John Crawford — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 957 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 308; surveyor's No. 190)

666⅔ Acres on a Branch of the North Fork of Tradewater (no county named in the survey; Christian County in 1800)

Original Warrantee and Patentee; 100 Acres Sold for Taxes, 1800

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 9 April 1783 the Virginia Land Office issued Military Warrant No. 308 to John Crawford for 2,666⅔ acres, due to him for three years' service as a lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line. The warrant was entered on 20 April 1785, and on 9 May 1785 666⅔ acres of it were surveyed for Crawford on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water as survey No. 190, a rectangle of 267 by 400 poles on 45-degree bearings. It begins at a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the creek, the west corner of James Curry's survey No. 173 and the south corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180, and returns along Curry's line from a hickory, sweet gum and maple, Curry's south corner. Isaac Hitchcock was marker and Amos Goodwin and William Drennon [?] chain carriers; W. Robertson signed as assistant surveyor, and Richard C. Anderson certified that he held the warrant and signed the survey "Examined & Recorded" on 15 June 1785. The survey was received on 12 March 1795, and on 15 September 1795 Governor Isaac Shelby signed the Kentucky patent to Crawford at Frankfort, countersigned by James Brown, Secretary. On 29 November 1800 the Register's Office sold 100 acres off the north end of the tract, second-rate land in Christian County, for £3.16.1 in taxes and interest for 1792 through

1799; Hector Lewis bought them. Lewis's certificate passed to James Gray, William Miller and Derrick Vanpelt in 1812, and on 2 October 1813 John Gordon, surveyor of Hopkins County, laid off the 100 acres in the north corner of the tract. The plat and certificate were delivered to D. Vanpelt on 11 August 1818.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds of the 666⅔ acres as written in the 1785 survey and confirmed against the patent. Distances are in poles. The survey and the patent differ on two crossings; see Research Notes.

Surveyed for John Crawford 666⅔ acres of land, part of a Military Warrant No. 308, on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water. Beginning at a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the creek, W[est] corner to James Curry's survey No. 173 and S[outh] corner to John T. Griffin's survey No. 180; running S[outh] 45° W[est] 267 poles, crossing a branch at 146 poles and the creek at 164 poles, to three maples in a pond; thence S[outh] 45° E[ast] 400 poles to three hickories; thence N[orth] 45° E[ast] 267 poles to a hickory, sweet gum and maple, S[outh] corner to Curry; thence with his line N[orth] 45° W[est] 400 poles, crossing the creek at 390 [patent: 380] poles, to the beginning. Isaac Hitchcock, M[arker]; Amos Goodwin and William Drennon [?], C.C. W. Robertson, Ass't [surveyor], 9th May 1785. Richard C. Anderson.

Record Summary

Warrant	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 308, 9 April 1783 (Virginia), 2,666⅔ acres; entered 20 April 1785
Survey Number	957 (No. 190 on the plat)
Original Warrantee	John Crawford, lieutenant, Virginia Continental line
Surveyed For / Patentee	John Crawford; not located in Jillson
Acreage	666⅔ acres (267 by 400 poles)
Watercourse	A branch of the North Fork of Tradewater
County	None named in the survey or patent; Christian County in 1800; the 100 acres in Hopkins County in 1813
Adjoining	James Curry's survey No. 173, KLG 6442 (north-east); John T. Griffin's No. 180, KLG 3551 (at the north corner); Addison Lewis's 4,000 acres, KLG 3161 (south-east, position along that side not fixed)
Survey Date	9 May 1785
Examined and Recorded	15 June 1785, Richard C. Anderson; recorded page 149

Received	12 March 1795; recorded in Book B, folio 126
Patent / Grant Issued	15 September 1795, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky, at Frankfort; James Brown, Secretary; page 176
Later Title	100 acres off the north end sold for 1792–1799 taxes, 29 November 1800, to Hector Lewis; assigned to James Gray, William Miller and Derrick Vanpelt, 1812; surveyed 2 October 1813; delivered to D. Vanpelt, 11 August 1818
Surveyor / Chain Carriers	W. Robertson, assistant surveyor; Richard C. Anderson, principal surveyor; Isaac Hitchcock, marker; Amos Goodwin and William Drennon [?], chain carriers

Chronology

9 April 1783	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 308 issued to John Crawford for 2,666⅔ acres for three years' service as a lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line
20 April 1785	Warrant entered
9 May 1785	666⅔ acres (No. 190) surveyed for John Crawford; Isaac Hitchcock, marker; the same crew surveys Curry's No. 173 and Scott's No. 330 that day
15 June 1785	Survey examined and recorded by Richard C. Anderson
12 March 1795	Survey received
15 September 1795	Patent issued to John Crawford, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky, at Frankfort
20 July 1797	Patent examined and delivered to Peter Mason [?]
29 November 1800	Register's Office sells 100 acres off the north end for £3.16.1 in taxes and interest for 1792–1799; Hector Lewis purchases
12 January 1812	Hector Lewis assigns the certificate to James Gray
7 May 1812	James Gray assigns it to William Miller; Lewis Duncan, witness
12 August 1812	William Miller assigns it to Derrick Vanpelt; Samuel Jones [?], witness
2 October 1813	100 acres surveyed in Hopkins County by John Gordon,

	S.H.C.
11 August 1818	Plat and certificate delivered to D. Vanpelt

Persons Named in the Record

John Crawford	Lieutenant, Virginia Continental line; warrantee and patentee
W. Robertson	Assistant surveyor, 1785
Richard C. Anderson	Principal surveyor; examined and recorded the survey
Isaac Hitchcock	Marker, 1785
Amos Goodwin	Chain carrier, 1785
William Drennon [?]	Chain carrier, 1785
James Curry	Adjoining owner (survey No. 173)
John T. Griffin	Adjoining owner (survey No. 180)
Isaac Shelby	Governor of Kentucky; signed the patent
James Brown	Secretary of the Commonwealth; countersigned the patent
Peter Mason [?]	Received the patent, 1797
Edmund Thomas	Register; signed the 1800 tax-sale certificate
Hector Lewis	Purchaser of 100 acres, 1800; assignor, 1812
James Gray	Assignee of Lewis; assignor to Miller, 1812
Lewis Duncan	Witness to Gray's assignment, 1812
William Miller	Assignee of Gray; assignor to Vanpelt, 1812
Samuel Jones [?]	Witness to Miller's assignment, 1812
Derrick Vanpelt	Assignee of Miller; the 100 acres surveyed for him, 1813 ("Canpelt" in the survey); chain carrier, 1813
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins County (S.H.C.), 1813
James French	Chain carrier, 1813
Joseph French	Marker, 1813

Land Description

A rectangle of 267 by 400 poles (666⅔ acres) on a branch of the North Fork of Tradewater, its sides on 45-degree bearings. Its north corner, the beginning, is a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the creek, the west corner of James Curry's survey No. 173 and the south corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180; its west corner three maples in a pond; its south corner three hickories; and its east corner a hickory, sweet gum and maple, Curry's south corner. Its north-east side is Curry's south-west side. In 1813 the north corner of the tract was laid off as 100 acres, about 127 by 126 poles, for the tax-sale purchaser's assignee.

Research Notes

The survey number. The modern archival stamps read "SURVEY 957," the docket on the back of the survey reads "No. 957," and "957" is written in the patent margin. The plat itself is numbered "No. 190": this is the "John Crawford's survey No. 190" named in Addison Lewis's survey of 12 May 1785 (KLG 3161). The earlier report read the docket as possibly "951"; it reads 957. The folder's image file names use 306, which is not a number in these records; the warrant is No. 308.

The warrant. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 308 directs the principal surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia to lay off, in one or more surveys, 2,666⅔ acres for John Crawford, his heirs or assigns, due "in consideration of his services for three years as a Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line." It is dated the 9th of April 1783. This survey uses 666⅔ acres of the warrant; the rest is not among these images.

The survey. The plat, numbered "No. 190" and marked "666⅔ Acres," shows the creek entering near the north corner and a pond at the west corner. The signatures read "Isaac Hitchcock, M.," "Amos Goodwin, William Drennon [?], C.C.," "W. Robertson, Ass't, 9th May 1785" and "Richard C. Anderson": the same crew that surveyed James Curry's No. 173 and Charles Scott Jr.'s No. 330 that day. The second chain carrier is read "Drennon [?]" as on Curry's survey (KLG 6442). On the back Anderson wrote, "I certify that I have in my possession the warrant on which the within survey was made. Examined & Recorded. This survey was made on an entry of the 20th of April 1785. Richard C. Anderson, June 15th 1785." The docket reads "John Crawford, 666⅔ Acre Survey, Recorded page 149, No. 957, Rec'd 12th March 1795, Rec[orde]d in Book B, fol. 126, Exam'd."

The patent. The patent, on page 176 with "Jn. Crawford, 666⅔ ac., 957" in the margin, is issued in the name of Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky, by virtue of part of military warrant No. 308, and was sealed at Frankfort "on the fifteenth day of September" 1795, "of the Commonwealth the fourth," signed by Isaac Shelby and countersigned by James Brown, Secretary. The earlier report could not read the month. The margin also reads "Ex'd & Del'd to Peter Mason [?] ... the 20th July [17]97." The patent repeats the survey's courses with two differences: its first crossing appears to read "one hundred fifty-six [?]" poles where the survey has 146, and its last crossing reads "three hundred and eighty" where the survey has 390. Curry's survey crosses the creek 20 poles from this same white oak, poplar and ash on the shared line, which agrees with the patent's 380 rather

than the survey's 390. The patent's copy of Griffin's survey number appears to read "No. 18[2?]"; the survey reads 180.

The 1800 tax sale and the 1812 assignments. The Register's Office certificate, dated 29 November 1800, states that "agreeable to an act of assembly passed December 21st, 1799" the Register exposed to sale "John Crawford, 666⅔ acres, second rate, in the County of Christian, lying on the waters of Trade Water," for the tax and interest due for the years 1792 through 1799, being £3.16.1, "and Hector Lewis purchased one hundred acres of the same, to be taken off the North [end] thereof," signed "Edm[un]d Thomas, Reg[iste]r." On the back, Hector Lewis assigned the benefit of the certificate to James Gray "for value rec'd" on 12 January 1812, and Jas. Gray assigned it to W. Miller on 7 May 1812, witnessed by Lewis Duncan; each added that he was not to be responsible "in case of any event whatsoever," Gray adding "or should it not get through." On a separate slip William Miller assigned it to Derrick Vanpelt on 12 August 1812, witnessed by Samuel Jones [?]. The 1813 survey copies the act's date as December 23rd, 1799; the certificate reads the 21st.

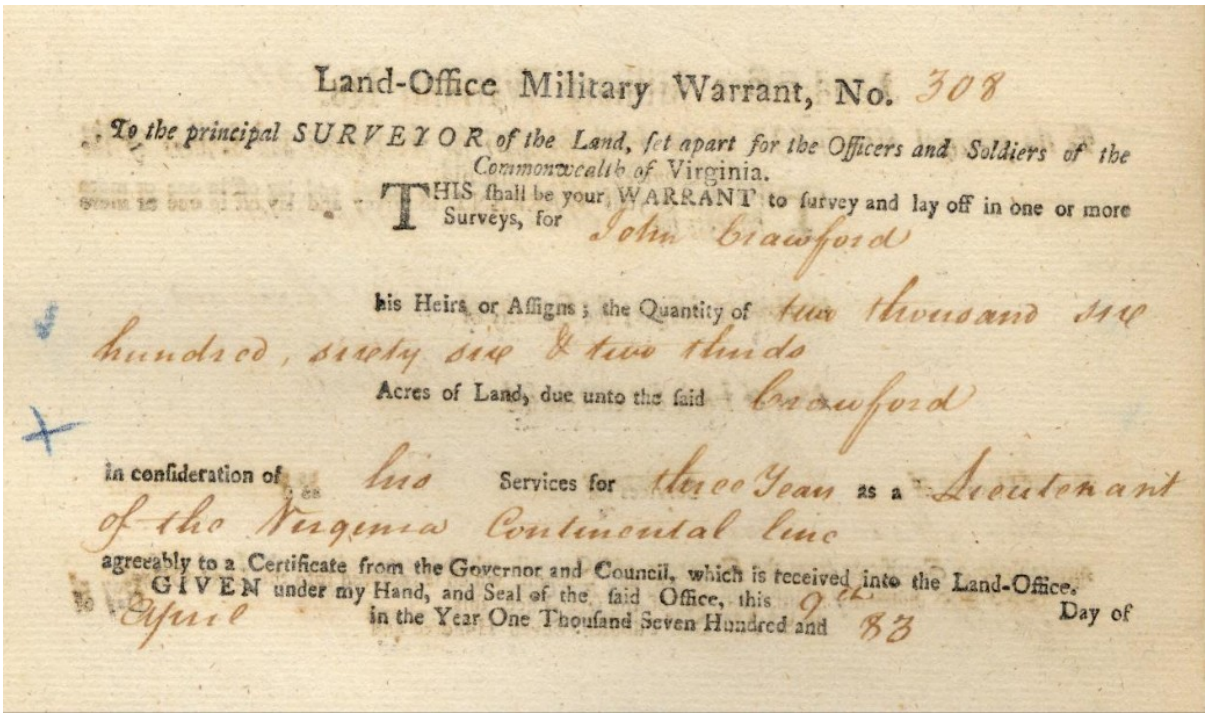
The 1813 survey of the 100 acres. The survey, headed "Hopkins County," is "for Derrick [V]anpelt, assignee of William Miller, assignee of Ja[me]s Gray, assignee of Hector Lewis"; the name is written "Canpelt" here and as a chain carrier, a form of Vanpelt, and the docket reads "Derrick Vanpelt, Platt & Cert., 100 acres ... Deliv'd 11th August 1818 to D. Vanpelt." The earlier report read the name as "Derrick Campbell" and treated it as an unresolved second person. The 100 acres are "taken off the most North part of said tract": beginning at the white oak, poplar and ash, "North corner of said 666⅔ acre tract of land," running South 45 East 127 poles "with the original line" to a white oak, black oak and ash; thence South 45 West 126 poles to a white oak, gum and dogwood; thence North 45 West 127 poles to a stake in the original line; thence North 45 East 126 [?] poles to the beginning. The last figure could be read 176, but 126 closes the figure and gives 100 acres. The earlier report read the second and fourth courses as "South [15°?] West 26" and "North [45°?] East 176." Ja[me]s French and Derrick [V]anpelt were chain carriers and Joseph French marker, and John Gordon, S.H.C., signed on 2 October 1813; the earlier report read the names as James Fleming and Joseph Turner. No patent for the 100 acres is among these images.

Neighbors. This survey begins at the white oak, poplar and ash that James Curry's survey No. 173 (KLG 6442) calls its own beginning and "south corner to John T. Griffin's survey No. 180" (KLG 3551), and its east corner, a hickory, sweet gum and maple, is "south corner to Curry," the same trees Curry's survey names at its south corner. It closes "with his line" north 45 west 400 poles, so this survey lies directly south-west of Curry, along Curry's whole south-west side. Both corners are named in both records. Its north-west side continues the line between Griffin and Curry south-west beyond Griffin's south corner. Addison Lewis's 4,000 acres (KLG 3161), surveyed three days later, begin at two maples and two black gums "in the line of John Crawford's survey No. 190" and run their north-west side "with Scott's, Curry's and Crawford's lines"; that side must follow this survey's south-east side, from Curry's south corner toward the three hickories. Lewis's survey names no corner of this one, so where its corner falls on that 267-pole side is not stated. The branch and creek crossings on Lewis's closing line, at 15, 74 and 498 poles, fall close to the branch crossings on Scott's and Curry's lines if Lewis's north corner lies about 175 to 178 poles north-east of Curry's east corner; that would put Lewis's west corner about 222 to 225 poles along this survey's south-east side, some 42

to 45 poles short of the three hickories. This is a best fit from the crossings, not a corner named in both records.

Images. This report uses the ten images in this file: the warrant, the 1785 survey and its back, the patent, the 1800 tax-sale certificate and its back with the 1812 assignments, Miller's assignment slip and its back, and the 1813 survey and its back.

Images / Appendix



Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 308

To the principal SURVEYOR of the Land, set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

THIS shall be your WARRANT to survey and lay off in one or more Surveys, for John Crawford

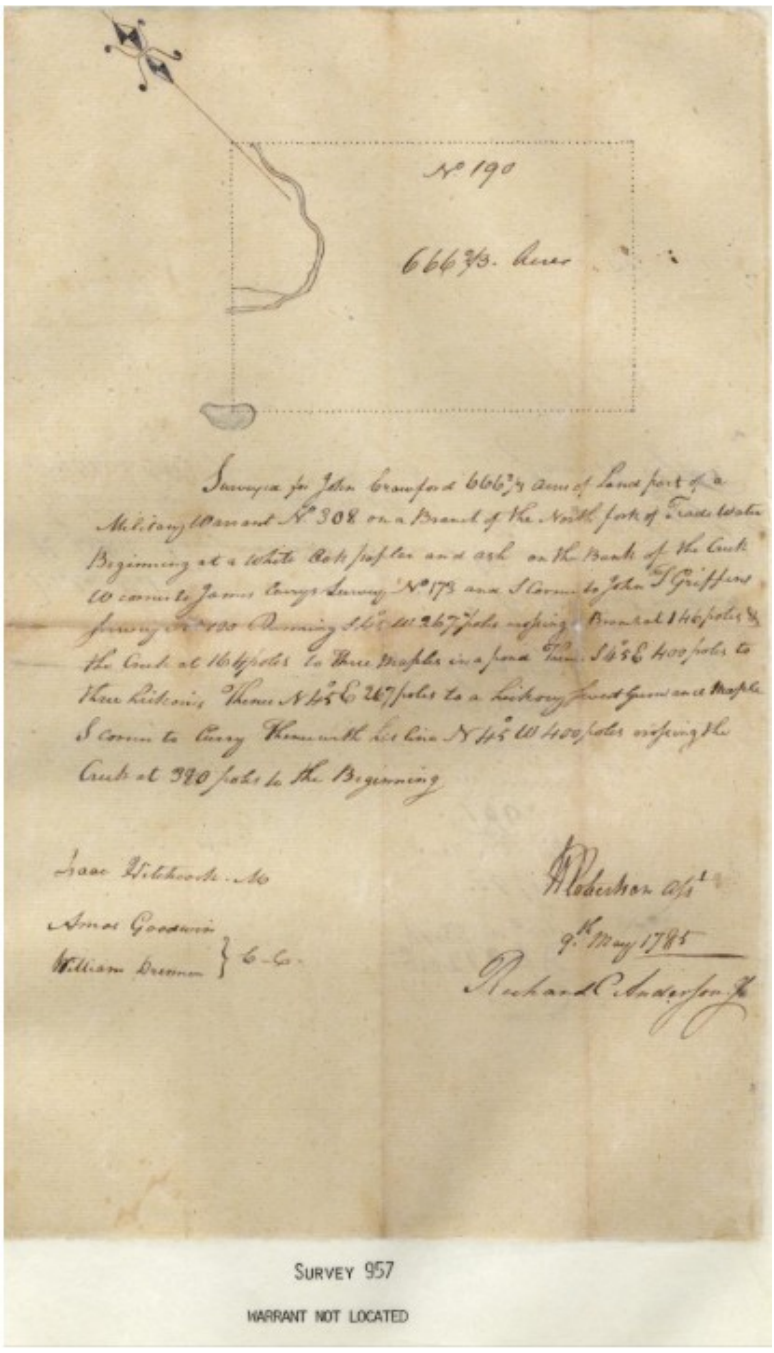
his Heirs or Assigns; the Quantity of two thousand six hundred, sixty six & two thirds Acres of Land, due unto the said Crawford

in consideration of his Services for three Years as a Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line

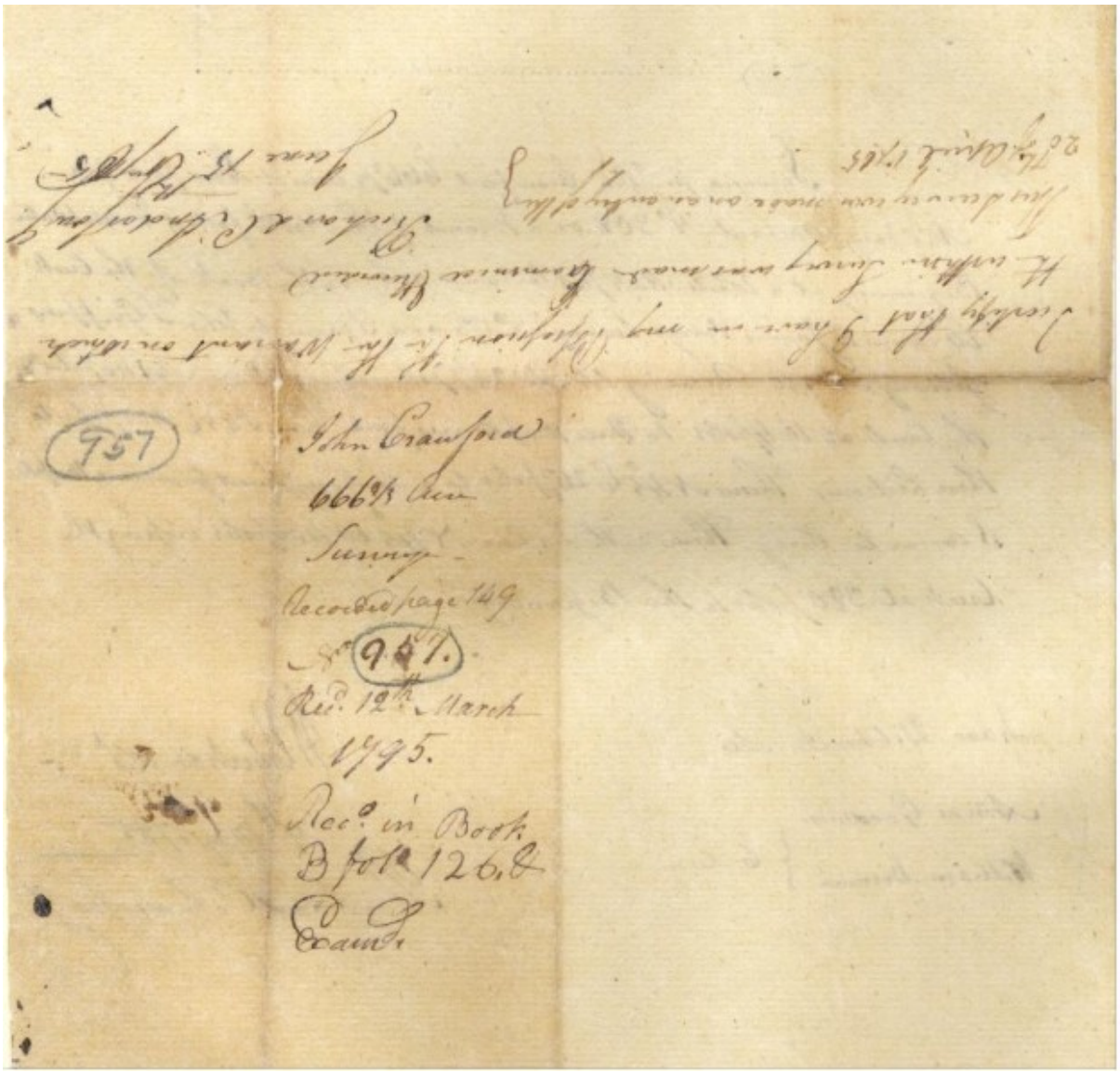
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal of the said Office, this 9th Day of April in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83

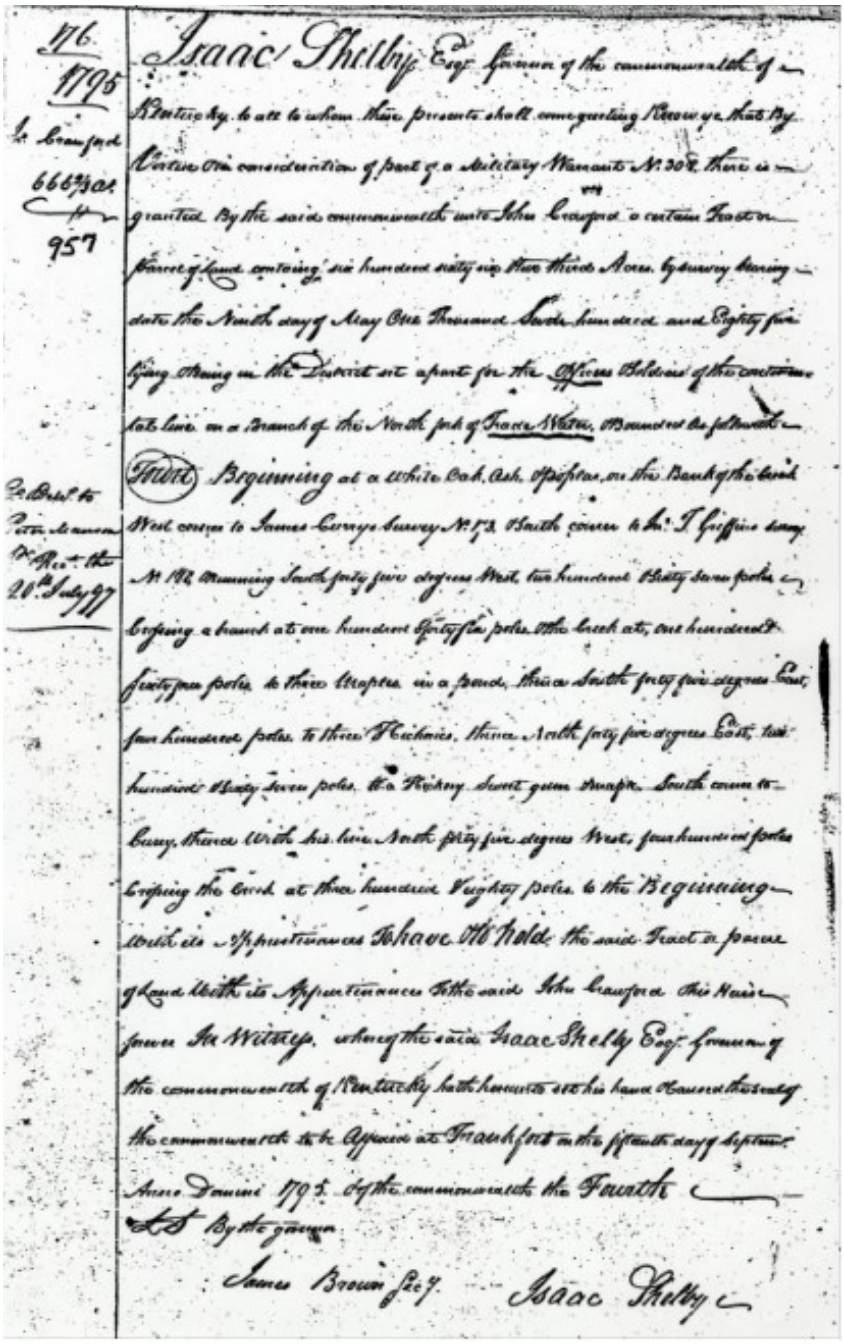
Appendix Image 1. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 308, 9 April 1783, to John Crawford for 2,666⅔ acres.



Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 190, 9 May 1785, 666⅔ acres for John Crawford, with plat (stamp: "SURVEY 957").



Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (Anderson's certificate, 15 June 1785, entry of 20 April 1785; docket: No. 957, received 12 March 1795, Book B, folio 126).



176.
1795
Jn. Crawford
666⅔ ac.
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Isaac Shelby Esqr. Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come greeting Know ye that By Virtue Our consideration of part of a Military Warrant No. 308 there is granted By the said commonwealth unto John Crawford a certain Tract or parcel of land containg six hundred sixty six Two third Acres by survey bearing date the Ninth day of May One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five lying Being in the District set apart for the Officers Soldiers of the continental line on a Branch of the North fork of Trade Water, Bounded as follows

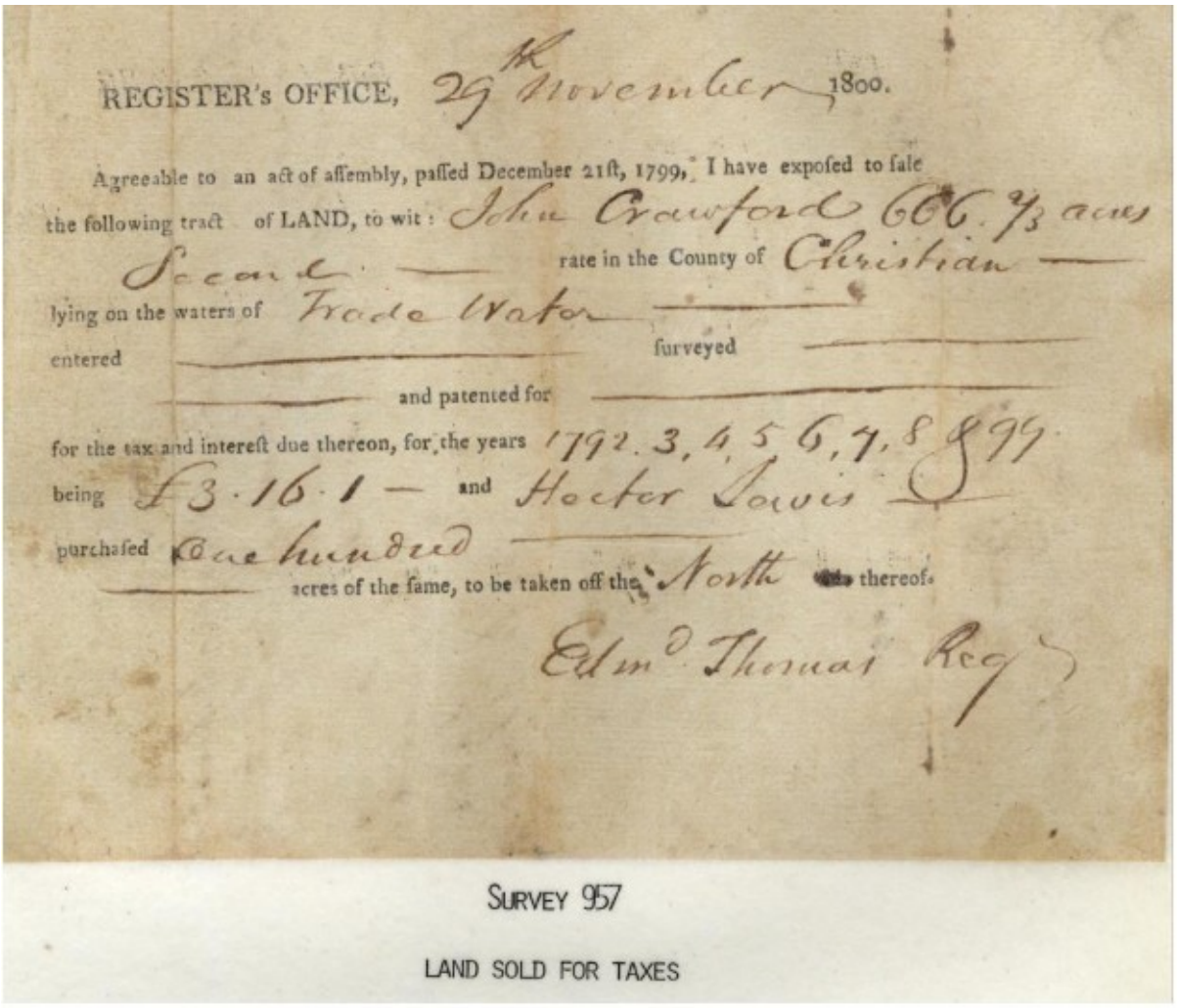
Fourth Beginning at a White Oak, Ash, Apoplar, on the Bank of the Creek West corner to James Currys Survey No. 173 South corner to Jn. T. Griffins Survey No. 192 Running South forty five degrees West two hundred Sixty seven poles crossing a branch at one hundred forty six poles the Creek at one hundred & sixty four poles to three Maples in a pond, thence South forty five degrees East four hundred poles to three Hickories, thence North forty five degrees East two hundred Sixty seven poles to a Hickory Sweet gum Maple South corner to Curry, thence With his line North forty five degrees West, four hundred poles Crossing the Creek at three hundred Eighty poles to the Beginning With its Appurtenances To have Hold the said Tract or parcel of land With its Appurtenances To the said John Crawford This Heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Isaac Shelby Esqr. Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand Caused the seal of the commonwealth to be Affixed at Frankfort on the fifteenth day of September Anno Domini 1795 & of the commonwealth the Fourth

LS By the governor

James Brown Secy. Isaac Shelby

Co. Delt. to Peter Manson Pr. Recd. the 20th July 97

Appendix Image 4. Patent to John Crawford, 15 September 1795, page 176 (Isaac Shelby; James Brown, Secretary).



REGISTER's OFFICE, 29th November 1800.

Agreeable to an act of assembly, passed December 21st, 1799, I have exposed to sale the following tract of LAND, to wit: John Crawford 666 2/3 acres Scarce — rate in the County of Christian — lying on the waters of Trade Water — entered — surveyed — and patented for — for the tax and interest due thereon, for the years 1792. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 99. being £3.16.1 — and Hector Lewis — purchased One hundred — acres of the same, to be taken off the North end thereof.

Edmd. Thomas Reg.

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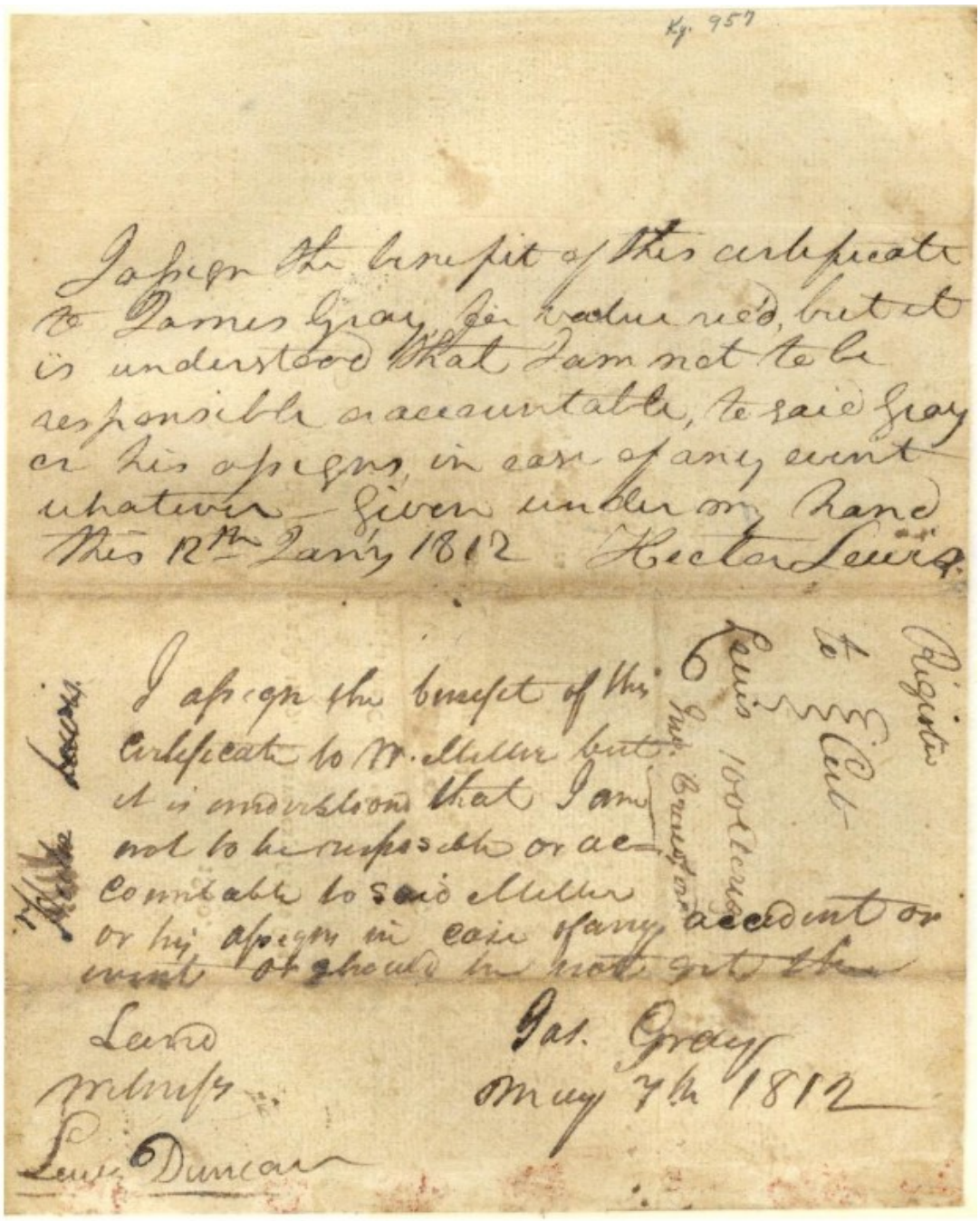
LAND SOLD FOR TAXES

Appendix Image 5. Register's Office tax-sale certificate, 29 November 1800: 100 acres off the north end, Hector Lewis, purchaser; Edmund Thomas, Register.



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I assign the benefit of this certificate to James Gray for value rec'd, but it is understood that I am not to be responsible or accountable, to said Gray or his assigns, in case of any event whatever — Given under my hand this 12th Jany 1812 Hector Lewis

I assign the benefit of this certificate to W. Miller but it is understood that I am not to be responsible or accountable to said Miller or his assigns in case of any accident or event or should he not get the

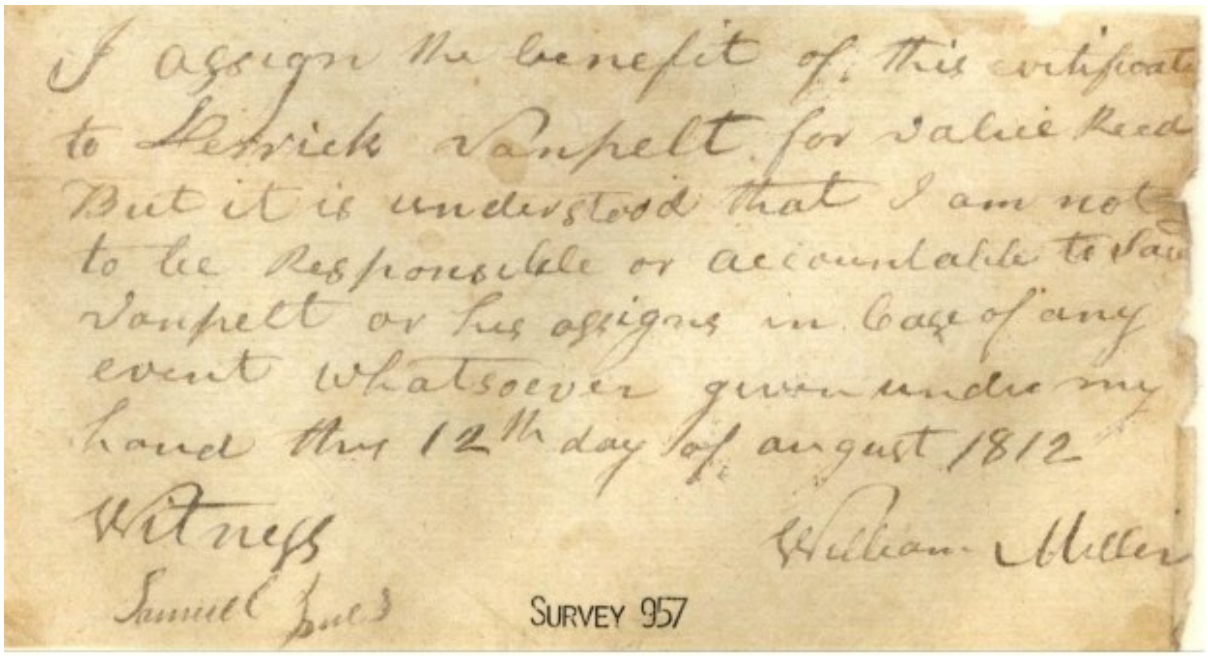
Lewis

Jas. Gray
May 7th 1812

Lewis Duncan

Registered to Lewis 100 Acres

Appendix Image 6. Tax-sale certificate — back: Hector Lewis to James Gray, 12 January 1812; James Gray to William Miller, 7 May 1812.


I assign the benefit of this certificate to Derrick Vanpelt for value Rec'd But it is understood that I am not to be Responsible or accountable to Van Vanpelt or his assigns in Case of any event whatsoever given under my hand this 12th day of August 1812
Witness
Samuel Jones
William Miller
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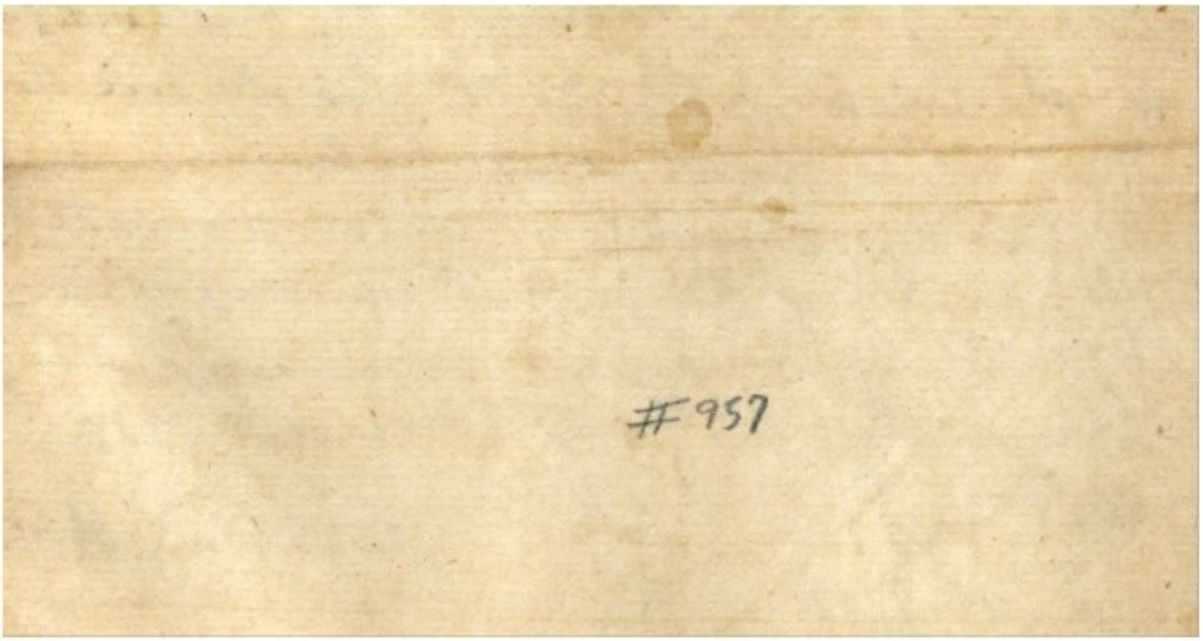
Appendix Image 7. Assignment, William Miller to Derrick Vanpelt, 12 August 1812.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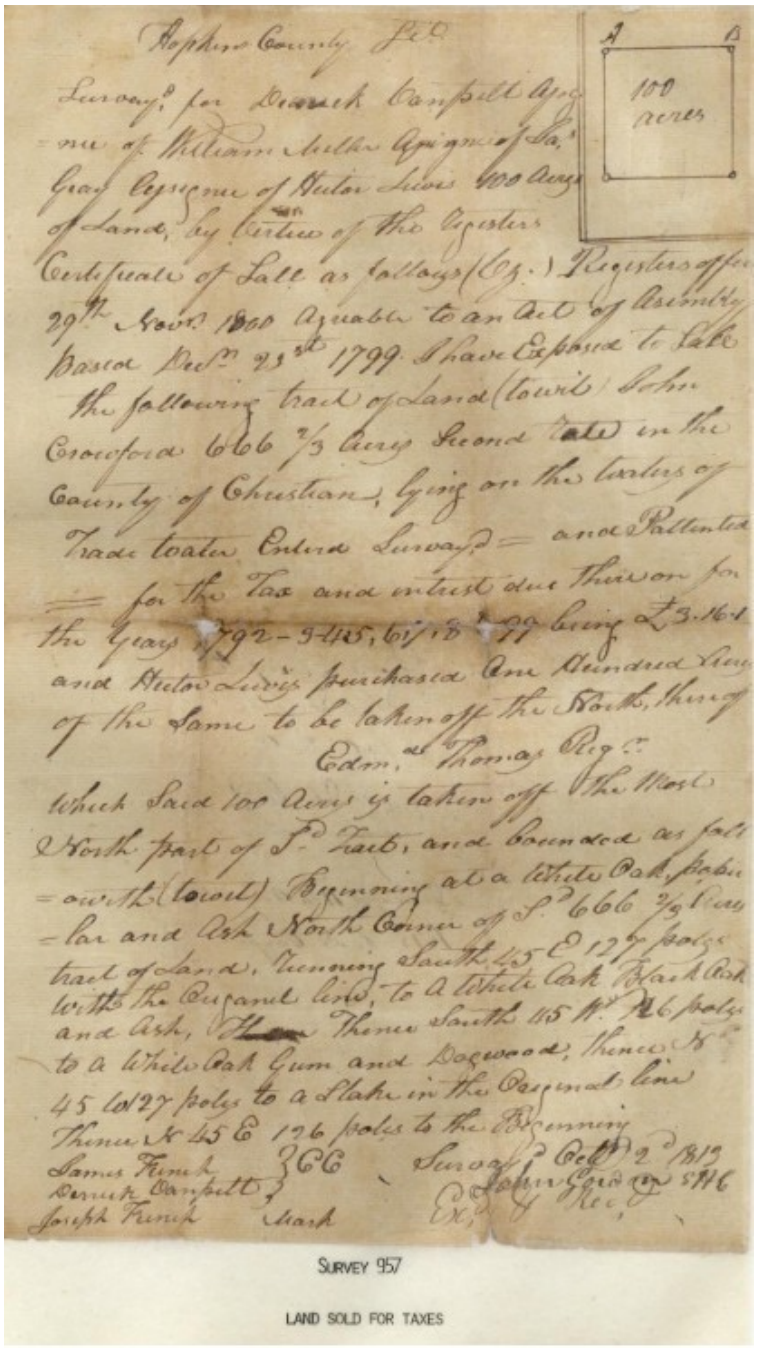
Appendix Image 8. Assignment slip — back ("#957").



Appendix Image 9. Survey of the 100 acres for Derrick [V]anpelt, Hopkins County, 2 October 1813; John Gordon, S.H.C.



Appendix Image 10. 1813 survey — back: delivered to D. Vanpelt, 11 August 1818.