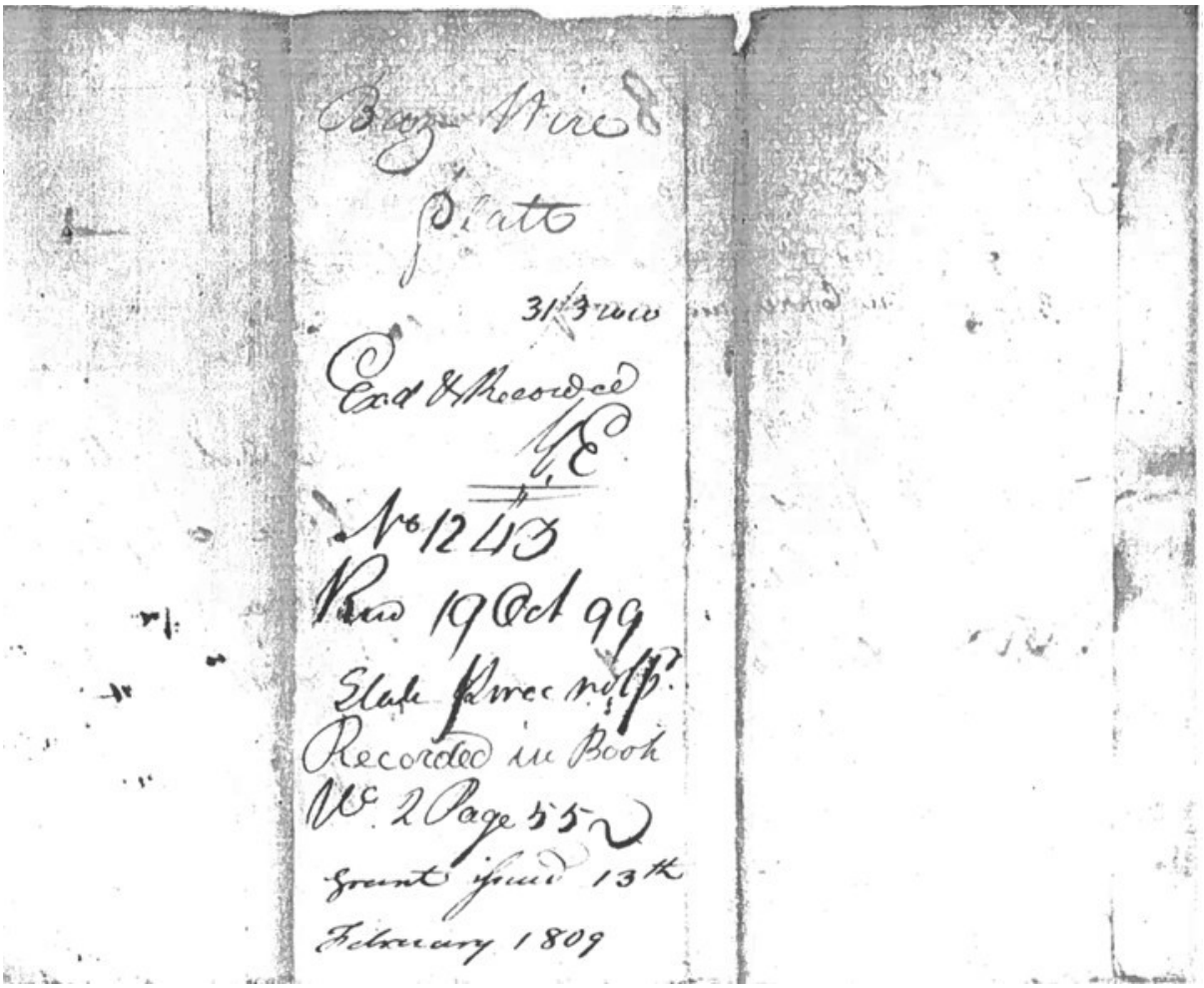
Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3495 — Front (18 October 1798).



Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back.



Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 1243 — Front (7 November 1798).



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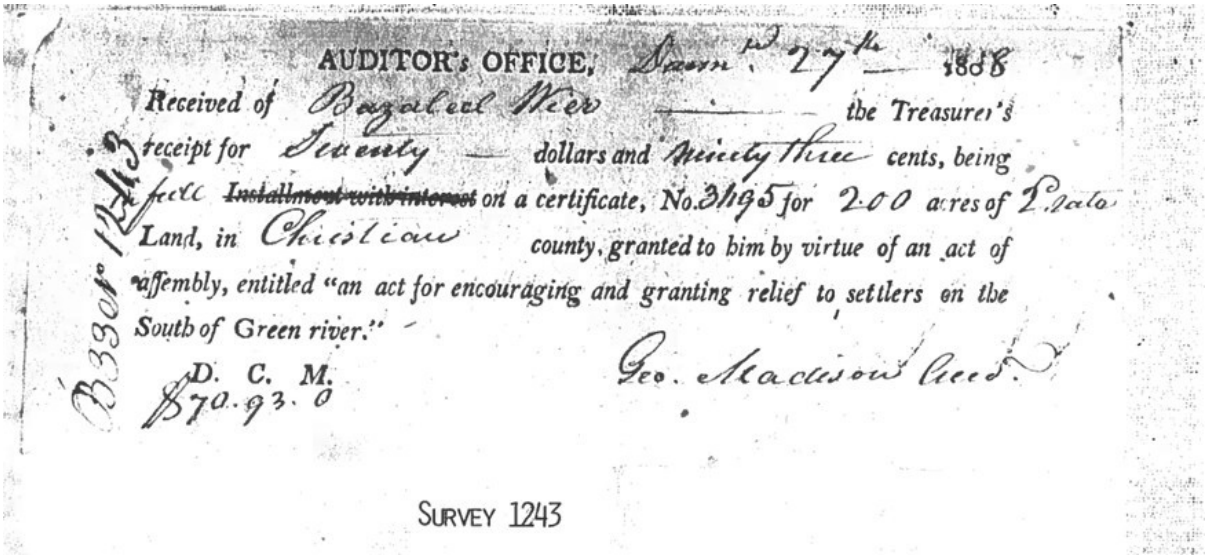
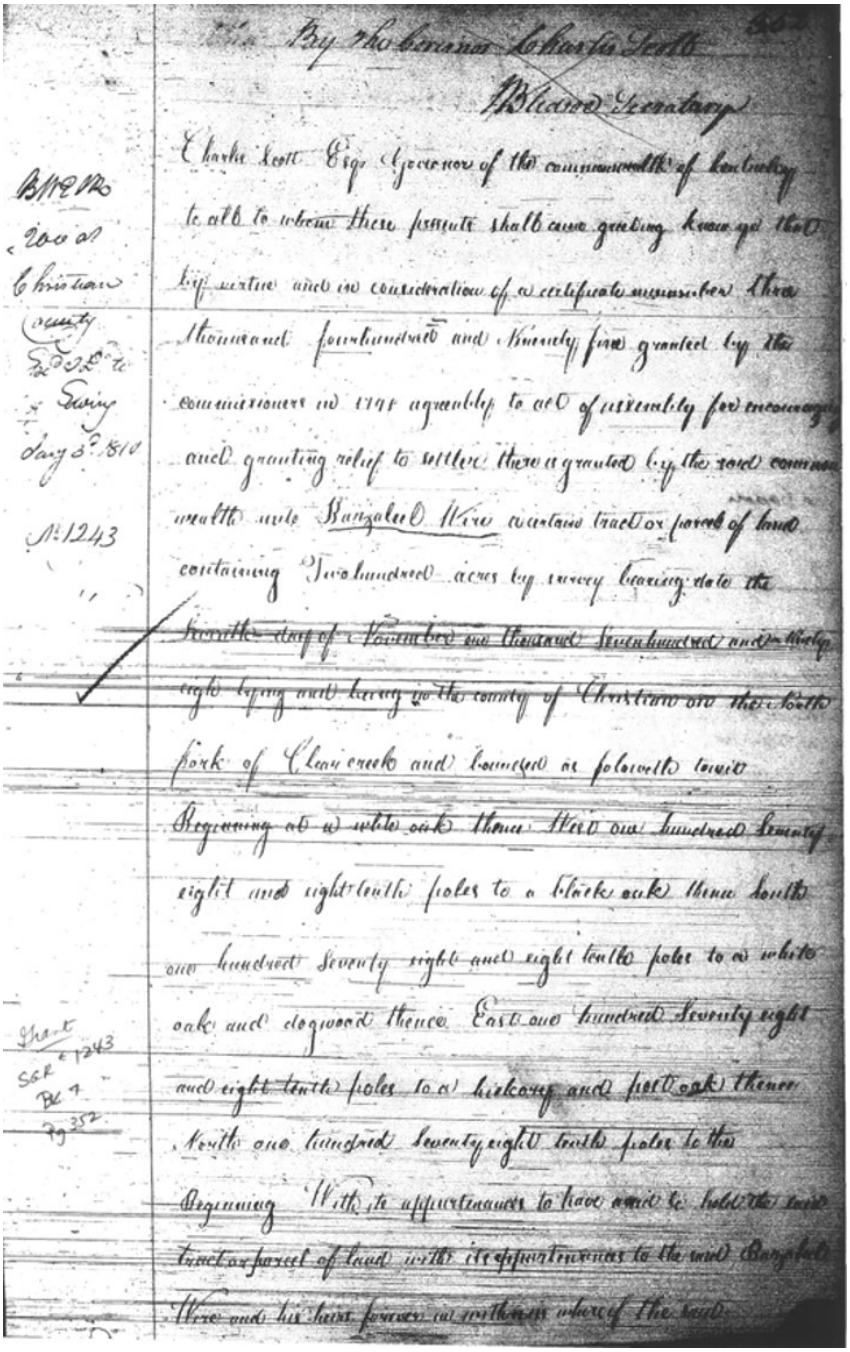
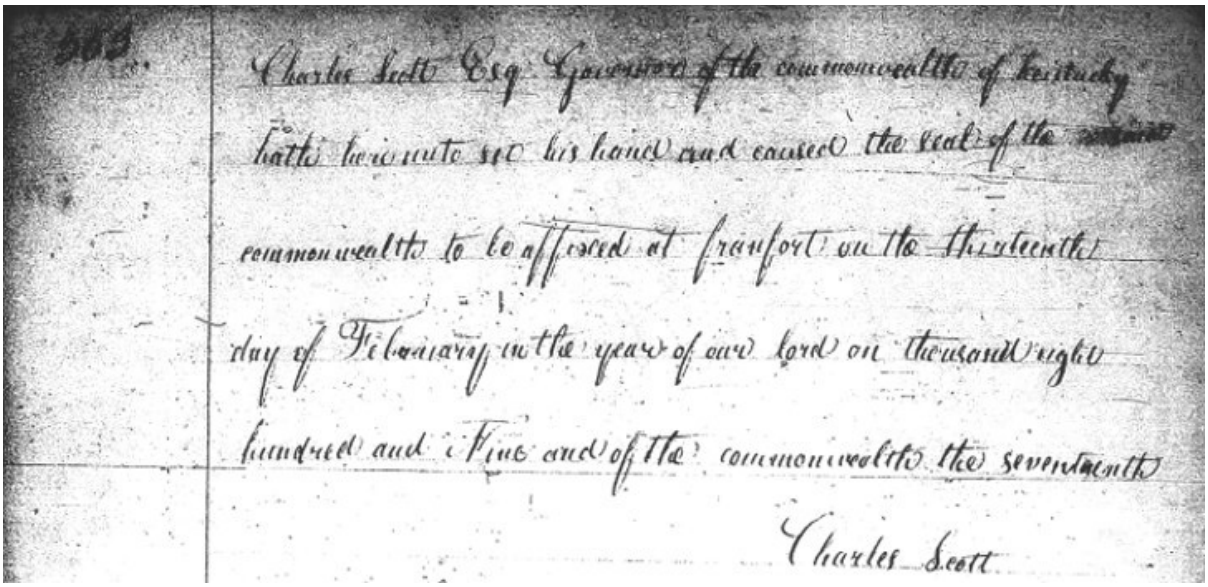


Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt (27 December 1808).



Appendix Image 6. Grant/Patent No. 1243 — Page 1 (Grant Book 7, page 352; margin: delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810).


Charles Scott Esq. Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky
hath herewunto set his hand and caused the seal of the
commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the thirteenth
day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight
hundred and Five and of the commonwealth the seventeenth
Charles Scott

Appendix Image 7. Grant/Patent No. 1243 — Page 2 (signature of Governor Charles Scott).