Jesse Walker — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 5352 (County Certificate No. 979)

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

Assignee of William French, Assignee of Justinian Cartwright, Assignee of Charles Kelley

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At its October 1805 term, the Livingston County Court permitted Charles Kelley to remove a location for 200 acres, part of his 400-acre survey, on proof that the land had been taken by a prior claim. Kelley assigned the 200 acres to Justinian Cartwright on 24 October 1805. Cartwright assigned the certificate to William French on 4 April 1806, and French assigned it to Jesse Walker on 15 May 1806, with William Owen as witness. Deputy Surveyor John Gordon surveyed the tract for Walker on 25 July 1806 in Henderson County, on a branch of Tradewater River, adjoining surveys of William Owen and James Wilson. William Owen and Willis Rolls carried the chain. The survey was received on 14 August 1807 and recorded in Book 6, page 67, but the balance was not paid until 22 January 1812, when Governor Charles Scott issued Grant No. 5352 to Walker. The patent was delivered to "Genl. Hopkins" on 30 January 1812.

Survey Description

Complete metes-and-bounds description transcribed from the survey record (25 July 1806) and repeated in the patent (22 January 1812). All distances are in poles.

Beginning at an Elm and Dogwood standing in a line of William Owen's 200-acre survey; thence South 35 West, 262 poles, crossing a branch several times, to a White Oak; thence East, 240 poles, to two Ashes, corner of James Wilson's 200-acre survey; thence North, 180 poles, to an Ash, White Oak, and Red Bud; thence West, 60 poles, to a Hickory and Ash on the side of a hill; thence North 40 West, 40 poles, to the Beginning.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	No. 979 (Livingston County, removed location; part of Charles Kelley's original 400-acre survey)
Survey / Grant Register Number	5352
Original Claimant	Charles Kelley (400-acre survey, Livingston County)
Assignee / Surveyed For	Jesse Walker, assignee of William French, assignee of Justinian Cartwright, assignee of Charles Kelley
Acreage	200 acres (part of Kelley's original 400-acre survey)
Watercourse	A branch of the Tradewater River
County in Survey	Henderson County (certificate originally issued in Livingston County)
Certificate Date	Livingston County Court, October 1805 (removed-location order)
Survey Date	25 July 1806
Received by Land Office	14 August 1807
Recording Reference	Survey: Book 6, page 67. Patent: Grant Book 9, page 504.
Patent / Grant Issued	22 January 1812, Frankfort, Kentucky; delivered to "Genl. Hopkins," 30 January 1812
State Price Notation	$36.50 received (value and interest), interest deducted, per Auditor's Office receipt dated 22 January 1812, signed George Madison, Auditor
Deputy Surveyor	John Gordon
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot (Surveyor, Henderson County)
Chain Carriers	William Owen, Willis Rolls

Commissioners / Officials	Enoch Prince, Clerk, Livingston County Court; George Madison, Auditor; Charles Scott, Governor; J. Bledsoe, Secretary

Chronology

October 1805	Livingston County Court permits Charles Kelley to remove a location for 200 acres, part of his 400-acre survey, on proof it was taken by a prior claim (test. Enoch Prince, C.L.C.).
24 October 1805	Charles Kelley (his mark) assigns 200 acres, the removed part of the certificate, to Justinian Cartwright, for value received; witness Samuel Boyd.
4 April 1806	Justinian Cartwright assigns the certificate to William French, for value received; witness Mary French.
15 May 1806	William French (his mark) assigns the certificate to Jesse Walker, for value received; witness William Owen.
25 July 1806	200 acres surveyed for Jesse Walker in Henderson County on a branch of Tradewater River, adjoining William Owen's and James Wilson's 200-acre surveys; surveyed by John Gordon, Deputy Surveyor, under Edmund Talbot, Surveyor of Henderson County; chain carriers William Owen and Willis Rolls.
14 August 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 6, page 67 (endorsement on back of survey).
22 January 1812	Auditor's Office receipt: $36.50 received of Jesse Walker, assignee, for the 200-acre Livingston County location No. 979, per the act of 20 December 1800, interest deducted; signed George Madison, Auditor.
22 January 1812	Patent/grant issued at Frankfort, Kentucky, by Governor Charles Scott, under the seal of the Commonwealth, attested by Secretary J. Bledsoe.
30 January 1812	Patent delivered to "Genl. Hopkins."

Persons Named in the Record

Jesse Walker	Final patentee; assignee of William French
William French	Assignee of Justinian Cartwright (4 April 1806); assignor

	to Jesse Walker (15 May 1806); signs by mark
Mary French	Witness to the Cartwright-to-French assignment (4 April 1806)
Justinian Cartwright	Assignee of Charles Kelley (24 October 1805); assignor to William French (4 April 1806)
Charles Kelley	Original claimant, 400-acre survey, Livingston County; signs by mark
Samuel Boyd	Witness to the Kelley-to-Cartwright assignment (24 October 1805)
William Owen	Chain carrier on the 25 July 1806 survey; witness to the French-to-Walker assignment; owner of an adjoining 200-acre survey (KLG 4998 or 4999)
Willis Rolls	Chain carrier on the 25 July 1806 survey (very likely Willis Ralls)
James Wilson	Adjoining landowner; his 200-acre survey (KLG 3395) borders this tract
John Gordon	Deputy Surveyor who conducted the 25 July 1806 survey
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor, Henderson County
Enoch Prince	Clerk, Livingston County Court; certified the October 1805 removed-location order
George Madison	Auditor; signed the 22 January 1812 receipt
Charles Scott	Governor of Kentucky; issued the patent
J. Bledsoe	Secretary of the Commonwealth; attested the patent
"Genl. Hopkins"	Recipient to whom the patent was delivered, 30 January 1812

Land Description

200 acres on a branch of the Tradewater River, Henderson County, Kentucky (certificate originally located in Livingston County), adjoining William Owen's and James Wilson's 200-acre surveys.

Research Notes

Grant date correction: an earlier transcription stated the grant was "issued on 14th August 1807." The record images show that 14 August 1807 is the date the survey was received

(recorded Book 6, page 67); the patent was not issued until 22 January 1812, and it was delivered to "Genl. Hopkins" on 30 January 1812.

The delivery to "Genl. Hopkins" matches margin notes on other patents in this collection, including KLG 4996 (Clark Landers), 4998 and 4999 (William Owen). He is possibly Gen. Samuel Hopkins, for whom Hopkins County was named.

All three assignments are written on the back of the Livingston County certificate: Charles Kelley to Justinian Cartwright (24 October 1805, witness Samuel Boyd); Justinian Cartwright to William French (4 April 1806, witness Mary French), written sideways along the left edge; and William French to Jesse Walker (15 May 1806, witness William Owen). An earlier transcription had missed the Cartwright-to-French assignment.

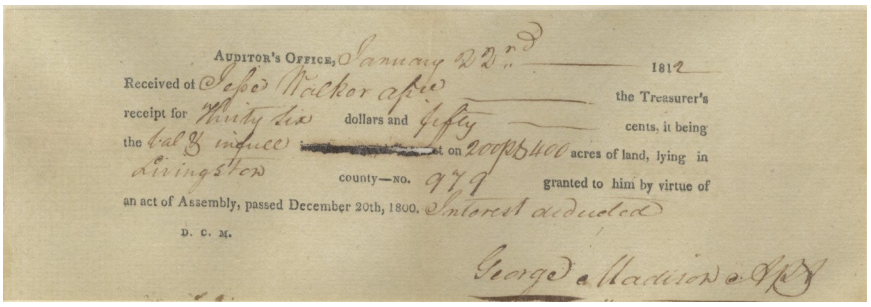
William Owen appears twice in this record, as chain carrier on the 25 July 1806 survey and as witness to the French-to-Walker assignment, and the survey begins "in a line of William Owen's 200-acre survey." Owen held two 200-acre surveys here, KLG 4998 and 4999, and the record does not say which is meant. He is not part of the ownership chain for this tract.

Willis Rolls, chain carrier here, is very likely Willis Ralls. His name also appears as chain carrier on KLG 5341 and 5342 (both 11 November 1806), making these among the earliest records placing him in this part of Henderson (later Hopkins) County.

This grant adjoins James Wilson's 200-acre survey (KLG 3395) at the "two ashes" corner and a 200-acre survey of William Owen, placing it in the Cluster A (Owens Creek / Whiteside Creek) neighborhood.

A tax-roll lead mentions a "Walker's Settlement" associated with a John Walker. This grant's patentee is Jesse Walker; whether the two are the same person or related is unconfirmed.

Images / Appendix



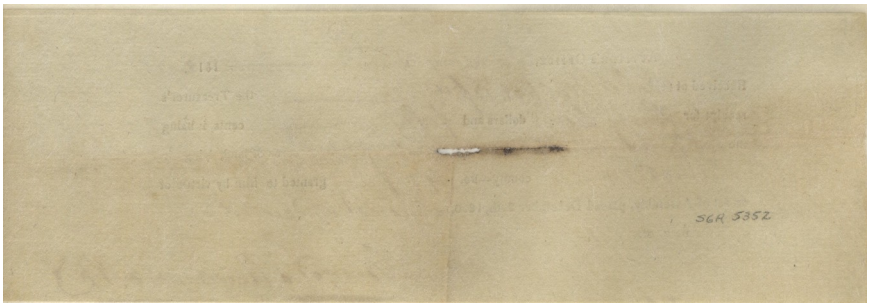
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, January 22nd 1812

Received of Jesse Walker Apte the Treasurer's receipt for Thirty six dollars and fifty cents, it being the bal & in full [redacted] st on 200 p & 400 acres of land, lying in Livingston county—No. 979 granted to him by virtue of an act of Assembly, passed December 20th, 1800. Interest deducted

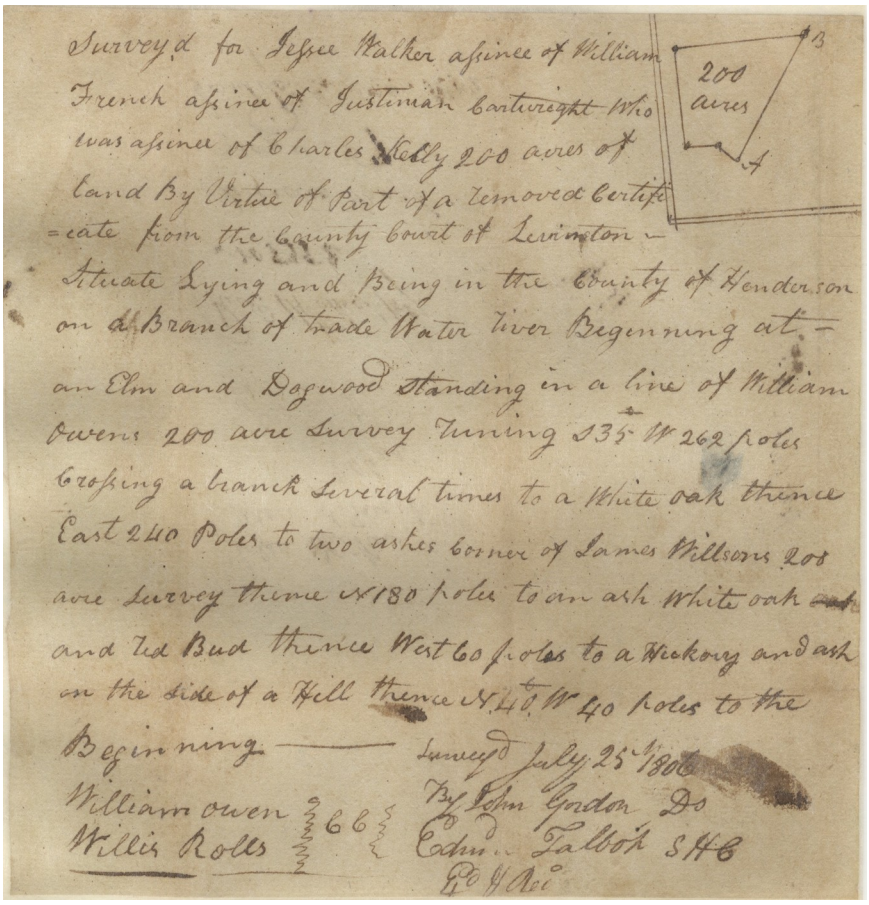
D. C. M.

George Madison Apt

Appendix Image 1. Auditor's Office Receipt, 22 January 1812 - Front.



Appendix Image 2. Auditor's Office Receipt - Back (docket number only).



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William Owen } CC } By John Gordon Do
Willis Rolls } Edmd Talbot SHC
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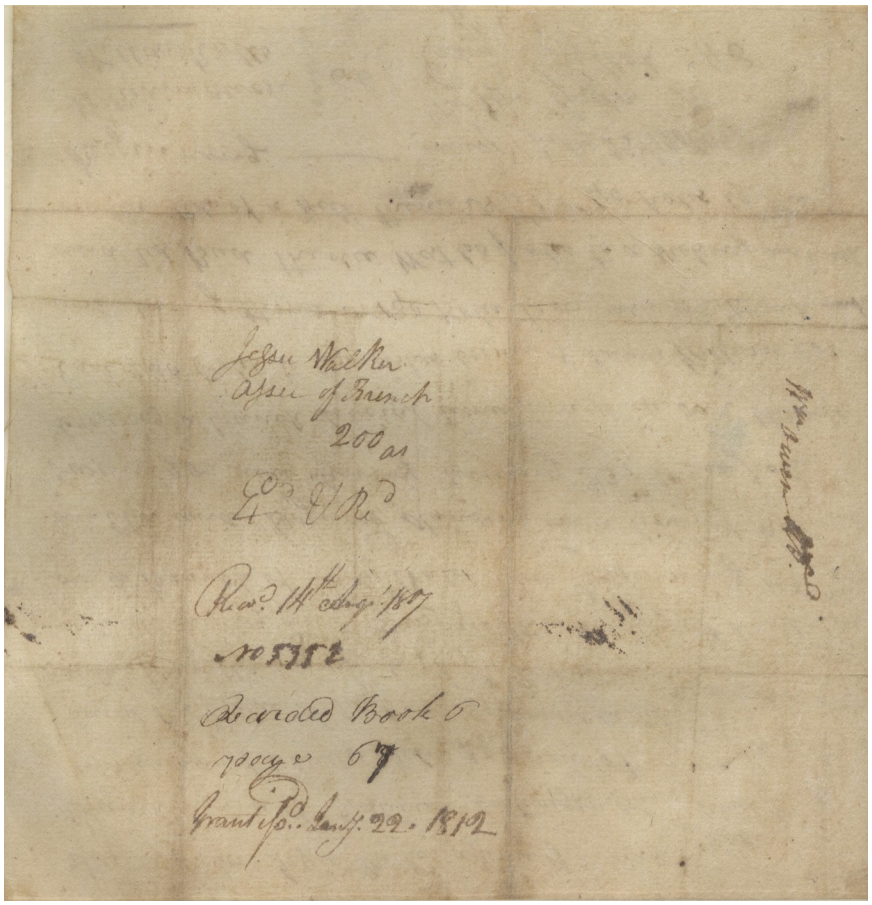
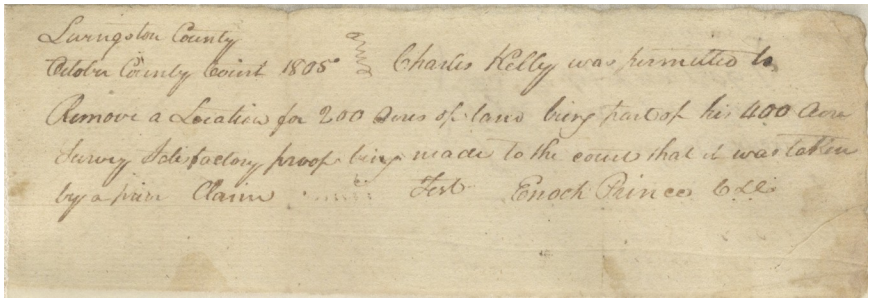
Appendix Image 3. Survey, 25 July 1806, with plat diagram - Front.



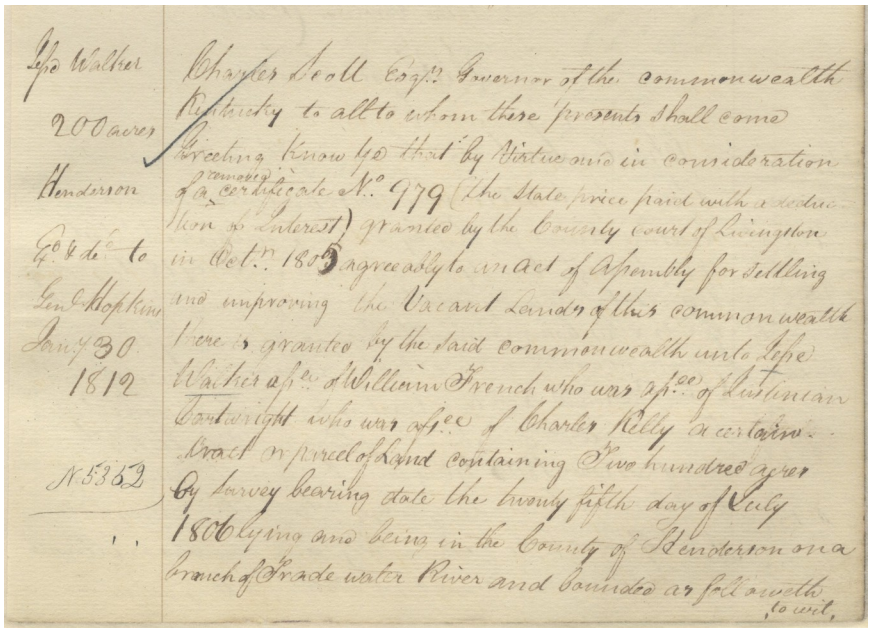
Appendix Image 4. Survey - Back (received 14 Aug 1807, recorded Book 6, page 67, grant issued 22 Jan 1812).



Appendix Image 5. Livingston County Court Order, October 1805 - Front.



Appendix Image 6. Certificate - Back, with assignments (Kelley to Cartwright, 24 Oct 1805; Cartwright to French, 4 Apr 1806, along the left edge; French to Walker, 15 May 1806).



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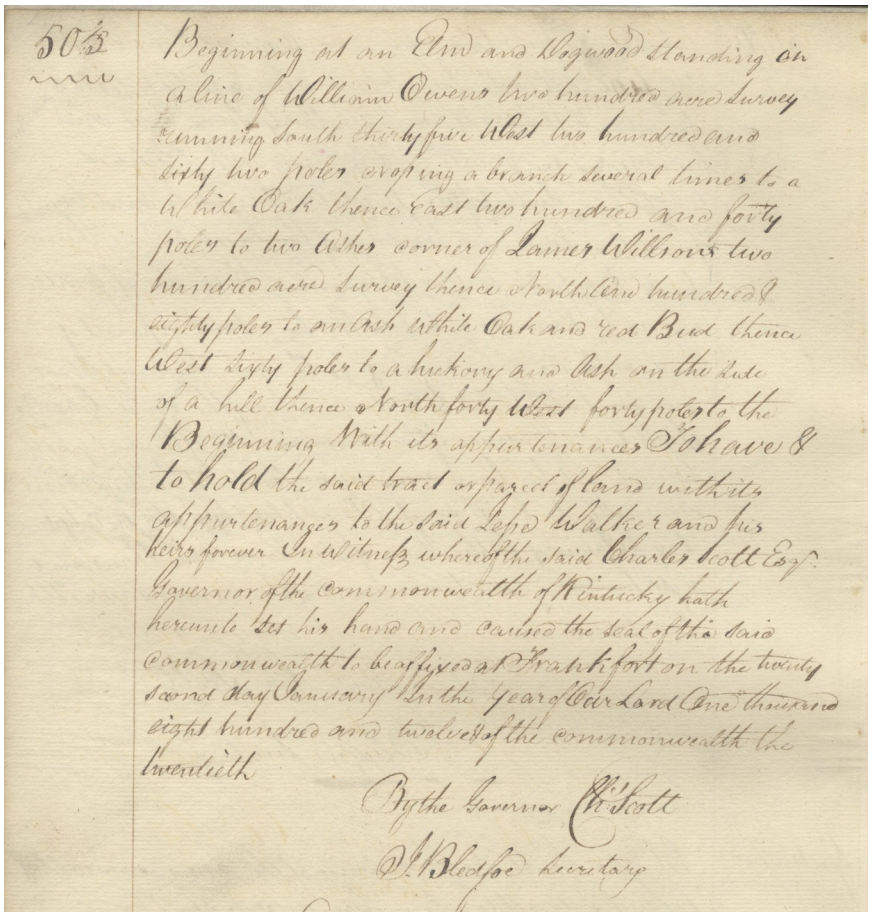

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Beginning at an Elm and Dogwood standing on a line of William Owens two hundred acre Survey running South thirty five West two hundred and sixty two poles crossing a branch several times to a White Oak thence East two hundred and forty poles to two Ashes corner of Lamer Willsons two hundred acre Survey thence North one hundred & eighty poles to an Ash White Oak and Red Bud thence West sixty poles to a hickory and Ash on the side of a hill thence North forty West forty poles to the Beginning With its appurtenances To have & to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Lepe Walker 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 this said Commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the twenty second day January in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve & of the commonwealth the twentieth

By the Governor Ch. Scott

D. Bledsoe Secretary

Appendix Image 8. Patent, 22 January 1812 - Page 2 (metes and bounds, attestation, signatures).