# Colvan [Calvin] Merry — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 7248 (County Certificate No. 868)

200 Acres on the Waters of Pond River, Christian County, Kentucky

Original claimant ("Calvin Merry" in the certificate and receipt; "Colvan Merry" in the survey and patent)

*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. 7248, Colvan [Calvin] Merry, 200 acres, Christian County: Christian County Court certificate No. 868, 13 September 1802 (copy, teste John Clark, C.C.C.); survey, 27 August 1803, received 24 November 180[7?], recorded R. B. 8, page 61; Auditor's Office receipt, 3 November 1810; patent, 14 November 1810, Grant Book 8, page 347. 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, Colvin."

## Abstract

On 13 September 1802 the Christian County Court certified that Calvin Merry was entitled to 200 acres by virtue of having settled the same, located in Christian County "adjoining his former claim, it being his additional claim," on the waters of the West Fork of Pond River, beginning on the north-west corner. On 27 August 1803 John Campbell, Surveyor of Christian County, surveyed 200 acres for "Colvan Merry" on the waters of Pond River, with Horace Merry and David Wright as chain carriers. The Auditor's receipt for $35.83, the balance in full, is dated 3 November 1810, and on 14 November 1810 Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to Colvan Merry; it was sent by mail to Ch. F. Wing.

## Survey Description

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

Surveyed for Colvan Merry 200 acres of land in Christian C[oun]ty on the waters of Pond River by virtue of a certificate granted to him by the County Court of Christian (No. 868). Beginning at a white oak; thence N[orth] 68 W[est] 160 poles to a post oak and black oak; [thence] N[orth] 22 E[ast] 200 poles to a post oak; [thence] S[outh] 68 E[ast] 160 poles to a stake; [thence] S[outh] 22

W[est] 200 poles to the beginning. August 27th 1803. Horace Merry, David Wright, C.C. John Campbell, S.C.C. (A 160-by-200-pole rectangle; the courses close exactly and hold 200 acres.)

## Record Summary

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| **Certificate Number** | 868 (Christian County Court certificate, 13 September 1802) |
| **Survey/Grant Register Number** | 7248 (survey docket; the patent margin reads "No. 1233" — see Research Notes) |
| **Original Claimant** | Calvin Merry |
| **Patentee** | Colvan Merry (the same man; "Calvin" in the certificate and receipt) |
| **Acreage** | 200 acres (160 by 200 poles) |
| **Watercourse** | Waters of Pond River (certificate: waters of the West Fork of Pond River) |
| **County in Survey** | Christian |
| **Certificate Date** | 13 September 1802 |
| **Survey Date** | 27 August 1803 |
| **Received / Recorded** | Received 24 November 180[7?]; recorded R. B. 8, page 61 |
| **Patent / Grant Issued** | 14 November 1810, signed by Charles Scott, Governor; J. Bledsoe, Secretary; Grant Book 8, page 347 |
| **State Price Notation** | $35.83, balance in full, Auditor's receipt 3 November 1810, under the act of 20 December 1800 |
| **Surveyor** | John Campbell, Surveyor of Christian County |
| **Chain Carriers** | Horace Merry and David Wright |
| **Patent Delivered** | "Examined  sent by mail to Ch. F. Wing, 14th Nov. 1810" (margin note) |

## Chronology

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| **13 September 1802** | Christian County Court certificate No. 868: Calvin Merry entitled to 200 acres adjoining his former claim, his additional claim, on the waters of the West Fork of Pond River (John Clark, clerk) |
| **27 August 1803** | 200 acres surveyed for Colvan Merry by John Campbell, S.C.C. |

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| **24 November 180[7?]** | Survey received; recorded R. B. 8, page 61 |
| **3 November 1810** | Auditor's receipt for $35.83, balance in full (George Madison, Auditor) |
| **14 November 1810** | Patent issued to Colvan Merry, signed by Governor Charles Scott; sent by mail to Ch. F. Wing |

## Persons Named in the Record

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| **Calvin (Colvan) Merry** | Claimant and patentee |
| **Horace Merry** | Chain carrier |
| **David Wright** | Chain carrier |
| **John Campbell** | Surveyor of Christian County; made the survey |
| **John Clark** | Clerk, Christian County Court; attested the certificate |
| **George Madison** | Auditor; signed the receipt |
| **Charles Scott** | Governor; signed the patent |
| **J. Bledsoe** | Secretary; countersigned the patent |
| **Ch. F. Wing** | Patent sent to him by mail (margin note) |

## Land Description

200 acres on the waters of Pond River, Christian County: a rectangle of 160 by 200 poles on bearings of 68 and 22 degrees, beginning at a white oak. The certificate places it adjoining Merry's former claim, as his additional claim, beginning on the north-west corner; the survey names no neighbor.

## Research Notes

Additional claim. The county court certificate places this 200 acres "adjoining his former claim, it being his additional claim, on the waters of the West Fork of Pond River, beginning on the north-west corner." Merry's earlier claims are his 200 acres from William Eaton's certificate (Patent No. 1233, surveyed 1799) and his own 200 acres (Patent No. 3521, surveyed 1799). The survey names no corner of either, and it runs on 68- and 22-degree bearings, while 1233 runs on 46 and 44 degrees and 3521 on 45 degrees, so which former claim it adjoins, and where, is not fixed.

Name. The certificate and the receipt read Calvin Merry; the survey, docket and patent read Colvan Merry. Jillson indexes this grant on p. 361 as "Merry, Colvin," 200 acres, survey dated 27 August 1803. They are taken here as the same man.

Register number. The survey docket gives No. 7248. The margin of the patent reads "No. 1233," which is the docket number of Merry's survey from William Eaton's certificate; the register clerks appear to have confused Merry's file numbers.

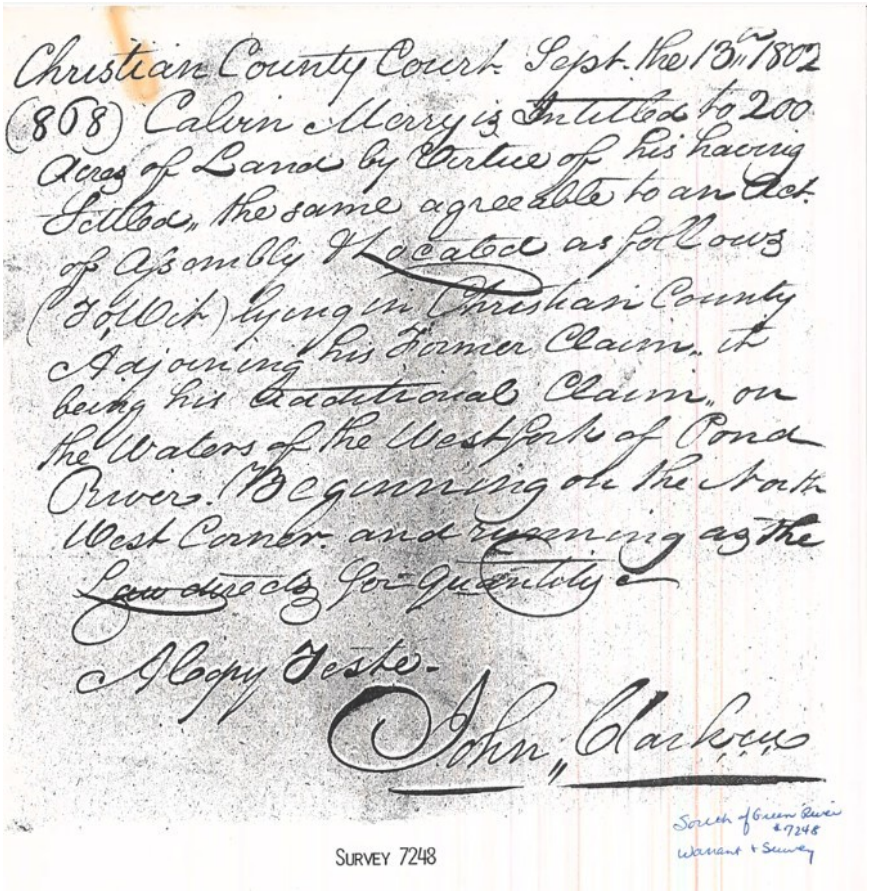
Received date. The docket reads "Rec'd 24th Nov. 180_"; the last figure is unclear and is read as 7.

Chain carrier. Horace Merry carried the chain; his relationship to Calvin Merry is not stated.

Not on Tradewater. Nothing in this record ties the tract to "Calvin Mary's corner" in John Whitesides's KLG 7022 (Cluster D).

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

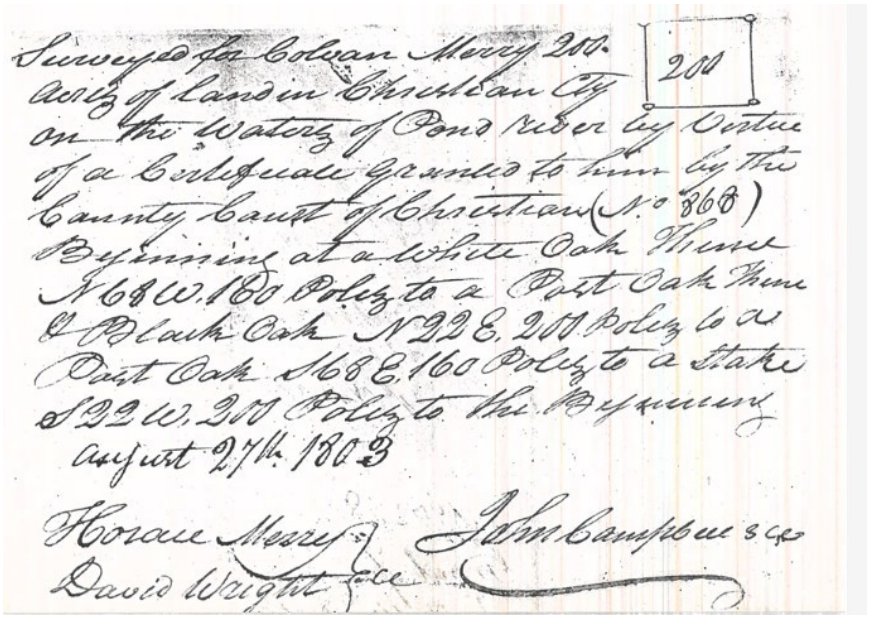
## Images / Appendix



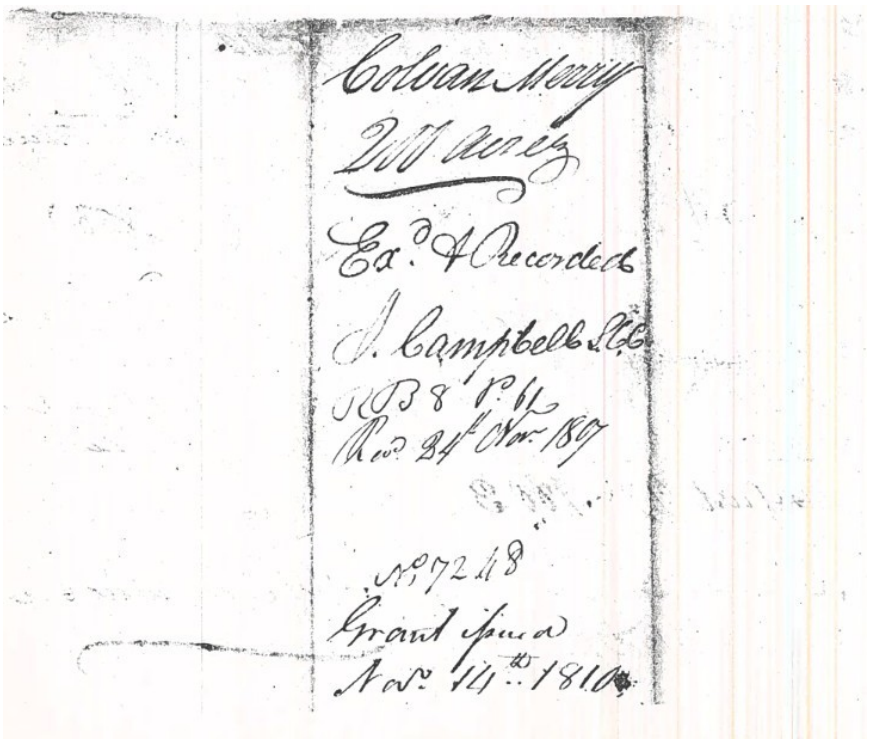

*Appendix Image 1. Christian County Court certificate No. 868 for Calvin Merry, 13 September 1802 (copy, John Clark).*



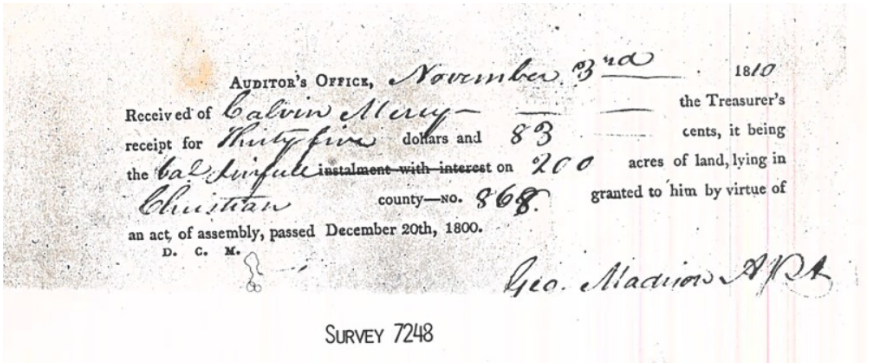

*Appendix Image 2. Certificate — back: "C. Merry, Recorded."*



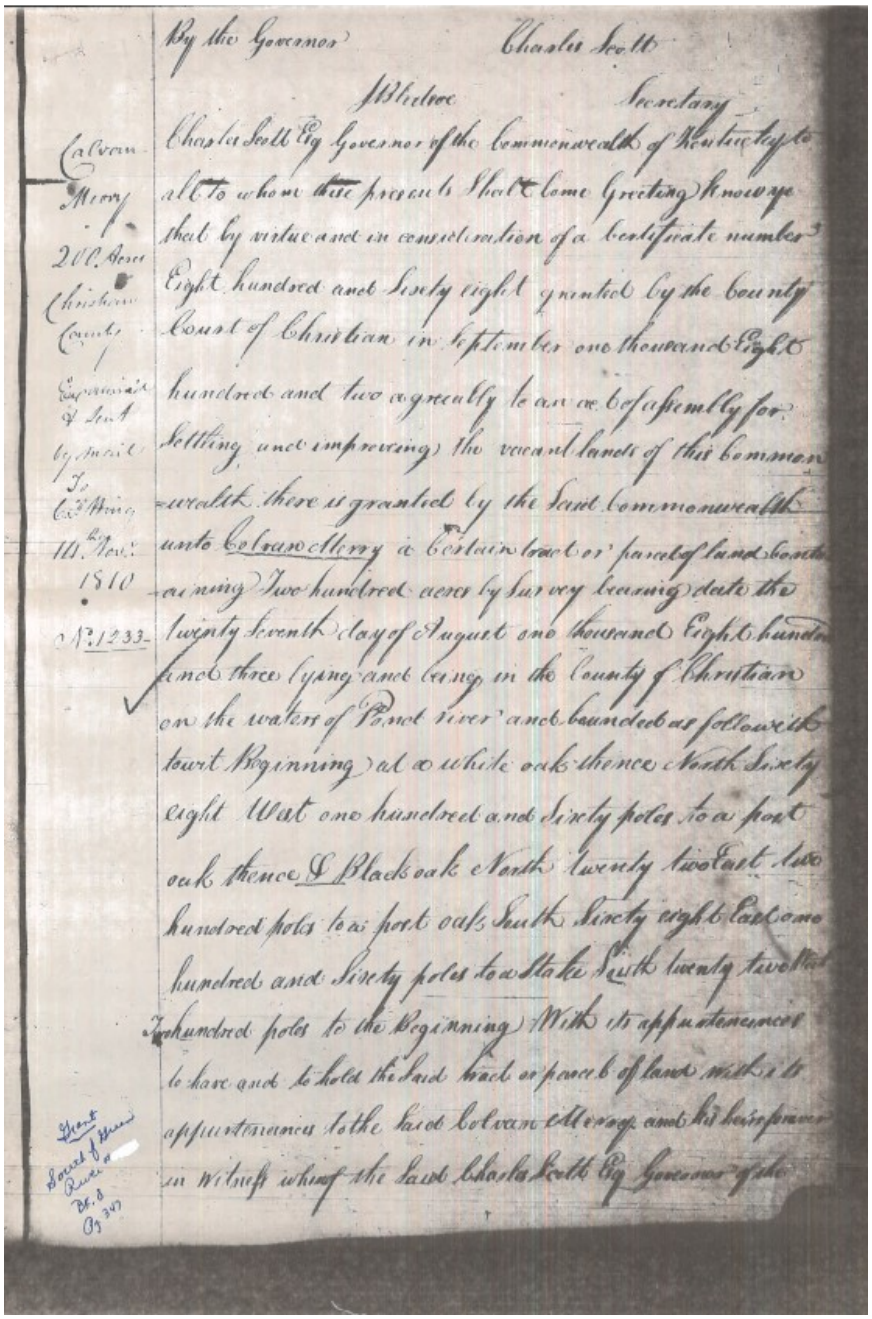

*Appendix Image 3. Survey for Colvan Merry, 200 acres, waters of Pond River, 27 August 1803, with plat.*




*Appendix Image 4. Survey — back: examined and recorded, J. Campbell, S.C.C.; R. B. 8, p. 61; No. 7248; grant 14 November 1810.*




*Appendix Image 5. Auditor's receipt, 3 November 1810, $35.83 on certificate No. 868.*



By the Governor Charles Scott

Bledsoe Secretary

Calvan Merry 200 Acres Christian County Examined & Sent by mail To Cd Wing 14th Nov. 1810 No. 1233

Charles Scott Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents Shall Come Greeting Know ye that by virtue and in consideration of a Certificate number Eight hundred and Sixty eight granted by the County Court of Christian in September one thousand Eight hundred and two agreeably to an act of assembly for Settling and improving the vacant lands of this Common-wealth there is granted by the Said Commonwealth unto Colvan Merry a Certain tract or parcel of land Contain-ing Two hundred acres by Survey bearing date the twenty Seventh day of August one thousand Eight hundred and three lying and being in the County of Christian on the waters of Pond river and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a white oak thence North Sixty eight West one hundred and Sixty poles to a post oak thence & Black oak North twenty two East two hundred poles to a post oak South Sixty eight East one hundred and Sixty poles to a Stake South twenty two West Two hundred poles to the Beginning With its appurtenances to have and to hold the Said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the Said Colvan Merry and his heirs forever in Witness whereof the Said Charles Scott Esq Governor of the

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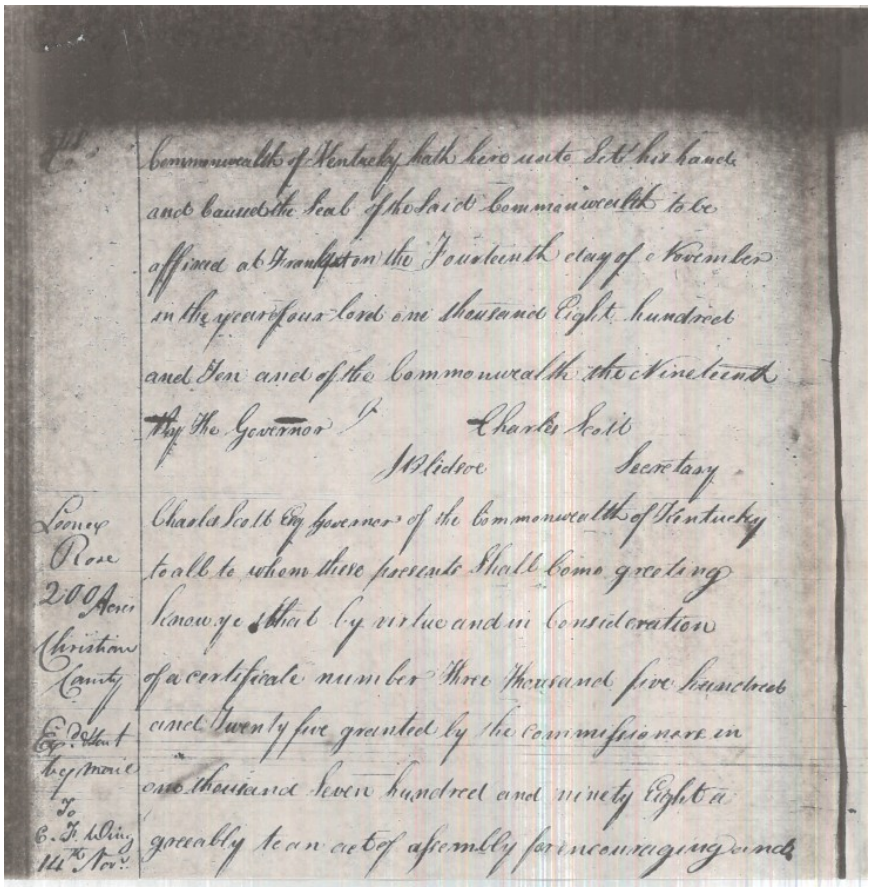
*Appendix Image 6. Patent to Colvan Merry, 14 November 1810, page 1, Charles Scott, Governor (Grant Book 8, page 347).*



Commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto Set his hand
and Caused the Seal of the Said Commonwealth to be
affixed at Frankfort on the Fourteenth day of November
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred
and Ten and of the Commonwealth the Nineteenth
By the Governor Charles Scott
J Bledsoe Secretary

Leonard Rose 200 Acres Christian County Exd. Stat by mail To C. F. Wing 14th Nov.

Charles Scott Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
to all to whom these presents Shall Come greeting
Know ye that by virtue and in Consideration
of a certificate number Three thousand five hundred
and Twenty five granted by the Commissioners in
one thousand Seven hundred and ninety Eight a
greeably to an act of assembly for encouraging and

*Appendix Image 7. Patent — page 2: sealed at Frankfort, 14 November 1810.*