Calvin Merry — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 3521 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 5065)

200 Acres on a Branch of the West Fork of Pond River, Christian County, Kentucky

Original claimant; certificate sold to Willis Morgan, 10 November 1813, and reassigned to Calvin Merry, 21 November 1813

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Source Citation

Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 3521, Calvin Merry, 200 acres, Christian County: Commissioners' Certificate No. 5065, 13 November 1798; survey, 1 March 1799, received 24 November 1802, recorded Book 4, page 14[4?]; Register's Office receipt, 10 November 1813, with Willis Morgan's assignment of 21 November 1813 on the back; Auditor's Office receipt, 6 May 1814; patent, 7 May 1814, Grant Book 14, pages 449–450. Digital images supplied by the Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office. Indexed in Willard Rouse Jillson, The Kentucky Land Grants: A Systematic Index to All of the Land Grants Recorded in the State Land Office at Frankfort, Kentucky, 1782–1924, Filson Club Publications No. 33 (Louisville: Standard Printing Co., 1925; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994), "South of Green River," p. 361, as "Merry, Calvin."

Abstract

On 13 November 1798 the commissioners certified that Calvin Merry was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land on the waters of Pond River, beginning on a black oak, by virtue of his improvement. On 1 March 1799 Will. Ward, deputy surveyor for Young Ewing, Surveyor of Christian County, surveyed the 200 acres on a branch of the West Fork of Pond River, with Calvin Merry and Jno. Kuykendall as chain carriers. The survey was received on 24 November 1802. When the second instalment went unpaid, the Register sold the claim on 10 November 1813, under the act of 1 February 1813, to Willis Morgan, who paid it and on 21 November 1813 assigned the certificate back to Calvin Merry "without recourse." Merry paid the balance in full, $55.50, on 6 May 1814, and on 7 May 1814 Governor Isaac Shelby signed the patent to Calvin Merry. The receipts and the patent give the certificate number as 4605; the certificate and survey give 5065.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for Calvin Merry 200 acres of land in Christian County by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. (5065), on a branch of the West Fork of Pond River. Beginning at a black oak; thence S[outh] 45° E[ast] 178.8 poles to a poplar; thence N[orth] 45° E[ast] 178.8 poles to a white oak in the brushy barrens; thence N[orth] 45° W[est] 178.8 poles to a stake; thence S[outh] 45° W[est] 178.8 poles to the beginning. March 1st 1799. Calvin Merry, Jno. Kuykendall, C.C. Will. Ward, D.S.; Young Ewing, S.C.C. (A 178.8-pole square; the courses close exactly and hold 200 acres.)

Record Summary

Certificate Number	5065 (Commissioners' Certificate, 13 November 1798); the receipts give No. 4605 and the patent "5065 alias 4605"
Survey/Grant Register Number	3521
Original Claimant	Calvin Merry
Assignee / Surveyed For	Calvin Merry (certificate sold to Willis Morgan, 10 November 1813, and assigned back to Merry, 21 November 1813)
Acreage	200 acres (178.8-pole square), second rate
Watercourse	A branch of the West Fork of Pond River
County in Survey	Christian
Certificate Date	13 November 1798
Survey Date	1 March 1799
Received / Recorded	Received 24 November 1802; recorded Book 4, page 14[4?]
Patent / Grant Issued	7 May 1814, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor; M. D. Hardin, Secretary; Grant Book 14, pages 449–450
State Price Notation	Second instalment sold 10 November 1813 to Willis Morgan (Register's receipt); $55.50 balance in full, Auditor's receipt 6 May 1814
Deputy Surveyor	Will. Ward, D.S.; Young Ewing, Surveyor of Christian County
Chain Carriers	Calvin Merry and Jno. Kuykendall
Patent Delivered	"Sent by mail to H. Martin" (margin note)

Chronology

13 November 1798	Commissioners' Certificate No. 5065 issued to Calvin Merry for 200 acres on the waters of Pond River
1 March 1799	200 acres surveyed for Merry on a branch of the West Fork of Pond River by Will. Ward, D.S.
24 November 1802	Survey received (docket and receipt note)
10 November 1813	Register's Office: the claim, unpaid on its second instalment, sold in Merry's name to Willis Morgan, who pays it (M. Hardin, Register)
21 November 1813	Willis Morgan assigns the certificate to Calvin Merry "without recourse"
6 May 1814	Auditor's receipt for $55.50, balance in full, on Certificate No. 4605 (George Madison, Auditor)
7 May 1814	Patent issued to Calvin Merry, signed by Governor Isaac Shelby

Persons Named in the Record

Calvin Merry	Claimant and patentee; chain carrier
Willis Morgan	Bought the claim at the Register's sale for the second instalment, 10 November 1813; assigned the certificate back to Merry, 21 November 1813 (not Willis Ralls)
Will. Ward	Deputy surveyor
Young Ewing	Surveyor of Christian County (S.C.C.)
Jno. Kuykendall	Chain carrier
Rich'd Young, Rob't Mosby, Jas. Brown	Commissioners who signed the certificate
M. Hardin	Register of the Land Office; signed the Register's receipt, 10 November 1813
George Madison	Auditor; signed the receipt, 6 May 1814
Isaac Shelby	Governor; signed the patent
M. D. Hardin	Secretary; countersigned the patent
H. Martin	Patent sent to him by mail (margin note)

Land Description

200 acres of second-rate land on a branch of the West Fork of Pond River, Christian County: a 178.8-pole square on 45-degree bearings, beginning at a black oak, with a white oak in the brushy barrens at its east corner. No neighbor is named.

Research Notes

Certificate number. The certificate and the survey give No. 5065. The Register's receipt of 1813 reads No. 4605 (the first figures written over), the Auditor's receipt of 1814 reads 4605, and the patent recites "Certificate No. 5065 alias 4605." The same claim is meant; the two numbers are recorded as written.

Willis Morgan. Under the act of 1 February 1813 regulating the debt for vacant land, the Register sold claims whose instalments were unpaid. On 10 November 1813 this claim was sold in Calvin Merry's name to Willis Morgan, who paid the second instalment; on 21 November 1813 Morgan assigned the certificate to Calvin Merry "without recourse." Three days later, on 13 November 1813, the Register sold Hezekiah Newman's certificate behind Merry's Patent No. 10176 to Willis Morgan in the same way. Willis Morgan is not Willis Ralls.

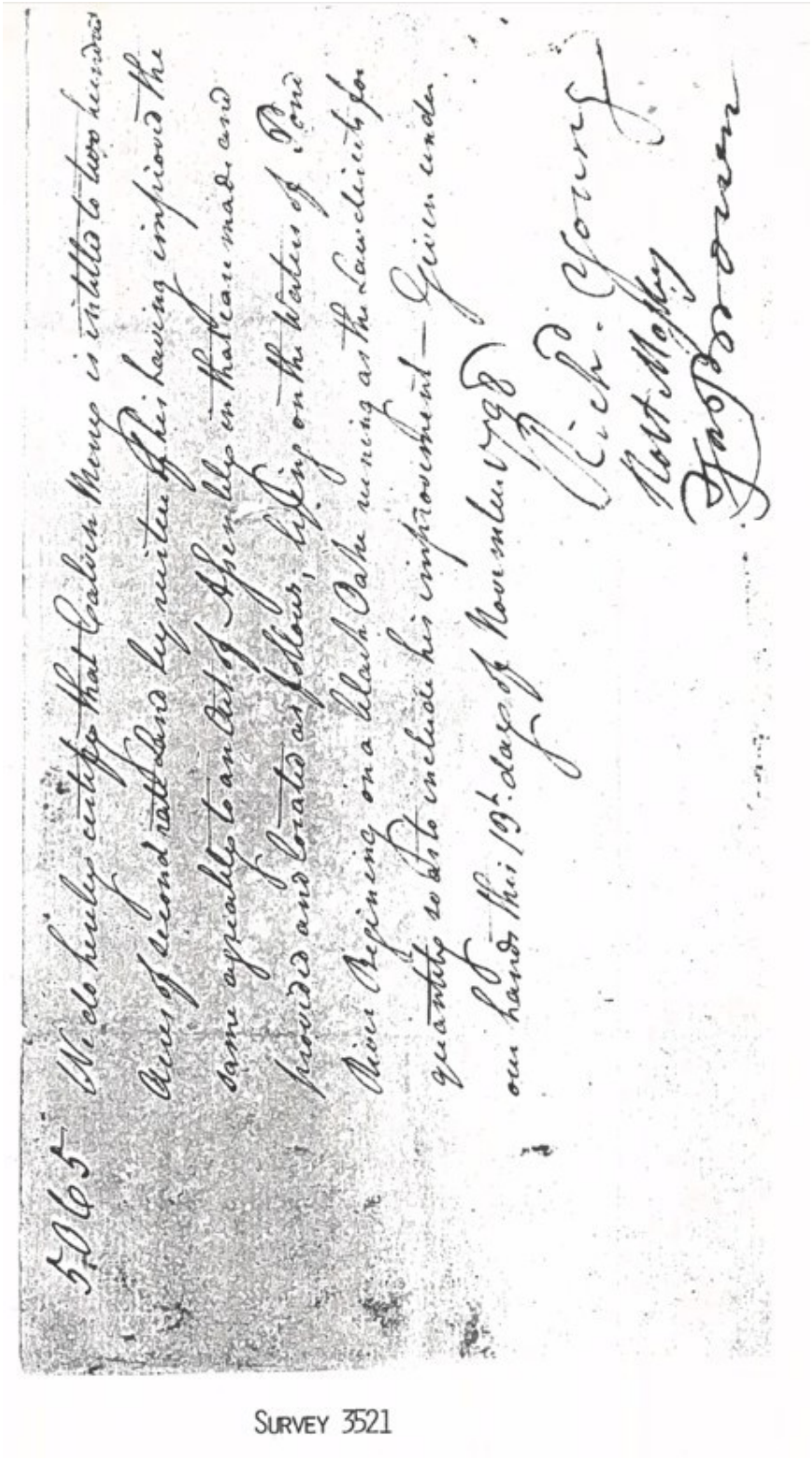
Received date. The survey docket reads "Rec'd 24 Nov"; the auditor's receipt is headed "24 Nov. 1802 Cal. Merry," which supplies the year.

Not tied to a neighbor. The survey names no adjoining owner, and no published record names its corners. It lies on the West Fork of Pond River, like Merry's 1233, 7248 and 10176, not on Tradewater. Nothing in this record ties it to "Calvin Mary's corner" in John Whitesides's KLG 7022 (Cluster D).

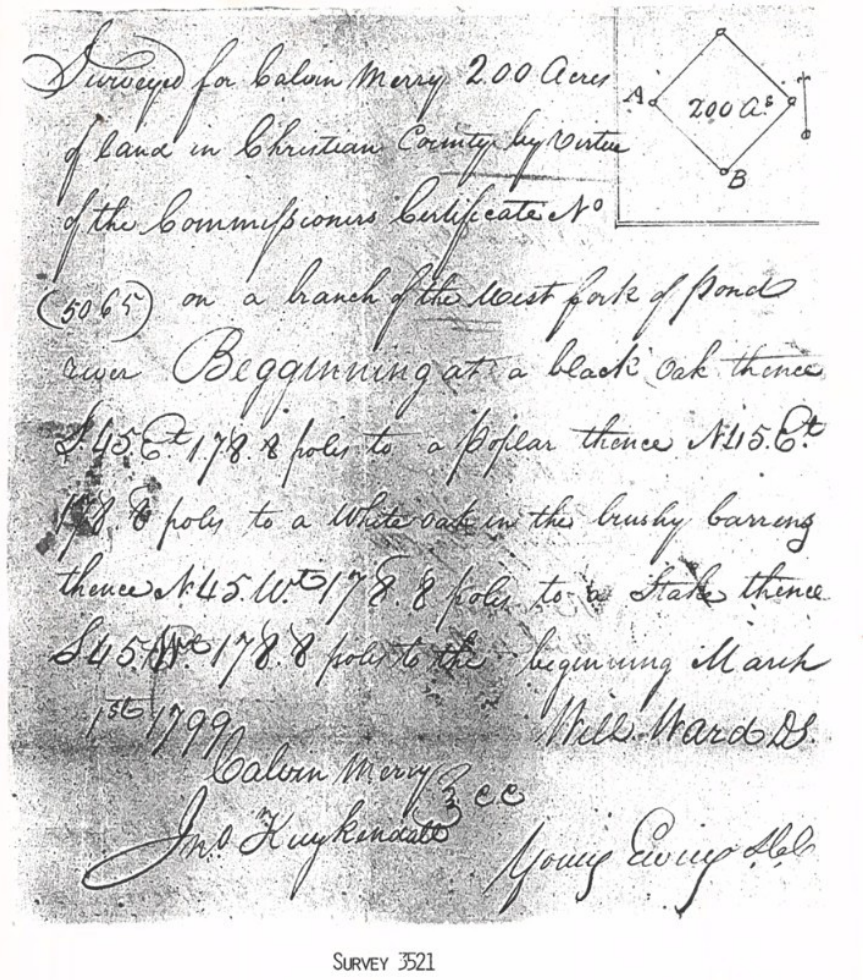
Register number confusion. The margin of the patent for Merry's 1233 reads "No. 3521"; an archivist's note there corrects it to 1233. This record's own docket reads No. 3521.

Willis Ralls. Willis Ralls is not named in this record.

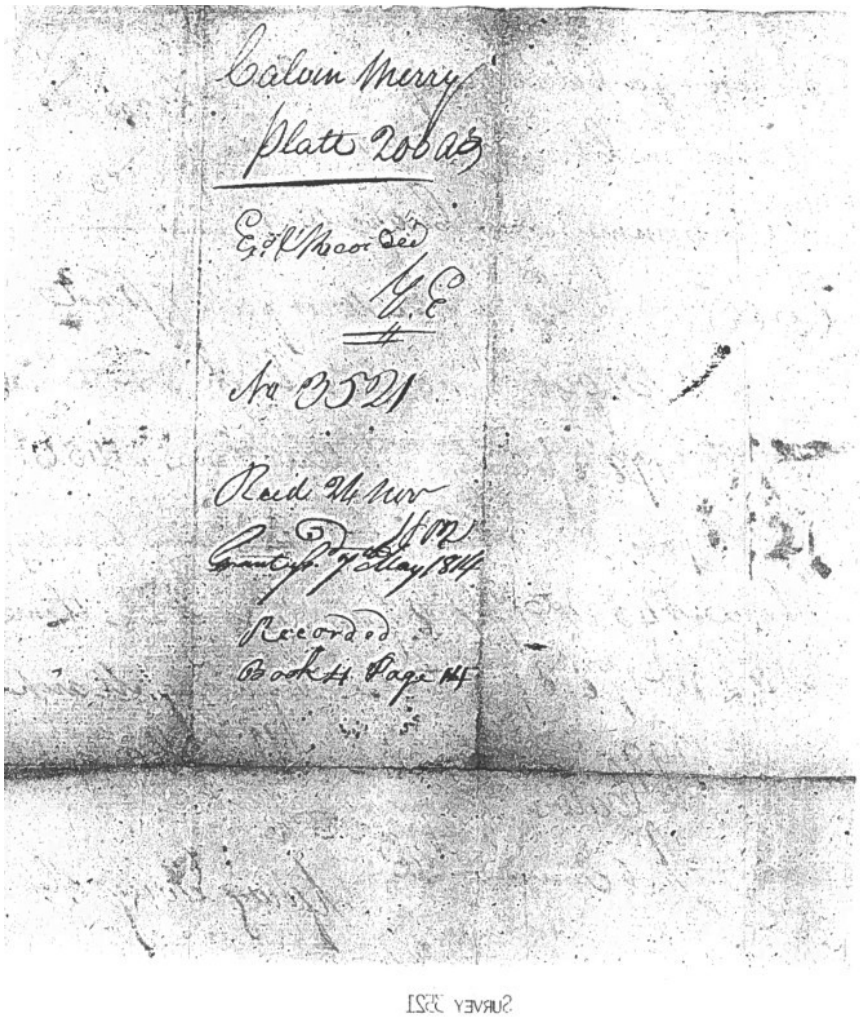
Images / Appendix



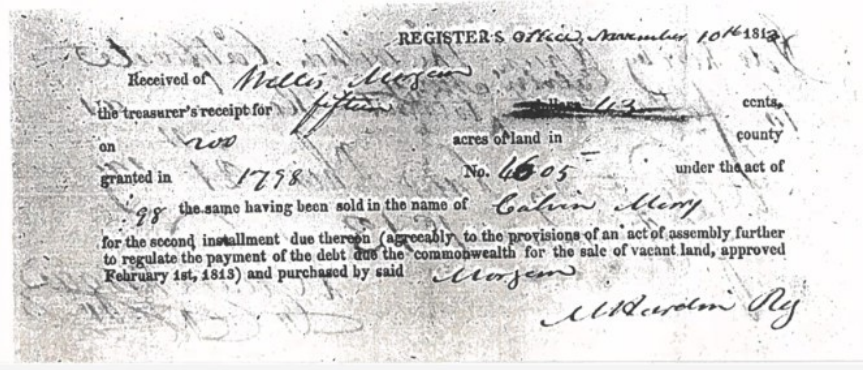
Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 5065 for Calvin Merry, 13 November 1798.



Appendix Image 2. Survey for Calvin Merry, 200 acres, branch of the West Fork of Pond River, 1 March 1799, with plat.



Appendix Image 3. Survey — back: docket No. 3521; received 24 November [1802]; grant 7 May 1814; recorded Book 4.



Appendix Image 4. Register's Office receipt, 10 November 1813: claim No. 4605 sold to Willis Morgan for the second instalment.



I do hereby Assign the within Certificate to Calvin Merry without Recourse as Witness my hand this 21 day of November 1813

Willis Morgan

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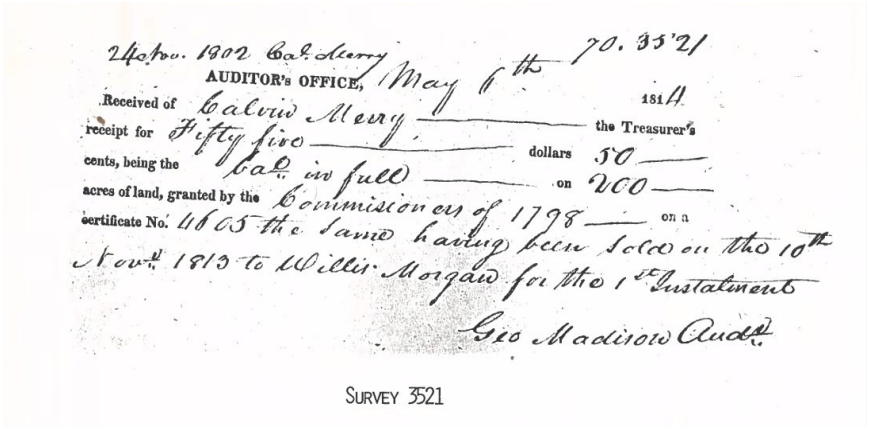
Appendix Image 5. Register's receipt — back: Willis Morgan's assignment to Calvin Merry, 21 November 1813.



24 Nov. 1802 Cal. Merry 70. 35'21

AUDITOR's OFFICE, May 6th 1814

Received of Calvin Merry the Treasurer's receipt for Fifty five dollars 50 cents, being the bal. in full on 200 acres of land, granted by the Commissioners of 1798 on a certificate No. 4605 the same having been sold on the 10th Nov. 1813 to Willis Morgan for the 1st Instalment

Geo Madison Audr.

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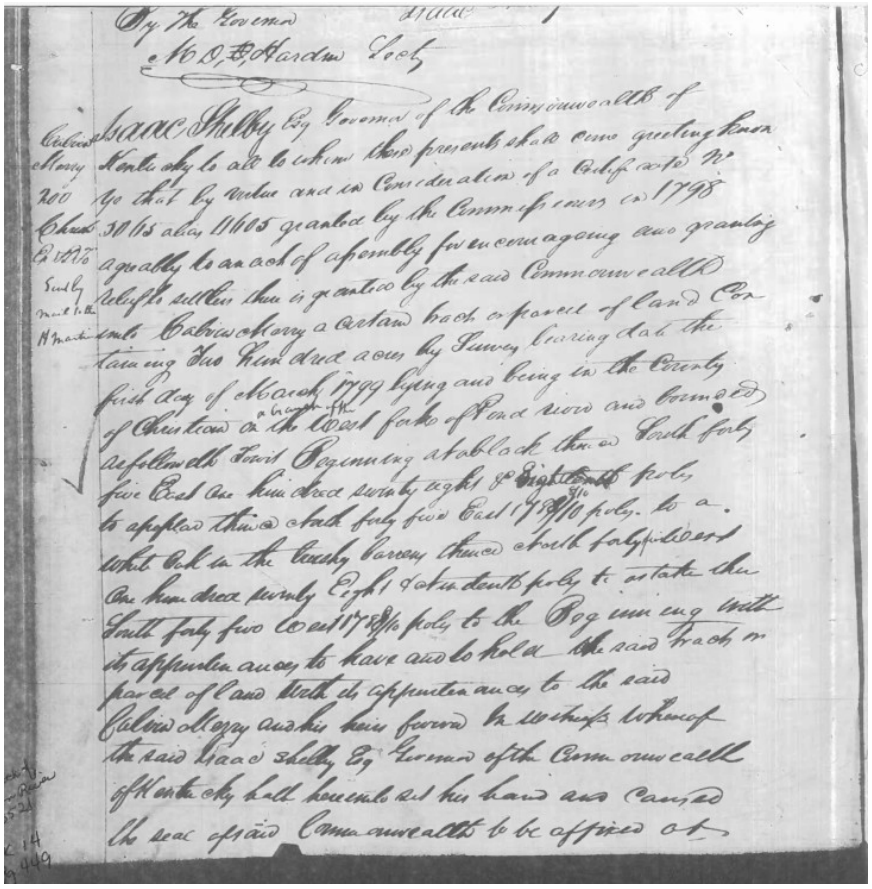
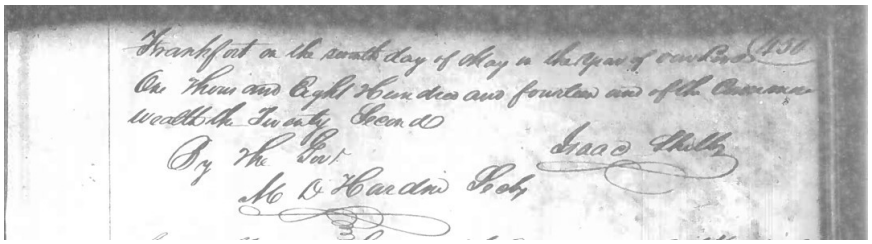
Appendix Image 6. Auditor's receipt, 6 May 1814, $55.50 balance in full on Certificate No. 4605.



Appendix Image 7. Patent to Calvin Merry, 7 May 1814, page 1 (Grant Book 14, page 449).



Appendix Image 8. Patent — page 2 (page 450), Isaac Shelby, Governor.