James Wilson — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 3395 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3815)

200 Acres on a Branch of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky

Assignee of Simon Kuykendall, Assignee of William Stuart, Assignee of Edmund Jones

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 20 October 1798 the commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certified that Edmund Jones was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land on the waters of Tradewater, for having improved it, beginning at a white oak and running south as the law directs (Certificate No. 3815). Jones assigned the certificate on 24 October 1798, apparently to William Stuart, and Stuart assigned it to Simon Kuykendall on 1 October 1799, witnessed by Will Ward. The next day, 2 October 1799, Deputy Surveyor Will Ward surveyed the tract for Kuykendall, for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot, with William Stuart and William Owen as chain carriers. On 6 June 1807 the plat was assigned to James Wilson, and the survey was received in Wilson's name on 16 December 1807 and recorded in Book [8], page 593. Wilson paid the $47.48 balance, with interest, on 13 December 1808, and Governor Charles Scott issued Grant No. 3395 to him on 31 January 1809; it is recorded in Grant Book 6, page 395.

Survey Description

Complete metes-and-bounds description transcribed for mapping. All distances are in poles.

Surveyed for Simon Kuykendall, assignee of William Stuart, assignee of Edmund Jones, 200 acres of land by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 3815, in Henderson County on a branch of Tradewater. Beginning at a white oak; thence South 178.8 poles to a dogwood and black gum; thence West 178.8 poles to two ashes; thence North 178.8 poles to a stake; thence East 178.8 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 2 October 1799. Chain carriers: Wm. Stuart and Wm. Owen. Will Ward, D.S., for Edm'd Talbot, S.H.C.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3815
Survey Grant Register Number	3395
Original Claimant	Edmund Jones
Assignee / Surveyed For	Simon Kuykendall, assignee of William Stuart, assignee of Edmund Jones; assigned to James Wilson, 6 June 1807
Acreage	200 Acres
Land Quality	Second rate
Watercourse	Tradewater (branch of Tradewater)
County in Survey	Henderson County, Kentucky (Auditor's receipt lists Christian County — see Research Notes)
Certificate Date	20 October 1798
Survey Date	2 October 1799
Received by Land Office	16 December 1807 (endorsement on back of survey)
Recording Reference	Survey: Book [8], page 593. Patent: Grant Book 6, page 395 (archivist's note).
Patent / Grant Issued	31 January 1809
State Price Notation	$47.48, in full with interest
Deputy Surveyor	Will Ward
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot
Chain Carriers	William Stuart; William Owen
Commissioners	Richard Young; Robert Mosby; James Brown

Chronology

20 October 1798	Certificate No. 3815 issued to Edmund Jones
24 October 1798	Assigned, apparently to William Stuart (endorsement faded)
1 October 1799	Assigned to Simon Kuykendall; witness Will Ward
2 October 1799	Survey completed; chain carriers William Stuart and William Owen
6 June 1807	Plat assigned to James Wilson; signed by Simon Kuykendall, with Thomas Bennett (reading uncertain)
16 December 1807	Survey received in James Wilson's name; recorded Book [8], page 593
13 December 1808	"James Wilson, Assee" pays $47.48, in full with interest, on Certificate No. 3815
31 January 1809	Grant No. 3395 issued to James Wilson (Grant Book 6, page 395)
February 1809	Patent examined and delivered to a Mr. Wilson (margin note, partly legible)

Persons Named in the Record

Edmund Jones	Original claimant and first assignor (signs "Edmond Jones")
William Stuart	Assignee and assignor; chain carrier (written "Stewart" in the patent)
Simon Kuykendall	Assignee; the tract was surveyed for him (written "Kuykendal" and "Keykendall")
James Wilson	Final assignee and patentee
William Owen	Chain carrier
Will Ward	Deputy Surveyor; witness to the 1799 assignment
Edmund Talbot	County Surveyor
Thomas Bennett	Signed the 1807 assignment to James Wilson (reading uncertain)
Richard Young	Commissioner, certifying officer
Robert Mosby	Commissioner, certifying officer

James Brown	Commissioner, certifying officer
Geo. Madison	Auditor
Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary

Land Description

A 200-acre square, 178.8 poles on each side, on a branch of Tradewater in Henderson County, Kentucky. The survey closes exactly. In the researcher's plat reconstruction its southwest corner, "two ashes," is the corner of James Wilson's survey called for in Jesse Walker's KLG 5352, and its beginning white oak is the closing corner of William Owen's KLG 5341.

Research Notes

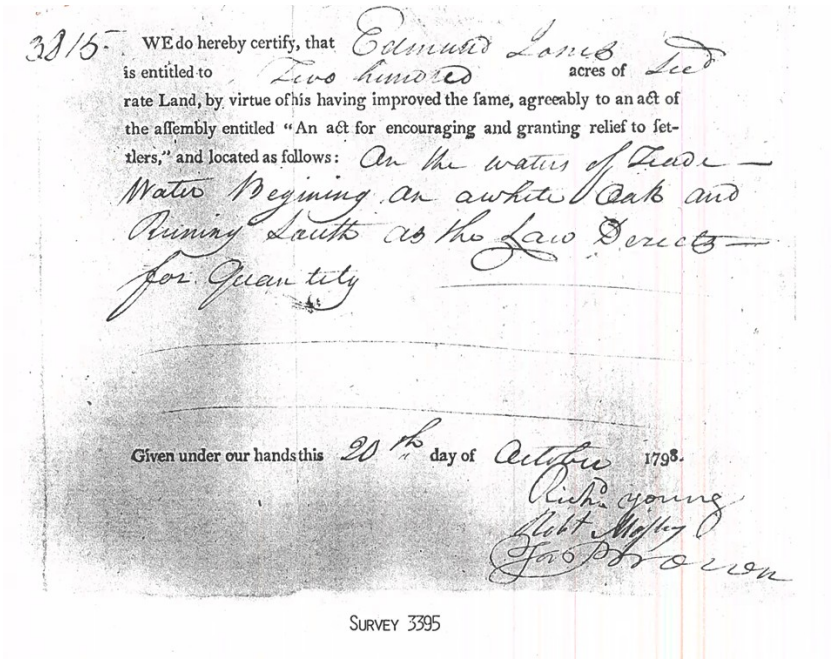
William Owen in 1799: the chain carriers were "Wm Stuart" and "Wm Owen." This is the earliest record in the collection that places William Owen at work on these surveys, five and a half years before his own surveys of March 1805. An earlier transcription read the name as "William Owens"; the apparent final "s" is the bracket the surveyor drew around both carriers' names.

Two counties: the certificate, survey and patent all place the land in Henderson County, but the Auditor's receipt of 13 December 1808 says Christian County. The patent spells the first assignee "William Stewart."

Received in 1807: the back of the survey reads "Rec'd 16 Dec 1807, James Wilson, 200 as., Re[corded] in Book No. [8], Page 593." The survey was returned eight years after it was made, six months after Kuykendall assigned it to Wilson. The book number is written with a character that can be read as 3 or 8; Book 8 fits the date, since the Whitesides surveys (KLG 8147 and 8148), received 28 November 1807, were recorded in Book 8, page 496.

Corrections to the earlier transcription: the survey was received on 16 December 1807, not 10 November 1801; it was recorded in survey Book [8], page 593, and the patent in Grant Book 6, page 395, not "Grant Book 6, Page 393"; there is no "sent to Grant Sealer" notation, only "Grant issued 31st January 1809"; and the second chain carrier is William Owen, not William Owens.

Images / Appendix



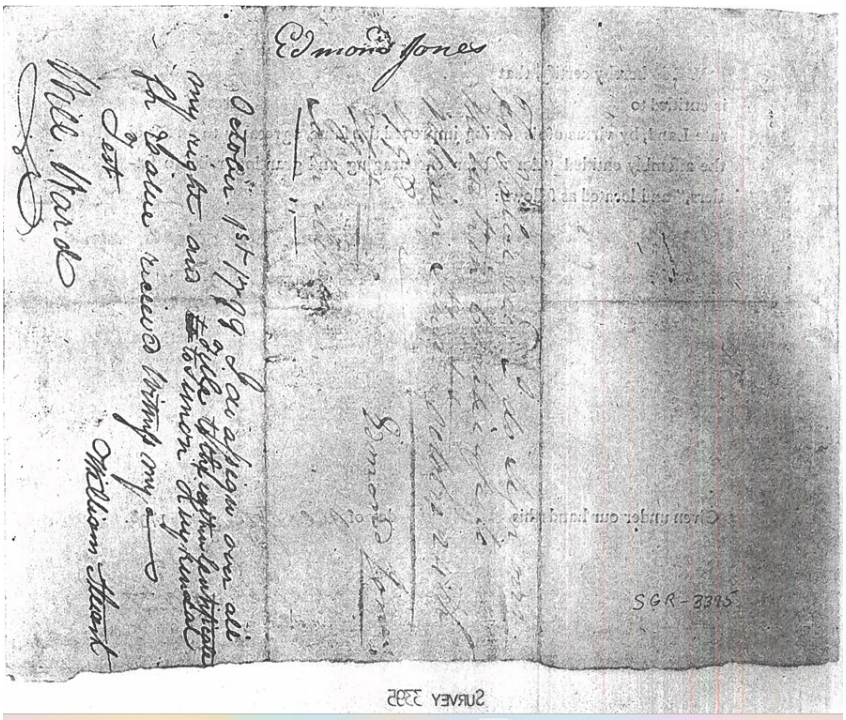
3815. WE do hereby certify, that Edmund Jones is entitled to Two hundred acres of Sec^d rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of the assembly entitled "An act for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," and located as follows: On the waters of Trade Water Begining on a white Oak and Running South as the Law Directs for Quantity

Given under our hands this 20th day of October 1798.

Rich^d young
Robt Mosby
Jas Brown

SURVEY 3395

Appendix Image 1. Warrant No. 3815 – Front



Edmond Jones

October 1st 1799 I do assign over all my right and title to the within certificate to Simon Kuykendal for Value received Witness my Test

William Stuart

Will Ward

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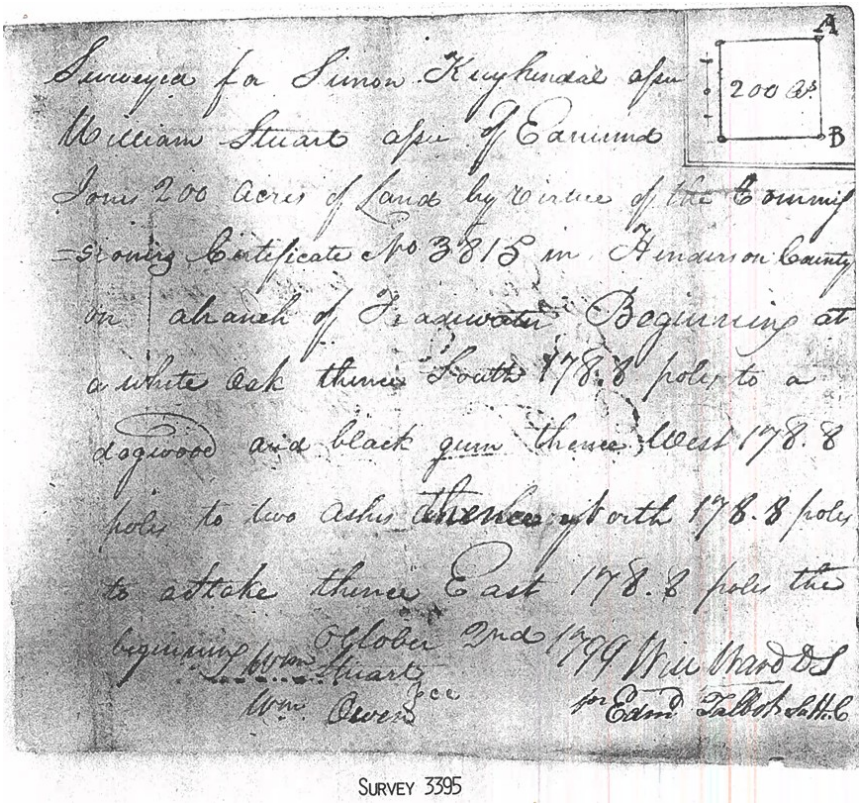
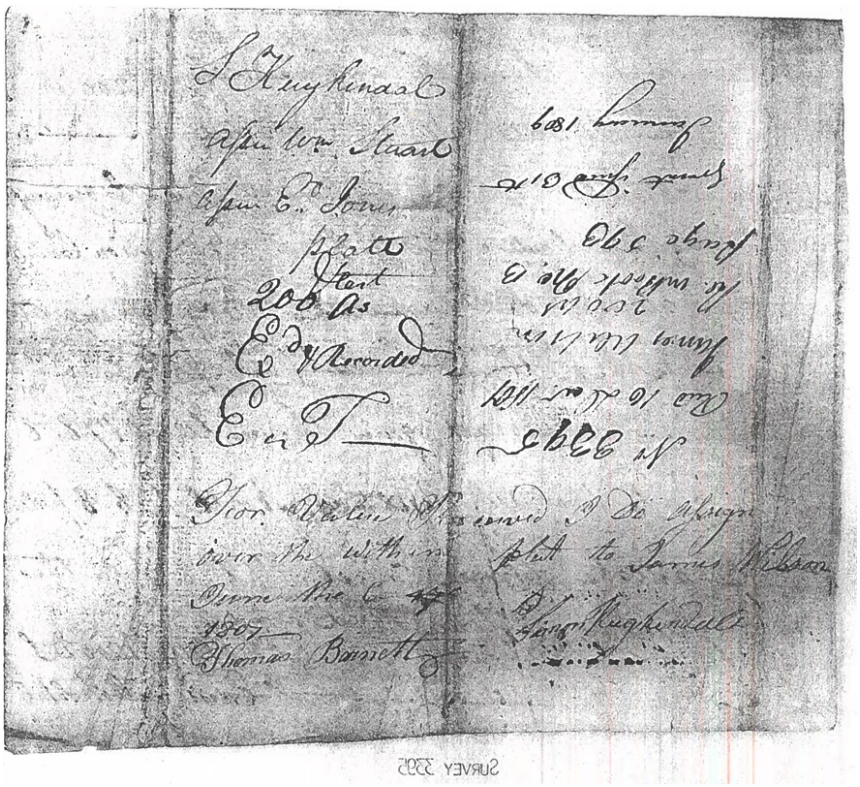
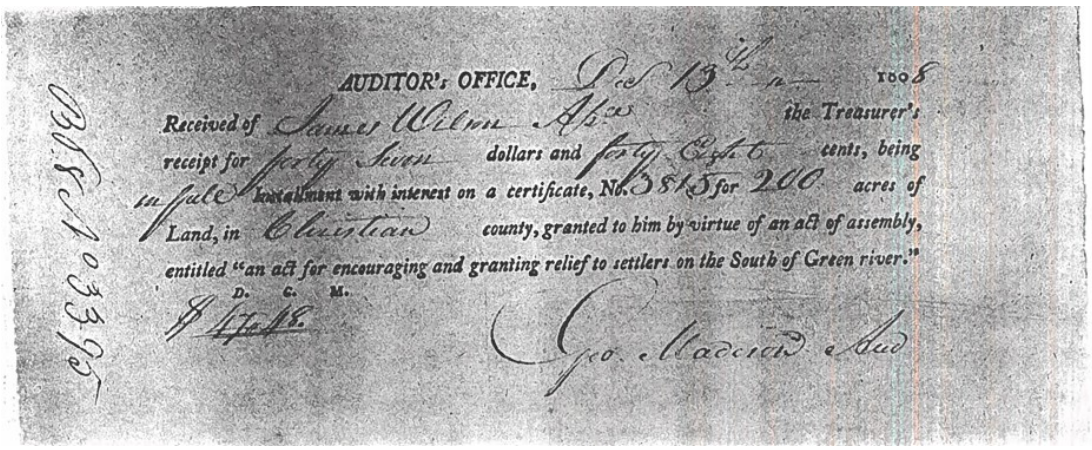
Appendix Image 2. Warrant Certificate No. 3815 exterior / folded image.



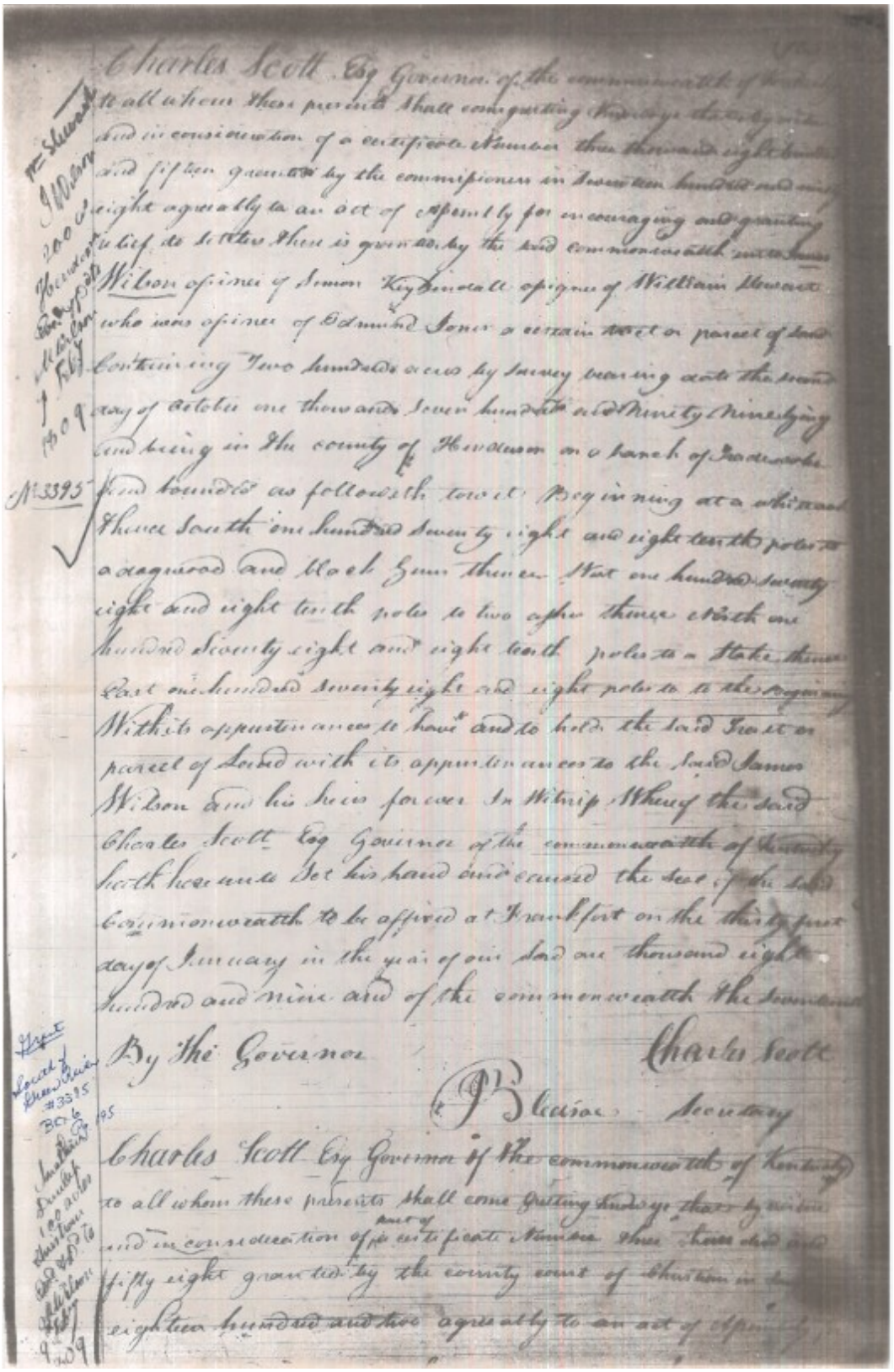
Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 3395 — Front (2 October 1799).



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 3395 — Back (assignment to James Wilson; received 16 Dec 1807, recorded Book [8], page 593).



Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office receipt, 13 December 1808.



Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky
to all whom these presents shall come greeting Knowye that by virtue
and in consideration of a certificate Number three thousand eight hundred
and fifteen granted by the commissioners in Seventeen hundred and ninety
eight agreeably to an act of Assembly for encouraging and granting
relief to settlers there is granted by the said commonwealth unto James
Wilson assignee of Simon Kenderdall assignee of William Stewart
who was assignee of Edmund Jones a certain tract or parcel of Land
Containing Two hundred acres by survey bearing date the second
day of October one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine lying
and being in the county of Henderson on a branch of Trade water
No 3395 bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a white oak
thence South one hundred Seventy eight and eight tenth poles to
a dogwood and black Gum thence West one hundred Seventy
eight and eight tenth poles to two ashes thence North one
hundred Seventy eight and eight tenth poles to a Stake thence
East one hundred Seventy eight and eight poles to to the Beginning
With its appurtenances to have and to hold the said Tract or
parcel of Land with its appurtenances to the said James
Wilson and his heirs forever In Witness Whereof the said
Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky
hath hereunto Set his hand and caused the seal of the said
commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the thirty first
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and nine and of the commonwealth the Seventeenth

By the Governor Charles Scott

P Bledsoe Secretary

Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky
to all whom these presents shall come Greeting Knowye that by virtue
and in consideration of part of a certificate Number three thousand and
fifty eight granted by the county court of Christian in Sixteen
eighteen hundred and two agreeably to an act of Assembly

Appendix Image 6. Patent No. 3395, 31 January 1809.