Isham Sellers (assignee of William McAdoo) — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 7885 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3192)

200 Acres on the Beaver Dam Fork of Highland Creek, Henderson County, Kentucky

Original Claimant Thomas Crawford; Patentee by Assignment

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 15 October 1798 the commissioners Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby and Jas. Brown certified that Thomas Crawford was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land by virtue of his having improved the same, under the act "for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," located on the waters of Highland Creek, beginning on a black gum and running west, north, east and south 179 poles, including his improvement (Certificate No. 3192). On 9 December 1798 Thomas Crawford, by his mark, assigned the certificate to Russell Hewitt, and on 22 May 1799 Hewitt assigned it to John Slover. On 20 July 1799 Deputy Surveyor Will Ward, for Edmund Talbot, S.H.C., surveyed 200 acres for "John Slover, assignee of Russell Hewitt, assignee of Thomas Crawford" in Henderson County on the Beaver Dam fork of Highland, with Isaac Slover and Isham Sellers as chain carriers. On 20 June 1802 John Slover, by his mark, assigned the plat and certificate to William McAdoo,

witness Edmd. Talbot, and on 4 February 1808 McAdoo assigned them to Isham Sellers. The survey was received on 27 November 1807. On 7 December 1813 the Auditor received of Thomas Crawford $80, the state price in full without interest on Certificate No. 3192 for 200 acres, the receipt naming the county as Christian, and on the same day Governor Isaac Shelby signed the patent to Isham Sellers, assignee of William McAdoo, "the State price paid without interest." The patent was examined and delivered to E. King on 8 December 1813.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for John Slover, assignee of Russell Hewitt, assignee of Thomas Crawford, 200 acres of land by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 3192 in Henderson County on the Beaver Dam fork of Highland. Beginning at a black gum; thence West 179 poles, crossing said creek, to an elm; thence North 178.6 poles, crossing said creek, to two post oaks; thence East 179 poles to a black gum and post oak in the barrens; thence South 178.6 poles to the beginning. July 20th 1799.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3192 (Commissioners' Certificate)
Survey Grant Register Number	7885
Original Claimant	Thomas Crawford ("Craford" in the certificate)
Assignments	Thomas Crawford to Russell Hewitt, 9 December 1798; Russell Hewitt to John Slover, 22 May 1799; John Slover to William McAdoo, 20 June 1802; William McAdoo to Isham Sellers, 4 February 1808
Surveyed For	John Slover, assignee of Russell Hewitt, assignee of Thomas Crawford
Patentee	Isham Sellers, assignee of William McAdoo (indexed by Jillson as "Sellers, Isham")
Acreage	200 acres of second-rate land
Watercourse	Beaver Dam fork of Highland Creek; in the certificate, the waters of Highland Creek
County in Survey	Henderson County (the 1813 receipt says Christian)
Adjoining	None named
Certificate Date	15 October 1798
Survey Date	20 July 1799

Received by Land Office	27 November 1807
Recording	Survey: R.B. 8, p. 373 [?]. Patent: page 424
Patent / Grant Issued	7 December 1813, signed by Governor Isaac Shelby and Secretary M. D. Hardin; delivered to E. King, 8 December 1813
State Price Notation	$80, state price in full without interest, received of Thomas Crawford, 7 December 1813
Deputy Surveyor / Chain Carriers	Will Ward, D.S., for Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.; Isaac Slover and Isham Sellers, chain carriers
Commissioners	Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown

Chronology

15 October 1798	Commissioners Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby and Jas. Brown certify that Thomas Crawford is entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land on the waters of Highland Creek, Certificate No. 3192
9 December 1798	Thomas Crawford, by his mark, assigns the certificate to Russell Hewitt
22 May 1799	Russell Hewitt assigns the certificate to John Slover
20 July 1799	200 acres surveyed for John Slover by Will Ward, D.S., for Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.; chain carriers Isaac Slover and Isham Sellers
20 June 1802	John Slover, by his mark, assigns the plat and certificate to William McAdoo; witness Edmd. Talbot
27 November 1807	Survey received at the Land Office
4 February 1808	William McAdoo assigns the plat and certificate to Isham Sellers
7 December 1813	$80 received of Thomas Crawford, state price in full without interest on Certificate No. 3192 (receipt names Christian County)
7 December 1813	Grant No. 7885 issued to Isham Sellers, assignee of William McAdoo
8 December 1813	Patent examined and delivered to E. King (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Thomas Crawford	Original claimant; first assignor, by his mark; named in the receipt
Russell Hewitt	Assignee and assignor
John Slover	Assignee; surveyed for; assignor, by his mark; witness [?] to the first assignment
William McAdoo	Assignee and assignor
Isham Sellers	Chain carrier; final assignee; patentee
Isaac Slover	Chain carrier
Will Ward	Deputy surveyor
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor of Henderson County (S.H.C.); witness to the 1802 assignment
Richard Young, Robert Mosby, James Brown	Commissioners
Geo. Madison	Auditor
E. King	Received the patent (margin delivery note)
Isaac Shelby	Governor
M. D. Hardin	Secretary

Land Description

A 200-acre tract, 179 by 178.6 poles, on the Beaver Dam fork of Highland Creek in Henderson County, crossing the creek on its west and north sides. Its corners are a black gum (beginning, south-east), an elm (south-west), two post oaks (north-west) and a black gum and post oak in the barrens (north-east). The survey names no adjoining owner.

Research Notes

The certificate. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3192, dated 15 October 1798, is for "Thomas Craford" and is signed "Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby, Jas. Brown," the same three commissioners who signed other 1798 certificates in this collection; the third name was previously left as illegible. It is for 200 acres of "second" rate land on the waters of Highland Creek, "beginning on a black gum and runs west 179 poles, thence north 179 poles, thence east 179 poles, thence south 179 poles to the beginning, including his improvement."

Four assignments, on two documents. Only the first two assignments are on the back of the certificate, not all four. Thomas Crawford, by his mark, assigned "all my right, title, interest and claim of the within certificate" to Russell Hewitt on 9 December 1798, witness "John Slover" [?]; Hewitt assigned it to John Slover on 22 May 1799, signed "R. Hewitt" [?], the witness's name not read. The certificate's back is also endorsed "Thos. Crawford" and "R.B. 8, p. 373" [?]. The other two assignments are on the back of the survey: John Slover, by his mark, to William McAdoo, 20 June 1802, "and desire a patent may issue accordingly," witness Edmd. Talbot; and William McAdoo to Isham Sellers, 4 February 1808, the witnesses' names not confidently read.

Names and chain carriers. The certificate writes "Thomas Craford," the survey and patent "Thomas Crawford," and the receipt "Thomas Crawfort." The patent writes the patentee as "Isham Sellers" and, in its closing clause, "Isham Sellars." The chain carriers are "Isaac Slover" and "Isham Sellers," bracketed "C.C." The record does not say how Isaac Slover and John Slover were related.

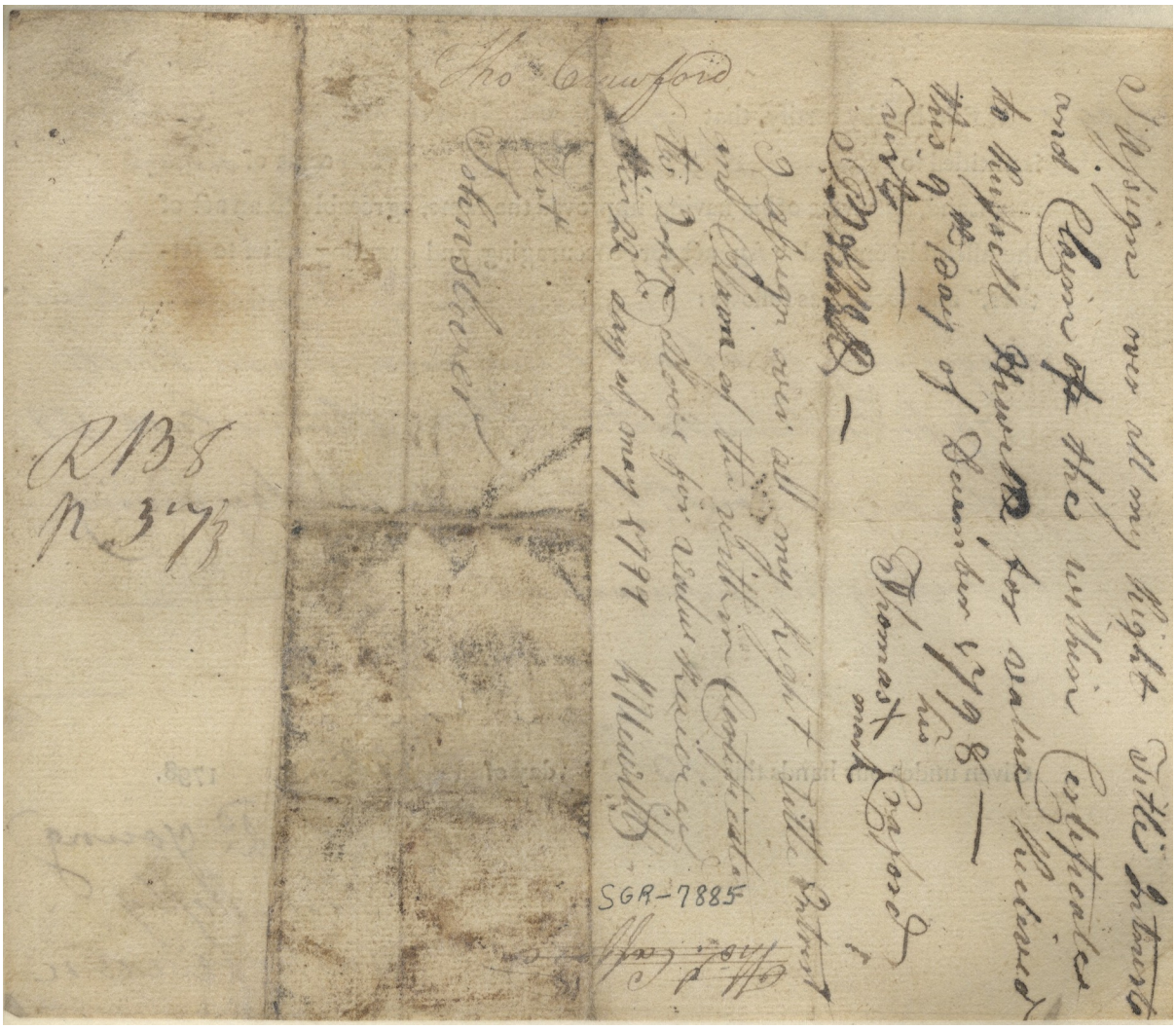
Courses. The survey and the patent agree on the courses: west 179 poles, north 178.6, east 179, south 178.6, a near-square that closes and holds about 200 acres. In the survey the west course is written "179" with the 9 written over and a mark after it that may be a fraction ("179½" [?]); the patent gives 179. The certificate gave 179 poles on all four sides. The plat letters its corners A and B. The survey names no adjoining owner and no corner of another survey.

Recording, payment and delivery. The back of the survey carries the docket: "Jno. Slover, assee. of Russell Hewitt, assee. Crawford, plat & cert., 200 as, Ex'd & Rec'd, R.B. 8, p. 373 [?], Rec'd 27th Nov. 1807, Grant iss'd 7th Decr. 1813, No. 7885." The Auditor's receipt, dated 7 December 1813 and numbered "157. 7885" at the top left, is received of Thomas Crawford for "Eighty" dollars. The printed words "the first Instalment with interest" are altered in hand to read "State price in full" "with[out] interest" (previously read as "out the first Instalment with interest"). It is for 200 acres on Certificate No. 3192 "lying in Christian County, the same having been sold by the Register of the Land Office on the [blank] day of Decr. 1807 to the State of Kentucky for the first Instalment," under the act providing for the payment of the debt due the Commonwealth for the sale of vacant land, "the same is hereby redeemed," signed Geo. Madison, Audr. The certificate, survey and patent name Henderson County. The back of the receipt carries a name written along the edge, not confidently read, and the archivist's note "SGR-7885." The patent, signed by Governor Isaac Shelby and Secretary M. D. Hardin on 7 December 1813, "of the Commonwealth the twenty second," is on page 424 and recites "the State price paid without interest." Its margin reads "Isham Sellers, 200, Ex'd & Dd to E. King, 8 Decr. 1813, No. 7885." The record does not say who E. King was.

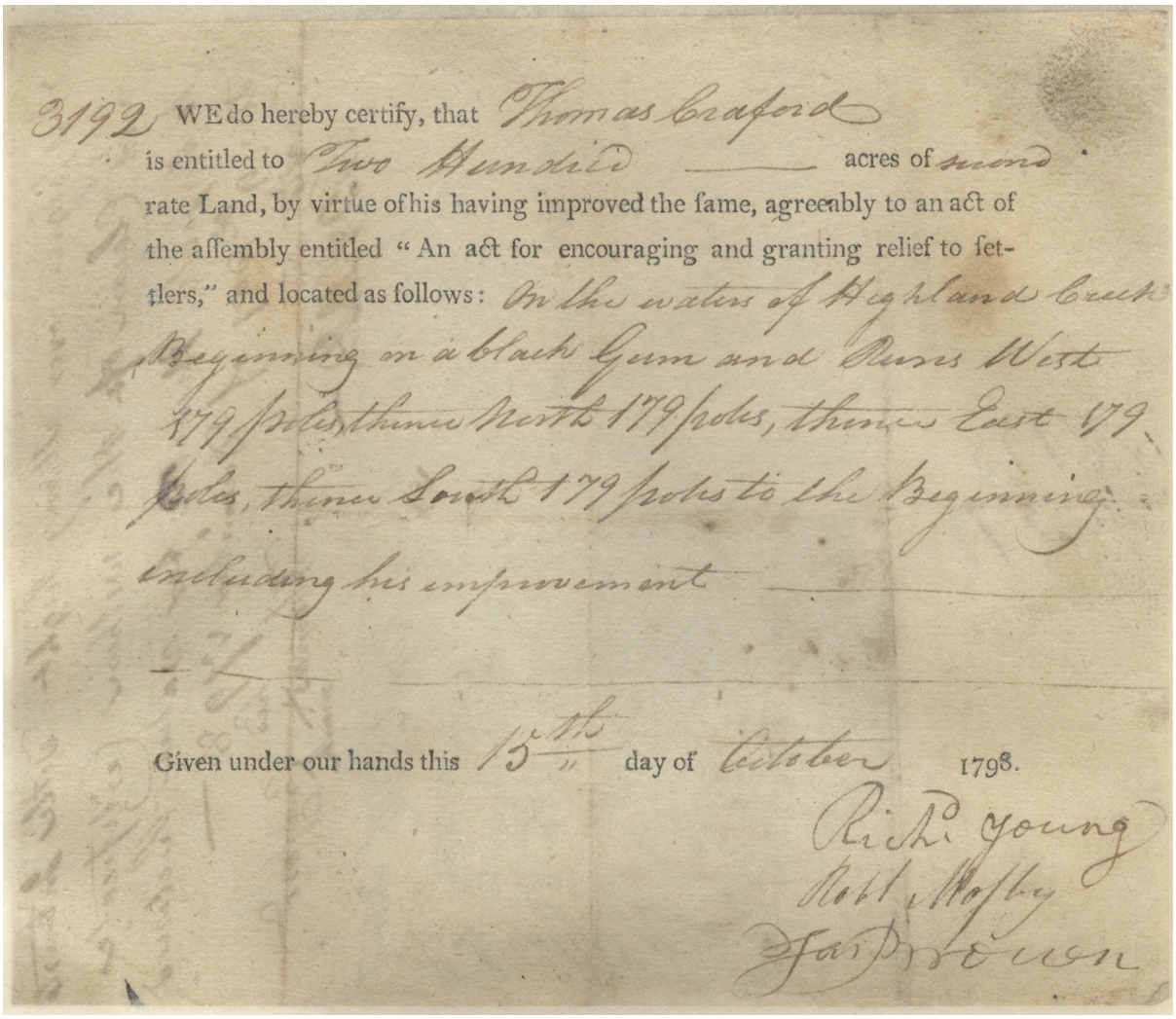
Isham Sellers's other surveys. Isham Sellers carried the chain on this survey on 20 July 1799, nine years before McAdoo assigned it to him. Will Ward surveyed Sellers's own 200 acres, KLG 3160, on the waters of Tradewater thirteen days later, 2 August 1799. This survey is on the Beaver Dam fork of Highland Creek and names no neighbor, so it is not tied to 3160 or to any other published survey.

Images. This report uses only the seven record images: certificate front and back, survey front and back, patent, and receipt front and back.

Images / Appendix



Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3192 — Back (assignments of 9 December 1798, Crawford to Hewitt, and 22 May 1799, Hewitt to Slover).

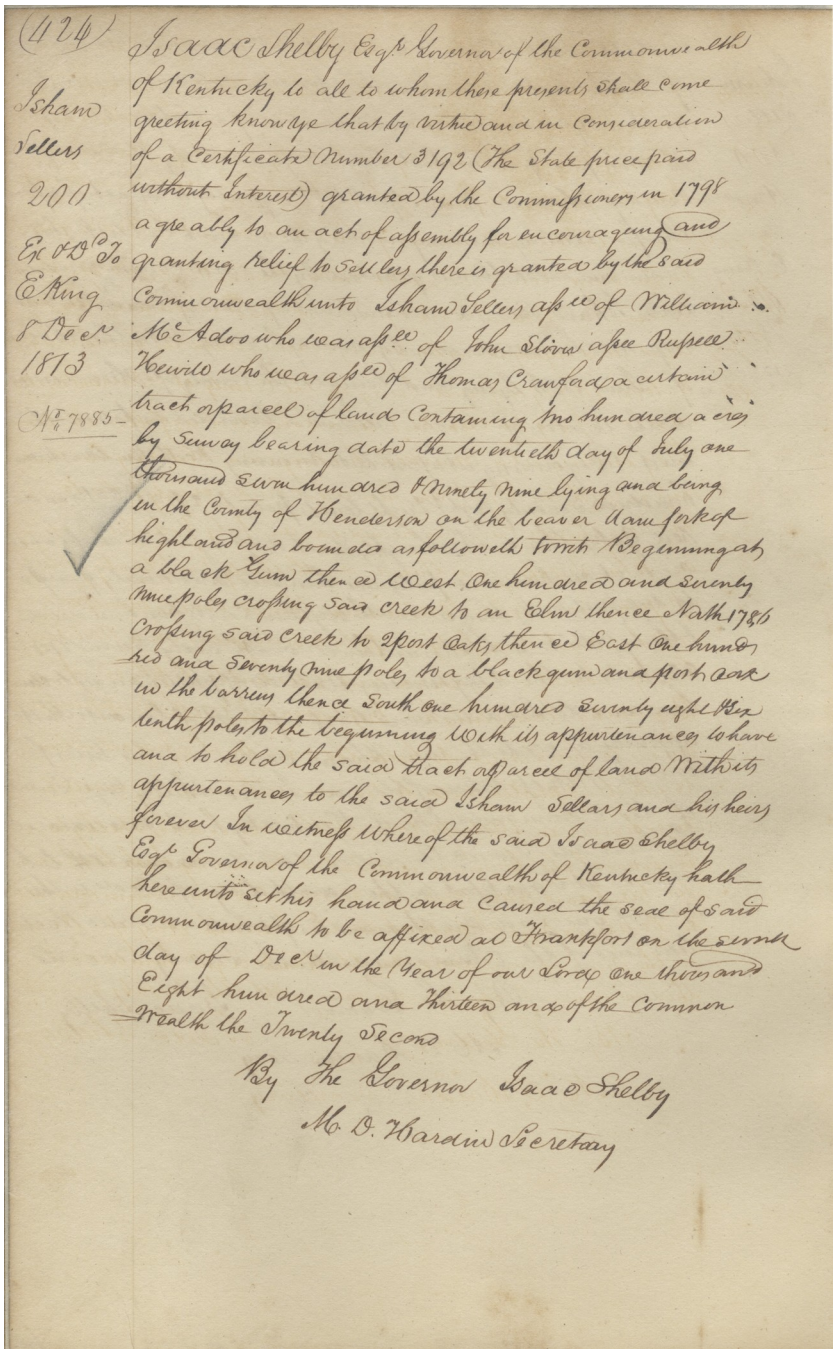


3192 WE do hereby certify, that Thomas Crafford
is entitled to Two Hundred _____ acres of second
rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of
the assembly entitled "An act for encouraging and granting relief to set-
tlers," and located as follows: On the waters of Highland Creek
Beginning on a black Gum and Runs West
179 poles, thence North 179 poles, thence East 179
poles, thence South 179 poles to the Beginning
including his improvement _____

Given under our hands this 15th day of October 1798.

Richd. Young
Robt. Mosby
Jas. Brown

Appendix Image 2. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3192 for Thomas Crawford, 15 October 1798 — Front.



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Isham Sellers 200 Ex & D^d To E King 8 Decr 1813

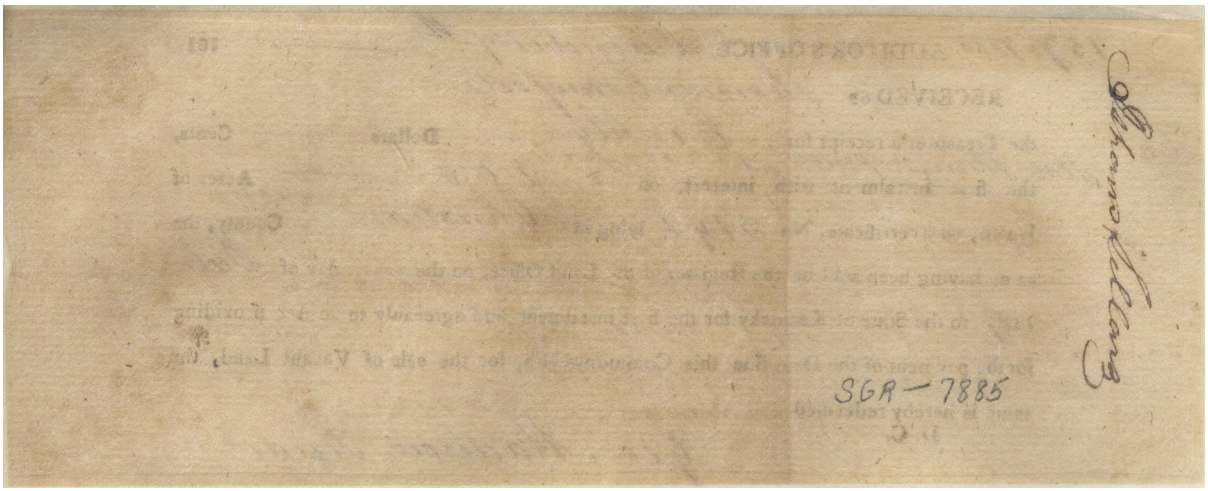
No 7885

Isaac Shelby Esqr 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 3192 (The State price paid without Interest) granted by the Commissioners in 1798 agreably to an act of assembly for encouraging and granting relief to Sellers there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto Isham Sellers ass^ee of William McAdoo who was ass^ee of John Stover assee Russell Hewitt who was ass^ee of Thomas Crawford a certain tract or parcel of land Containing two hundred acres by Survey bearing date the twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine lying and being in the County of Henderson on the beaver dam fork of highland and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a black Gum thence West One hundred and seventy nine poles crossing said creek to an Elm thence Nath 1786 crossing said creek to 2 post Oaks thence East One hundred and seventy nine poles to a black gum and post oak in the barrens thence South one hundred seventy eight & six tenth 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 Isham Sellars and his heirs forever In witness Whereof the said Isaac Shelby Esqr Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said Commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the seventh day of Decr in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Thirteen and of the Commonwealth the Twenty Second

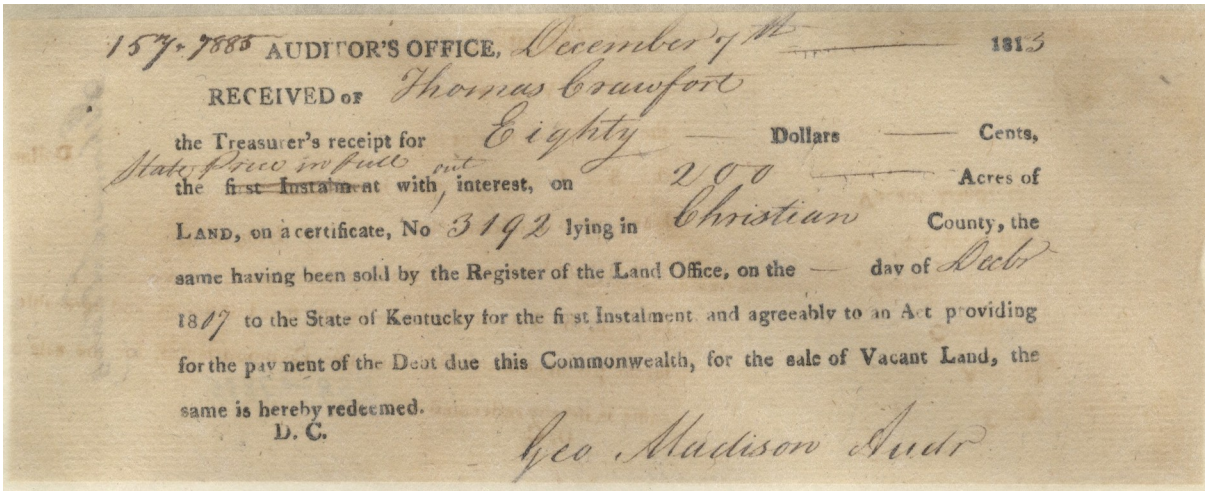
By The Governor Isaac Shelby

M. D. Hardin Secretary

Appendix Image 3. Grant/Patent No. 7885 to Isham Sellers, 7 December 1813 — page 424 (margin: delivered to E. King, 8 December 1813).



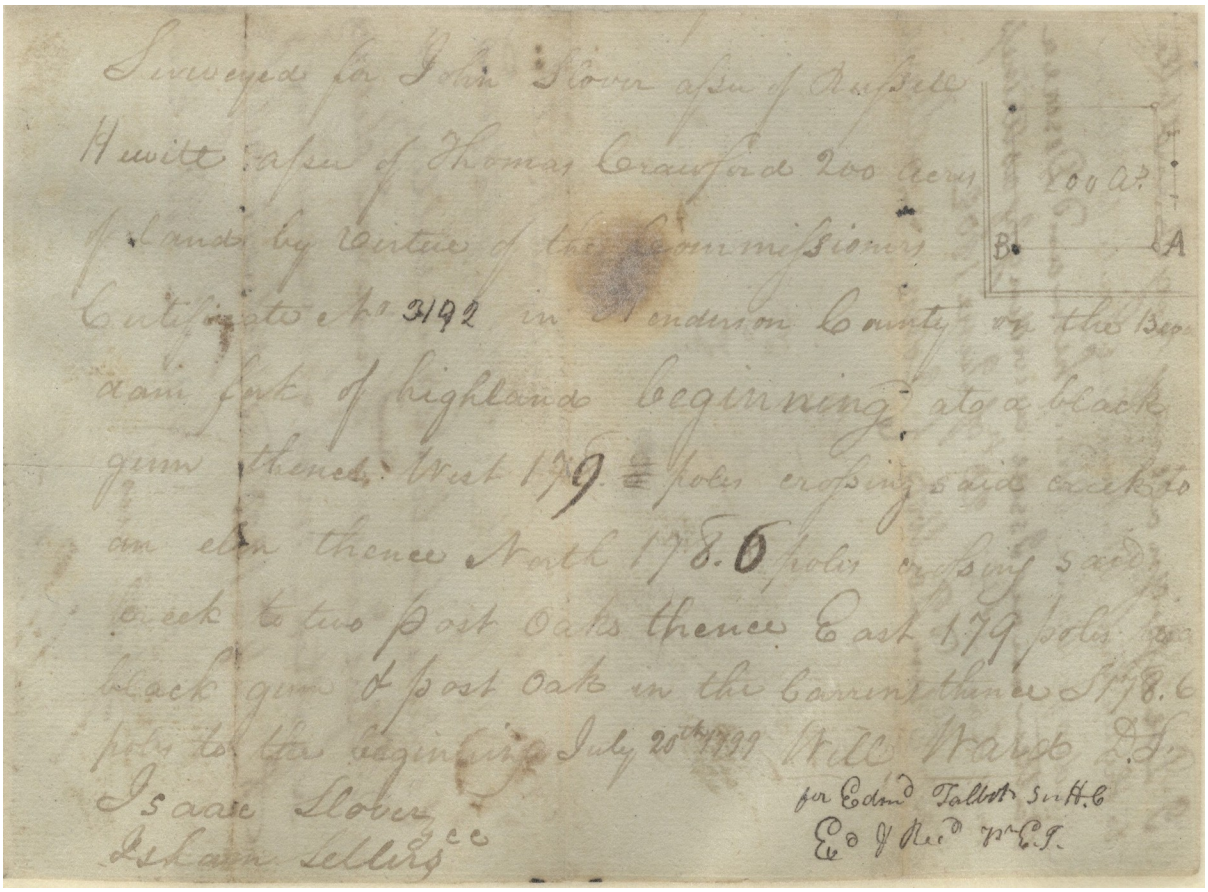
Appendix Image 4. Auditor's Office Receipt — Back.



Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt, 7 December 1813 — Front ($80, received of Thomas Crawford; "Christian" county).



Appendix Image 6. Survey — Back (assignments of 20 June 1802, Slover to McAdoo, and 4 February 1808, McAdoo to Sellers; docket: received 27 November 1807, grant issued 7 December 1813, No. 7885).



Appendix Image 7. Survey of 200 acres for John Slover, assignee of Russell Hewitt, assignee of Thomas Crawford, 20 July 1799 — Front, with plat.