Eliezer Givens — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 9309 (Removed County Certificate No. 2755)

360 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater, Hopkins County, Kentucky

Assignee of William Stuart, Assignee of Abner Martin, Assignee of Bennett G. Cartwright, Assignee of George Gillaspy

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office, Kentucky Land Grants (South of Green River), Grant No. 9309, Eliezer Givens, assignee of William Stuart, assignee of Abner Martin, assignee of Bennett G. Cartwright, assignee of George Gillaspy, 360 acres, Hopkins County: Christian County Court certificate No. 2755, 11 November 1805 (a copy, teste John Clark, Clk.), with assignments of 18 January 1806, 31 January 1806, 15 March [year lost] and 24 January [1807 as written], and order of removal, January Term 1808, on the back; survey, 26 January 1808, received 23 May 1808 (endorsed "B 10 P 75"); Auditor's Office receipt, 10 December 1817; patent, 12 December 1817; digital images supplied by the Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office. Indexed in Willard Rouse Jillson, The Kentucky Land Grants (1925), p. 320, as Givens, Eliezer.

Abstract

On 11 November 1805 the Christian County Court found George Gillaspy entitled to 400 acres for having settled and improved land on the north side of Trade Water in Christian County, beginning on a black oak and running eastwardly and northwardly, westwardly for quantity. Gillaspy assigned the certificate to Bennett G. Cartwright on 18 January 1806; Cartwright assigned it to Abner Martin on 31 January 1806 (witness John Gordon); Martin assigned it to William Stuart on 15 March [year lost]; and Stuart assigned it to Eliezer Givens on 24 January (written "1807"), witnessed by J. Kuykendall. At the January Term 1808 the Christian County Court allowed Gillaspy to remove the certificate, on proof that it had been entered on military or appropriated lands. On 26 January 1808 Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C., surveyed 360 acres for Givens in Hopkins County on the waters of Trade Water, adjoining Givens's 200-acre survey, Sarah Horton, Addison Lewis's military line, Holder and J. Robertson. William Stuart and Robert Robertson carried the chain and Givens was marker. The survey was received on 23 May 1808. The $65.28 balance, with interest, on 360 of the 400 acres was paid in Gillaspy's name on 10 December 1817, and Lieutenant Governor Gabriel Slaughter, acting governor, issued Grant No. 9309 to Givens on 12 December 1817. A margin note says the patent was examined and delivered to William R. Weir on 1 January 1818.

Survey Description

Complete metes-and-bounds description transcribed for mapping. All distances are as recorded in the original survey, in poles.

Surveyed for Eliezer Givens, assignee of William Stuart, assignee of Abner Martin, assignee of Bennett G. Cartwright, assignee of George Gillaspy, 360 acres of land by virtue of a removed certificate from the County Court of Christian, No. 2755, in Hopkins County, lying on the waters of Trade Water. Beginning on a white oak, said Givens's north-east corner of his 200-acre survey; thence S 40 E 180 poles to two ashes and dogwood [the patent: a beech and dogwood]; thence N 45 E 64 poles to a gum and dogwood; thence North 54 poles to an ash and [post oak, per the patent]; thence N 46 W 160 poles to three white oaks, Sarah Horton's south-west corner; thence with said line N 45 W 189 poles to a white oak, hickory and dogwood; thence N 45 E 212 poles to two gums and white oak in Addison Lewis's military line; thence N 45 W with said line 40 poles to an ash and white oak, said Holder's corner; thence with said line S 45 W 179 poles to the corner; thence S 27 W 224 poles to two white oaks; thence South 95 poles to J. Robertson's corner; thence North 70 East 80 poles with said line to the corner on a black oak; thence S 50 E 64 poles to a white oak in said Givens's line; thence N 50 E 10 poles to the beginning. Wm Stuart and Rob't Robertson, C.C.; Eliezer Givens, Mar. January 26th 1808, by Eli Bishop for John Gordon, S.H.C. Ex'd & Rec'd.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	2755, a removed certificate (Christian County Court, November 11, 1805; original claim 400 acres)
Survey / Register Number	9309
Original Claimant	George Gillaspy
Assignee / Final Patentee	Eliezer Givens, assignee of William Stuart, assignee of Abner Martin, assignee of Bennett G. Cartwright, assignee of George Gillaspy
Acreage	360 acres (reduced from the 400 acres originally claimed — see Research Notes)
Watercourse	Waters of Tradewater
County	Hopkins County (the certificate was originally granted in Christian County — see Research Notes)
Certificate Date	November 11, 1805
Survey Date	January 26, 1808
Recording Reference	Received 23 May 1808; endorsed "B 10 P 75"
Patent / Grant Issued	12 December 1817, Lieutenant Governor Gabriel Slaughter, acting governor; delivered to William R. Weir, 1 January 1818 (margin note)

State Price Notation	$65.28, per Auditor's Office receipt dated December 10, 1817, "balance in full with interest" on 360 (of 400) acres, received of Geo Gillaspy
Deputy Surveyor	Eli Bishop, D.S., for County Surveyor John Gordon, S.H.C.
Chain Carriers	William Stuart and Robert Robertson
Marker	Eliezer Givens
Adjoining Landowners	Givens's 200-acre survey (KLG 3147, No. 2); Sarah Horton; Addison Lewis (military line); Holder; J. Robertson

Chronology

11 November 1805	Christian County Court certifies George Gillaspy entitled to 400 acres on the north side of Trade Water (Certificate No. 2755; teste John Clark, Clk.)
18 January 1806	George Gillaspy assigns the certificate to Bennett G. Cartwright
31 January 1806	Bennett G. Cartwright assigns to Abner Martin; witness John Gordon
15 March [year lost]	Abner Martin assigns to William Stuart
24 January [1807 as written]	William Stuart assigns to Eliezer Givens; witness J. Kuykendall
January Term 1808	Christian County Court admits Gillaspy to remove the certificate, the land having been entered on military or appropriated lands
26 January 1808	360 acres surveyed for Eliezer Givens by Eli Bishop, D.S.; chain carriers William Stuart and Robert Robertson; Givens marker
23 May 1808	Survey received
10 December 1817	$65.28 paid with interest on 360 of 400 acres, received of Geo. Gillaspy
12 December 1817	Grant No. 9309 issued to Eliezer Givens by Lt. Gov. Gabriel Slaughter, acting governor
1 January 1818	Patent examined and delivered to William R. Weir (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

George Gillaspy	Original claimant; claimed 400 acres before the Christian County Court, November 1805; assigned the certificate to Bennett G. Cartright, January 1806. The Auditor's 1817 receipt is still recorded in his name despite three further assignments
Bennett G. Cartwright	Assignee of George Gillaspy, 18 January 1806; assigned to Abner Martin, 31 January 1806
Abner Martin	Assignee of Cartwright; assigned to William Stuart, 15 March [year lost]
William Stuart	Assignee of Abner Martin; assigned to Eliezer Givens; chain carrier on the 1808 survey
Eliezer Givens (also "Eleizer")	Assignee of William Stuart; marker on the survey; patentee. Also patentee of KLG 3147 (No. 2), the 200-acre survey named in the first call
John Clark	Clerk of the Christian County Court; attested the November 1805 certificate. The same John Clark is the central figure of the caveat record on Certificate No. 1231 elsewhere in this collection
Eli Bishop	Deputy Surveyor (D.S.) who conducted the January 1808 survey. The same Eli Bishop appears on the James Kuykendall, John Whitesides, and William Herron (Survey No. 6864) records elsewhere in this collection
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins County; also witness to Cartwright's assignment to Martin, 31 January 1806
Robert Robertson	Chain carrier on the 1808 survey
Addison Lewis	Adjoining landowner; his "Military line" forms part of this tract's boundary. The same Addison Lewis is the original warrantee of the Virginia Military Warrant survey (Warrant No. 396/Survey No. 3161), later assigned to Thomas Pemberton, elsewhere in this collection
Sarah Horton	Adjoining landowner named in the survey's boundary calls
Gabriel Slaughter	Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of Kentucky; signed the patent, December 12, 1817. The same Gabriel Slaughter signs the companion Herron records (Survey Nos. 6857 and 6863) elsewhere in this collection
John Pope	Secretary of the Commonwealth; countersigned the patent. The same John Pope countersigns the William Herron record (Survey No. 6863) elsewhere in this collection
J. Robertson	Adjoining landowner ("J. Robertson's corner"); the corner is that of John Robertson's KLG 5049

Holder	Adjoining landowner ("Holder's corner"); Shadrach Holder, KLG 8557
J. Kuykendall	Witness to Stuart's assignment to Givens
William R. Weir	Received the patent, 1 January 1818 (margin note)

Land Description

360 acres on the waters of Tradewater, Hopkins County, Kentucky.

Research Notes

A call omitted in earlier drafts. Earlier versions of this report left out the third call, "thence North 54 poles to an ash and post oak," which is in both the survey and the patent.

The survey does not close. Even with that call, the courses as written fail to close by about 77 poles; the plotted figure falls short to the south-west of the beginning, and holds about 399 acres rather than 360. At least one call is likely miscopied in both the survey and the patent, which agree.

Tie to John Robertson's KLG 5049. The last three calls, from J. Robertson's corner N 70 E 80 poles "with said line" to a black oak and S 50 E 64 poles to a white oak, are KLG 5049's first two calls (from its beginning white oak N 50 W 64 to a black oak, then S 70 W 80 to a dogwood and hickory) in reverse. So 5049's beginning white oak stands "in said Givens's line," 10 poles from the north-east corner of Givens's 200-acre survey (KLG 3147, No. 2), which 5049 calls "McClendal's 200-acre survey."

Tie to Addison Lewis's survey and Holder. The tract reaches "Addison Lewis's Military line" (KLG 3161, the 4,000-acre Virginia military survey of Cluster D) and Shadrach Holder's corner in that line (KLG 8557). Worked back from the beginning through the last six calls, Holder's corner lies about 96 poles east and 429 poles north of 3147's north corner. This survey, 3147.2, 5049 and 8557 are grouped together in Cluster D. 3147.2 and 5049 may also adjoin William Owen's Owens Creek surveys in Cluster A, but that tie produces overlaps and is not yet confirmed, so the two clusters are kept separate.

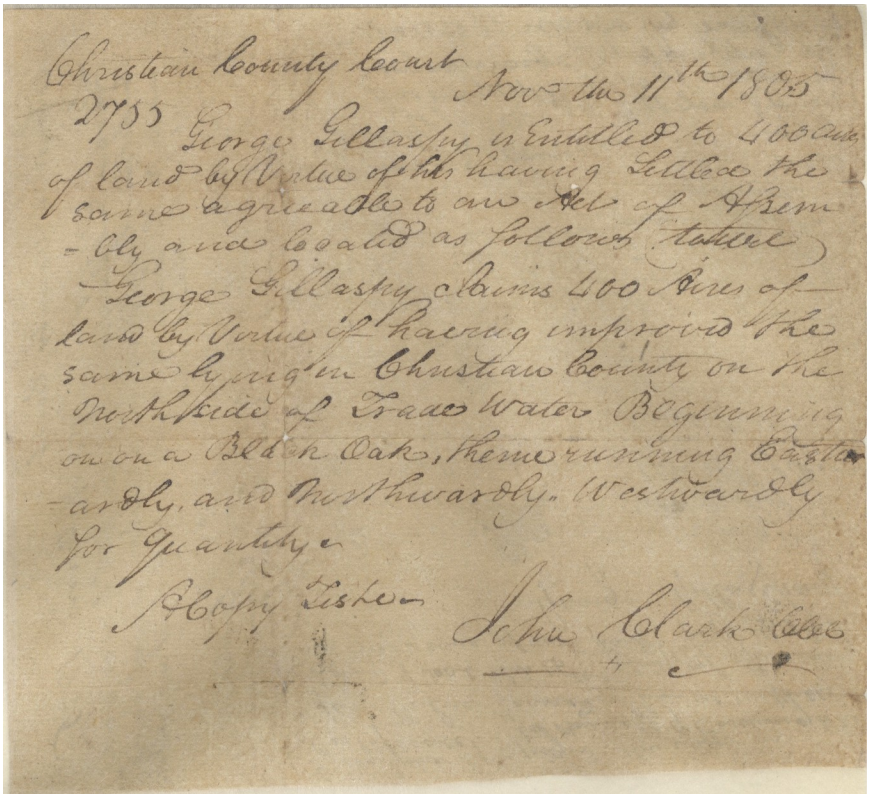
Removed certificate. The Christian County Court certified the claim in November 1805 on the north side of Trade Water in Christian County. In January Term 1808 the court allowed Gillaspy to remove it, the land having been entered on military or appropriated lands, and it was surveyed in Hopkins County two days later. Only 360 of the 400 acres were surveyed.

Assignment dates. Stuart's assignment to Givens is dated "24th day of January 1807," but it is written below the January Term 1808 removal order and two days before the January 1808 survey, so 1808 may be meant. The year of Martin's assignment to Stuart (15 March) is partly lost. A faded endorsement in the middle of the page, dated the 25th of January, assigns the certificate to Givens; the assignor's name is not legible.

Delivered to William R. Weir. The patent's margin says it was delivered to William R. Weir on 1 January 1818. Weir also received Givens's patent for KLG 3147 (No. 2) in January 1815.

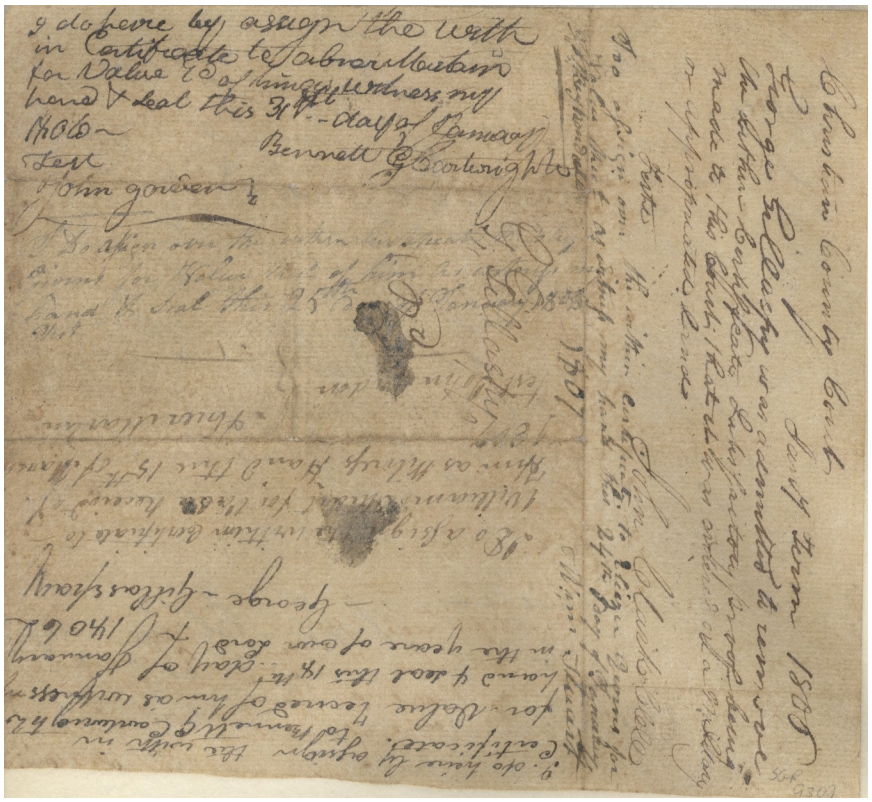
Receipt. The Auditor's receipt is in the name of Geo. Gillaspy, the original claimant, and charges interest ("bal in full with int").

Images / Appendix

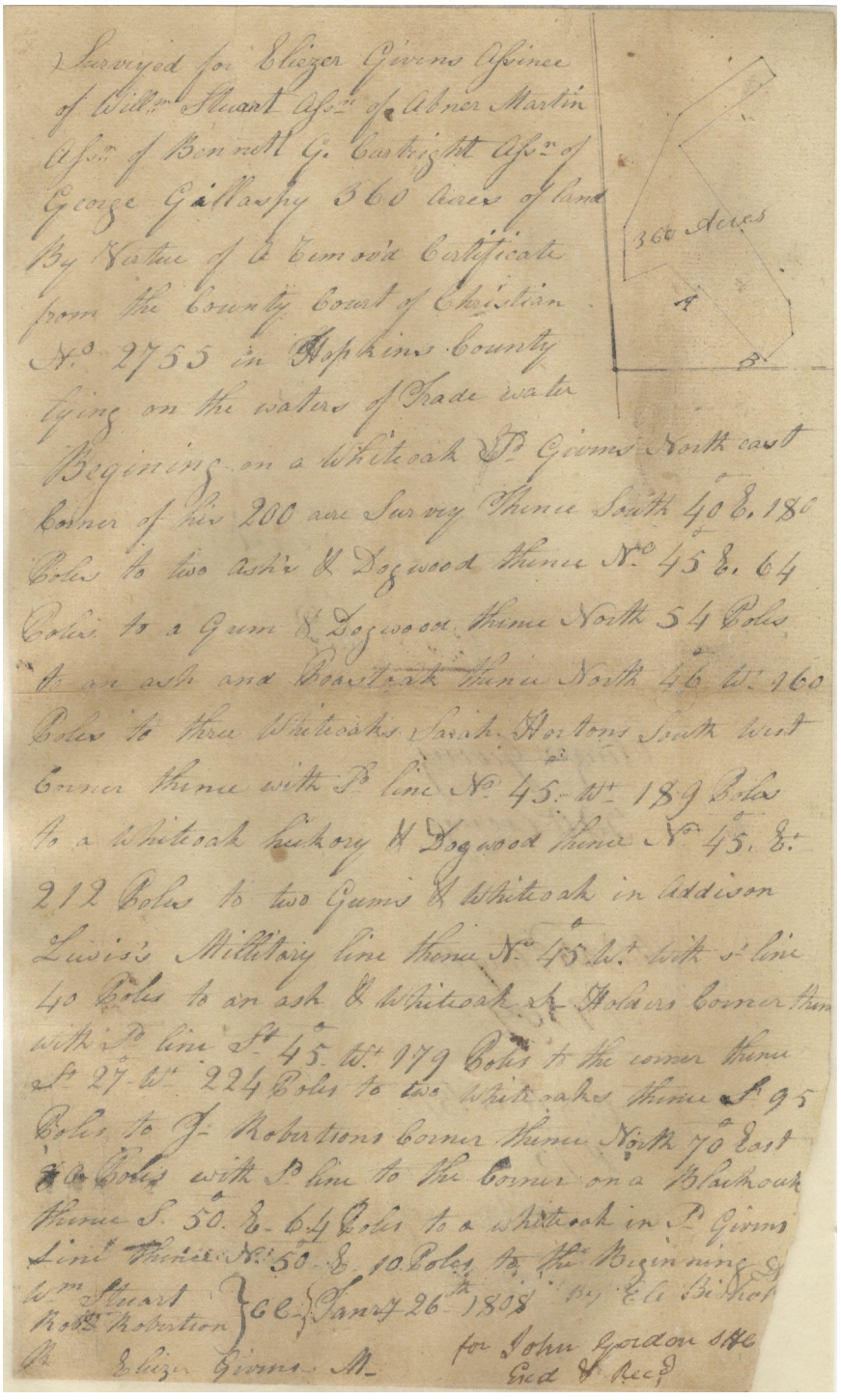


Christian County Court Nov the 11th 1805
2755 George Gillaspy is entitled to 400 acres
of land by Virtue of his having settled the
same agreeable to an Act of Assem-
-bly and located as follows (to wit)
George Gillaspy claims 400 Acres of
land by Virtue of having improved the
same lying in Christian County on the
North side of Trace Water Beginning
on on a Black Oak, thence running Easte-
-ardly, and Northwardly. Westwardly
for Quantity
Copy Teste John Clark Clk

Appendix Image 1. Certificate No. 2755, Christian County Court, 11 November 1805 (a copy, teste John Clark, Clk.).

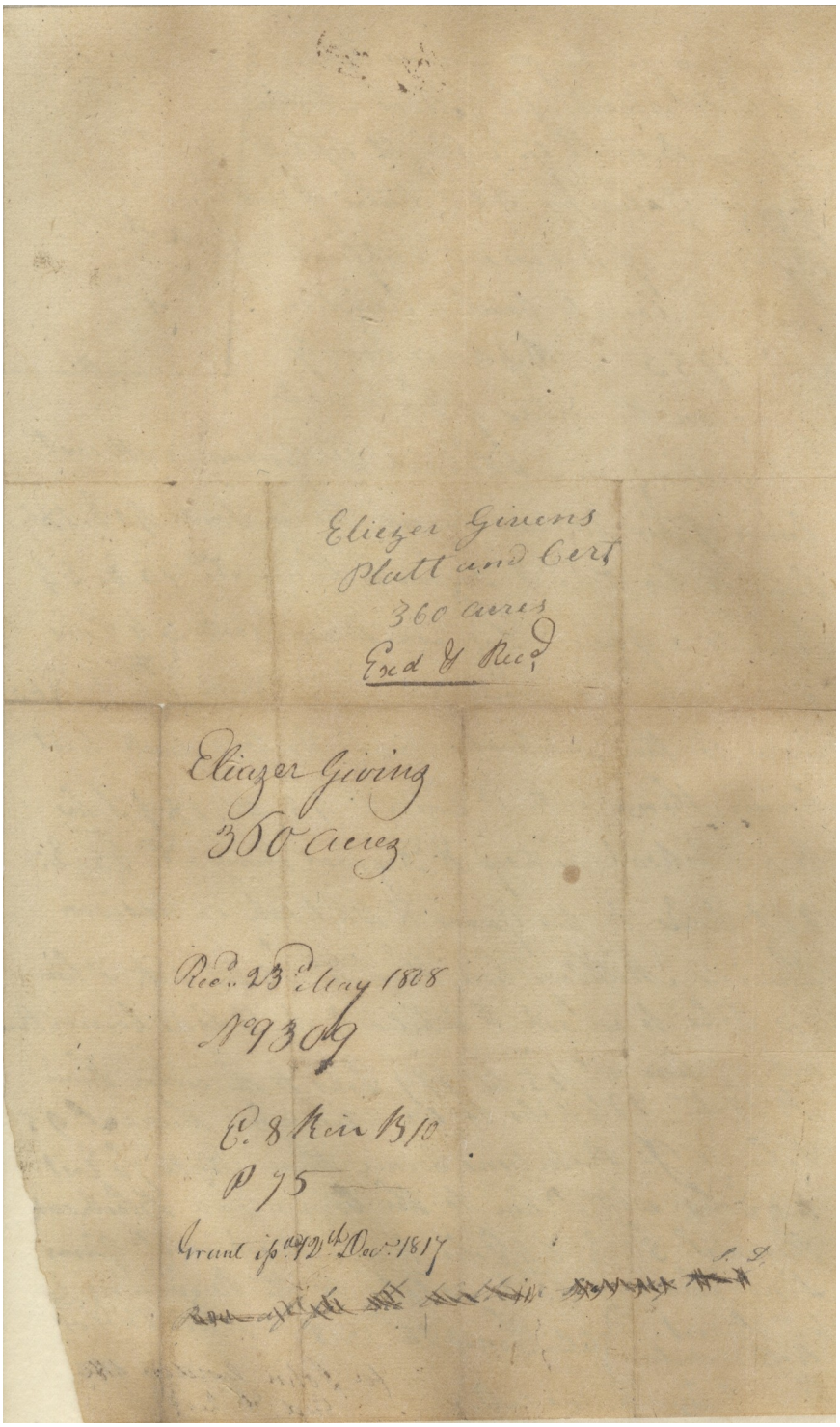


Appendix Image 2. Certificate — back: assignments (Gillaspy to Cartwright; Cartwright to Martin; Martin to Stuart; Stuart to Givens) and the January Term 1808 removal order.

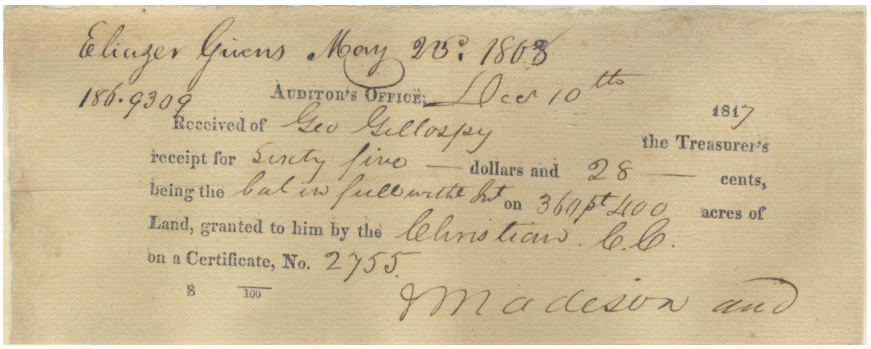


Surveyed for Eliezer Givens Assinee
of Willm Stuart Assn of Abner Martin
Assn of Bennett G. Cartright Assn of
George Gillaspy 360 Acres of land
By Vertue of a Temov'd Certificate
from the County Court of Christian
No 2755 in Hopkins County
lying on the waters of Trade water
Begining on a Whiteoak Sd Givens North east
Corner of his 200 acre Survey Thence South 40 E. 180
Poles to two ash's & Dogwood thence No 45 E. 64
Poles to a Gum & Dogwood thence North 54 Poles
to an ash and Poastoak thence North 46 W. 160
Poles to three Whiteoaks Sarah Hortons South West
Corner thence with Sd line No 45 W. 189 Poles
to a Whiteoak hickory & Dogwood thence No 45 E.
212 Poles to two Gums & Whiteoak in Addison
Lewis's Millitary line thence No 45 W. with s. line
40 Poles to an ash & Whiteoak S. Holders Corner then
with Sd line St 45 W. 179 Poles to the corner thence
St 27 W. 224 Poles to two Whiteoaks thence S. 95
Poles to J. Robertions Corner thence North 70 East
70 Poles with Sd line to the Corner on a Blackoak
thence S. 50 E. 64 Poles to a whiteoak in Sd Givens
Line thence No 50 E. 10 Poles to the Beginning &
Wm Stuart } CC } Jany 26th 1808 By Eli Bishop
Robt Robertion }
Eliezer Givens M.
for John Gordon SHC
Exed & Recd

Appendix Image 3. Survey for Eliezer Givens, 26 January 1808 — front, with plat.



Appendix Image 4. Survey — back (received 23 May 1808; No. 9309; grant issued 12 December 1817).


Eliazer Givens May 25: 1808
186.9309
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Dec 10th 1817
Received of Geo Gillospy the Treasurer's
receipt for Sixty five — dollars and 28 — cents,
being the bal in full with Int on 360 pt 400 acres of
Land, granted to him by the Christian. C.C.
on a Certificate, No. 2755.
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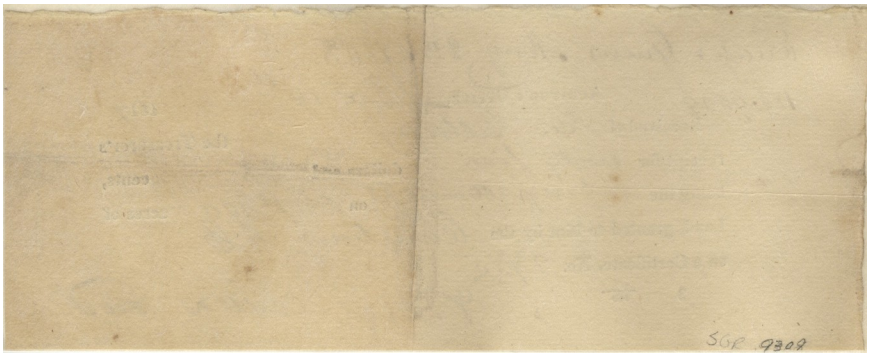
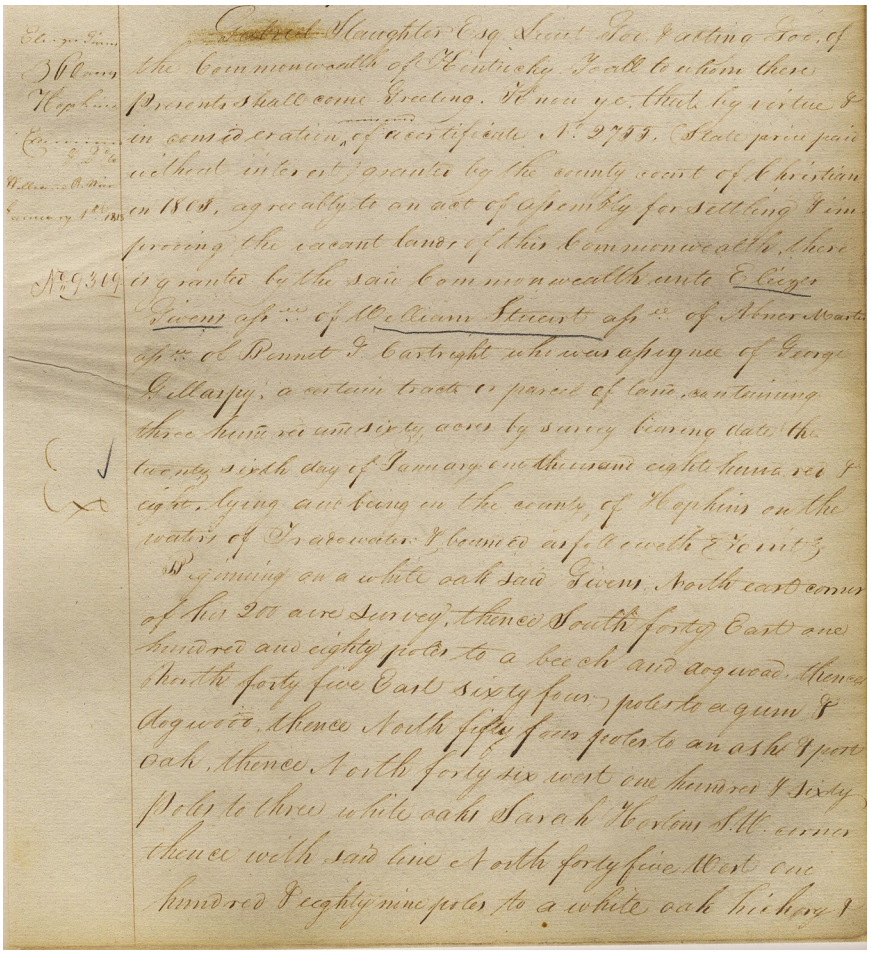
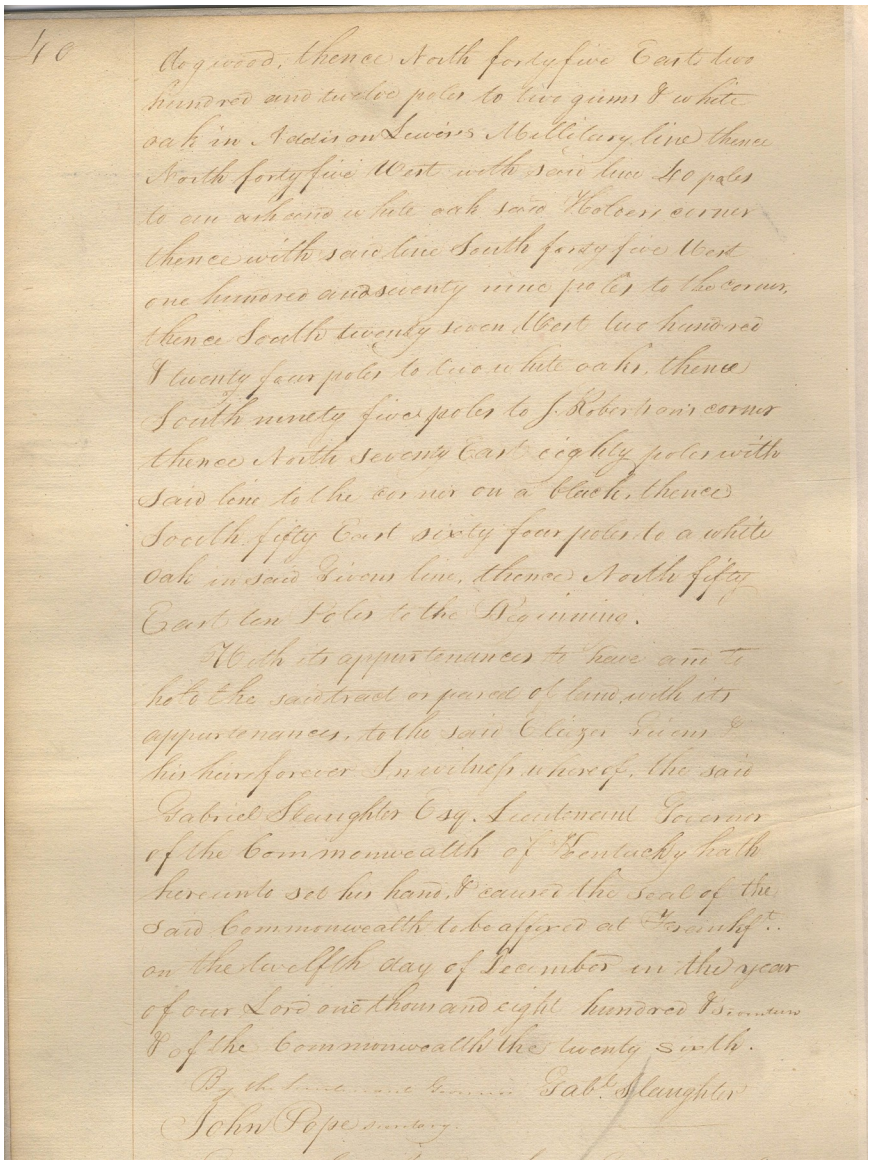
Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office receipt, 10 December 1817 — front.



Appendix Image 6. Auditor's Office receipt — back.



Appendix Image 7. Patent No. 9309, 12 December 1817 — page 1 (margin: delivered to William R. Weir, 1 January 1818).



Appendix Image 8. Patent No. 9309 — page 2.