John Robertson — Kentucky Land Grant — County Certificate No. 206 (Survey No. 5049)

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

Original Claimant and Patentee, under Kentucky's Act for Settling and Improving the Vacant Lands

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. 5049, John Robertson, 200 acres, Henderson County: Henderson County Court certificate, December Court 1801 (a copy, teste Ambrose Barbour, C.C.); survey, 11 November 1806, received 16 July 1807 and recorded Book 5, page 403; Auditor's Office receipt on Certificate No. 206, 14 August 1807; patent, 17 August 1807 (archivist's note: Book 3, page 261); digital images supplied by the Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office. Not located in Willard Rouse Jillson, The Kentucky Land Grants (1925).

Abstract

At the December 1801 term, the Henderson County Court heard John Robertson's claim to 200 acres on account of settling the land under the Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth. The claim lay on Owen's Creek of Trade Water, beginning at a black oak and running northwardly so as to include his improvement, and the court ordered a certificate to issue. The land was not surveyed for nearly five years. On 11 November 1806 Deputy Surveyor John Gordon, for Edmund Talbot, Surveyor of Henderson County, surveyed 200 acres for "John Roberson" on Owens Branch, a branch of Trade Water, beginning at a white oak in a line of McClendal's 200-acre survey. Solomon Mencer and James French carried the chain, and Robertson was marker. The survey was received on 16 July 1807 and recorded in Book 5, page 403. Robertson paid the $40 state price on Certificate No. 206 on 14 August 1807, and Governor Christopher Greenup issued Grant No. 5049 to him on 17 August 1807. A margin note says the patent was examined and delivered to General Hopkins on 22 August 1807.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for John Robertson, 200 acres of land, by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County on Owens Branch, a branch of Tradewater River. Beginning at a white oak standing in a line of McClendal's 200-acre survey; running North 50 West 64 poles to a black oak; thence South 70 West 80 poles to a dogwood and hickory; thence North 30 West 100 poles to two hickories; thence South 50 West 165 poles to a white oak and hickory on a hill; thence South 50 East 200 poles to a poplar, ash, and dogwood in McClendal's line; thence North 50 East 200 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 11 November 1806.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	County Court Certificate No. 206
Survey Grant Register Number	5049
Original Claimant	John Robertson
Assignee / Surveyed For	Not applicable — John Robertson was both original claimant and patentee; no assignment occurred
Acreage	200 Acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Owen's Creek of Trade Water (certificate); Owens Branch, a branch of Trade Water River (survey and patent)
County in Survey	Henderson County, Kentucky
Certificate Date	December 1801 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Date	11 November 1806
Received by Land Office	16 July 1807
Recording Reference	Survey: Book 5, page 403. Patent: Book 3, page 261 (archivist's note).
Patent / Grant Issued	17 August 1807; examined and delivered to Gen. Hopkins, 22 August 1807 (margin note)
State Price Notation	$40, in full, on Certificate No. 206 (Act of 20 December 1800)
Deputy Surveyor	John Gordon
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.
Chain Carriers	Solomon Mencer; James French
Marker	John Robertson (written "John Roberson Mar.")
Commissioners	Not named; certified by Ambrose Barbour, Clerk of Henderson County Court

Chronology

December 1801	Henderson County Court certifies John Robertson's settlement claim to 200 acres on Owen's Creek of Trade Water, including his improvement (Certificate No. 206)
11 November 1806	Survey completed (SGR No. 5049), adjoining McClendal's 200-acre survey
16 July 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 5, page 403
14 August 1807	$40 state price paid in full on Certificate No. 206 (Auditor's receipt, Geo. Madison)
17 August 1807	Grant No. 5049 issued to John Robertson by Governor Christopher Greenup
22 August 1807	Patent examined and delivered to Gen. Hopkins (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

John Robertson	Original claimant, marker (written "John Roberson" on the survey, "John Robinson" on its back), and patentee
McClendal	Adjoining landowner referenced in survey (200-acre survey adjoining Robertson's tract)
Solomon Mencer	Chain carrier
James French	Chain carrier
John Gordon	Deputy Surveyor
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor of Henderson County (written "Edmund Talbot")
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of Henderson County Court, certifying officer
Geo. Madison	Auditor
Christopher Greenup	Governor
Alfred W. Grayson	Secretary
Gen. Hopkins	Received the patent, 22 August 1807 (margin delivery note)

Land Description

A 200-acre tract on Owens Branch, a branch of Tradewater River, in Henderson County, Kentucky, adjoining the survey of McClendal.

Research Notes

This record involves no chain of assignment: John Robertson was the original claimant named in the December 1801 certificate and the patentee in August 1807. Nearly five years passed between the certificate and the survey; recording, payment and the patent then followed within about five weeks in mid-1807.

McClendal's survey, named twice in the calls, has not been found in this collection. It is a candidate for further research into the settlement of Owens Branch.

Certificate number. The Auditor's receipt gives the certificate as No. 206. The certificate itself and the patent leave the number blank. Earlier drafts of this report gave the certificate as No. 5049; 5049 is the survey and grant number.

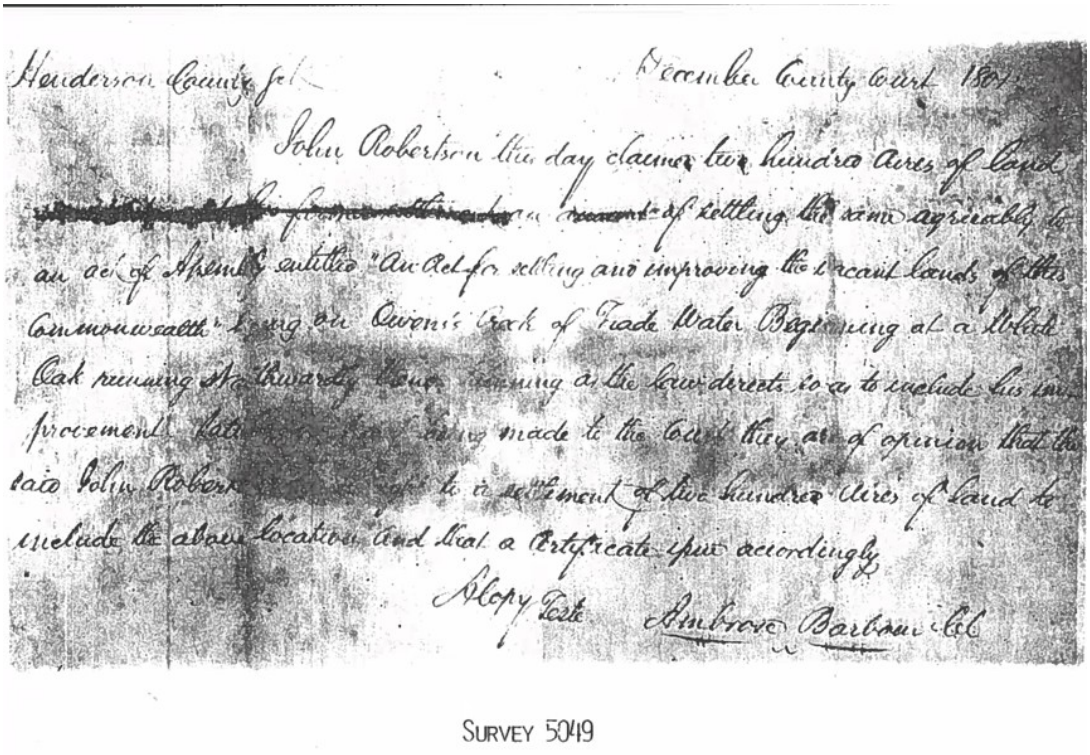
Spellings. The certificate, receipt and patent write "John Robertson." The survey writes "John Roberson" (twice), and the endorsement on its back writes "John Robinson." The first chain carrier is written "Solomon Mencer."

Where it lies. This survey's first two lines are retraced, in reverse, by the closing calls of Eliezer Givens's KLG 9309, and it begins 10 poles from the corner of Givens's 200-acre KLG 3147.2. Through 9309 those surveys connect to Shadrack Holder's KLG 8557 and Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre line (KLG 3161), so this survey is grouped with them in Cluster D. John Gordon also surveyed it on 11 November 1806, the same day he surveyed William Owen's KLG 5341 and 5342 on Owens Branch, on which Willis Rolls [Ralls] and John McCormack carried the chain. KLG 5341's second line runs "South 40° East 270 poles with Robertson's and McClindale's lines," which may mean this survey, but that tie is not yet confirmed. Until it is, Cluster A is drawn without this survey.

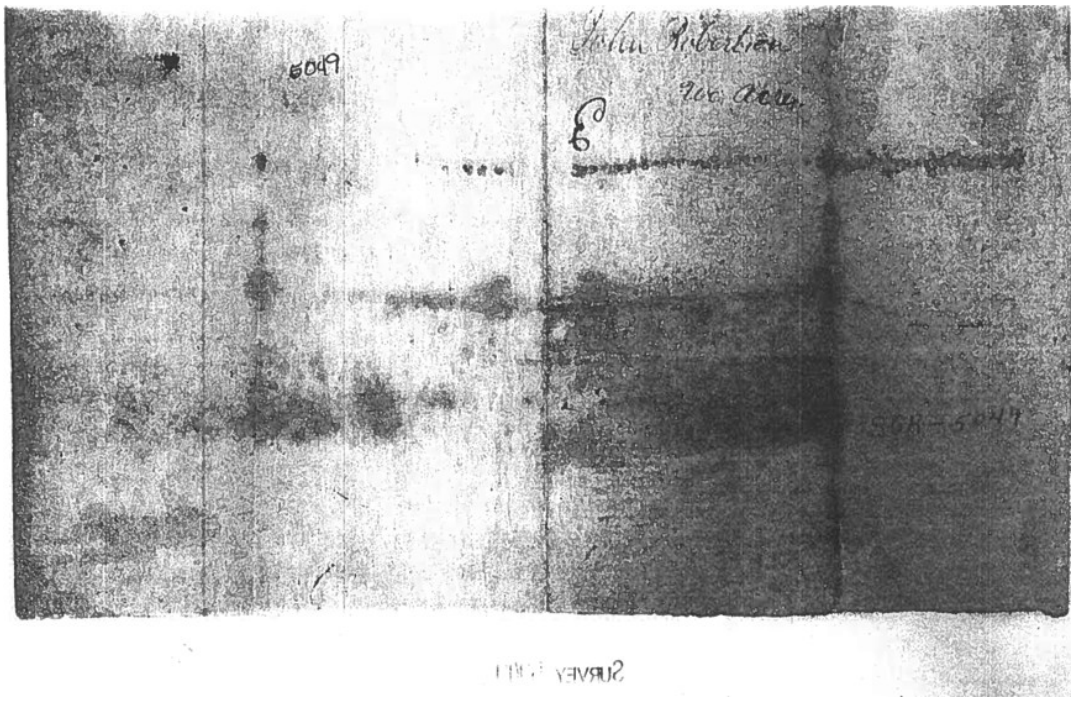
Discrepancy. If 5341's line is this survey's south-west side, the same surveyor wrote it S 40 E on 5341 and S 50 E here on the same day. This survey closes within about 8 poles, and Givens's 9309 repeats its bearings exactly; 5341 misses closing by about 45 poles. Drawn at its recorded courses from Givens's corner, this survey would overlap 5341 as reconstructed by about 58 acres. Its position relative to Cluster A is therefore left open.

Not Robertson's earlier survey. John Robertson's 1805 survey on a different certificate (No. 458) was assigned to William Owen and patented to him as KLG 4999, a separate tract in Cluster A.

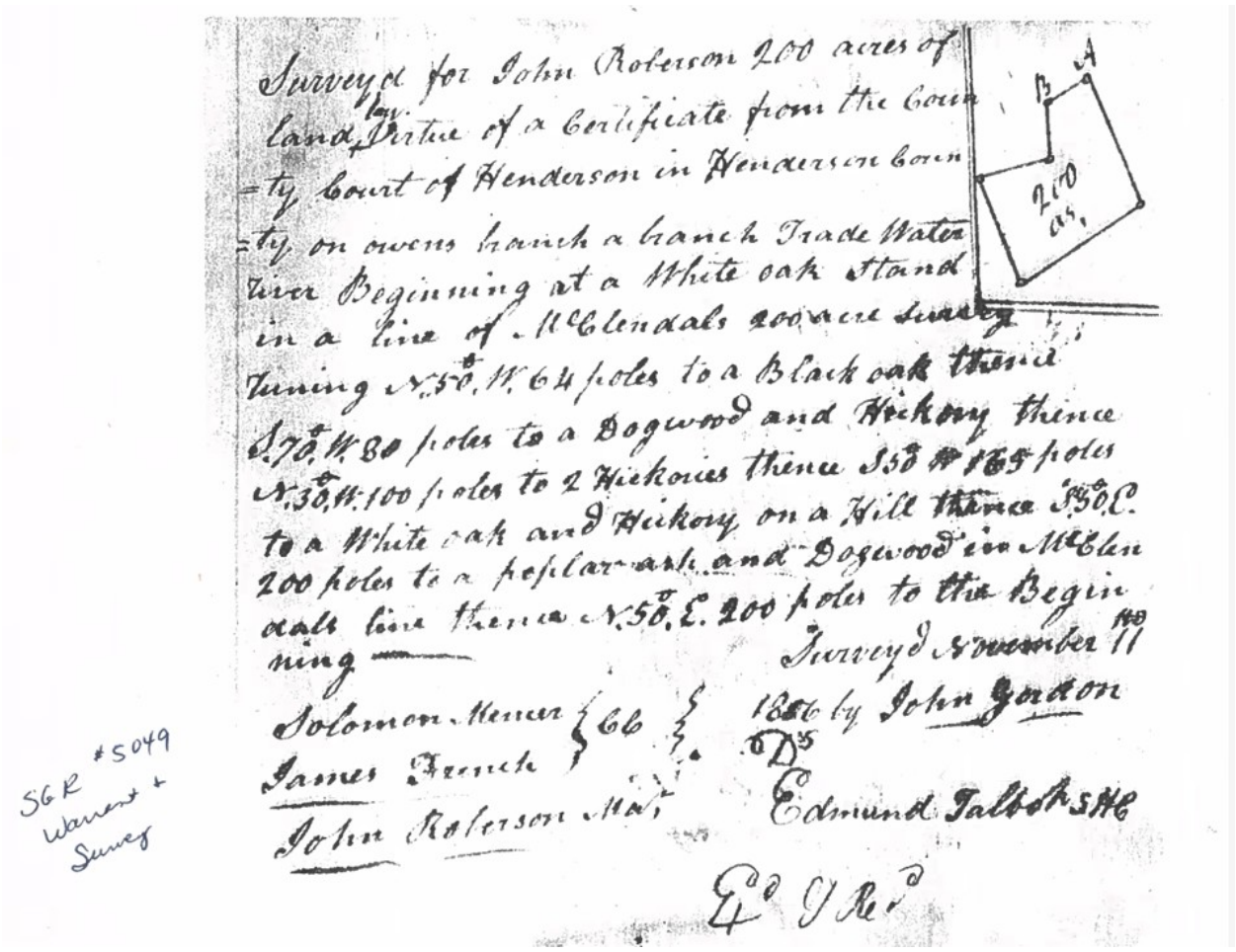
Images / Appendix



Appendix Image 1. Warrant — Land Certificate No. 206.



Appendix Image 2. Warrant — Land Certificate No. 206 exterior / folded image.



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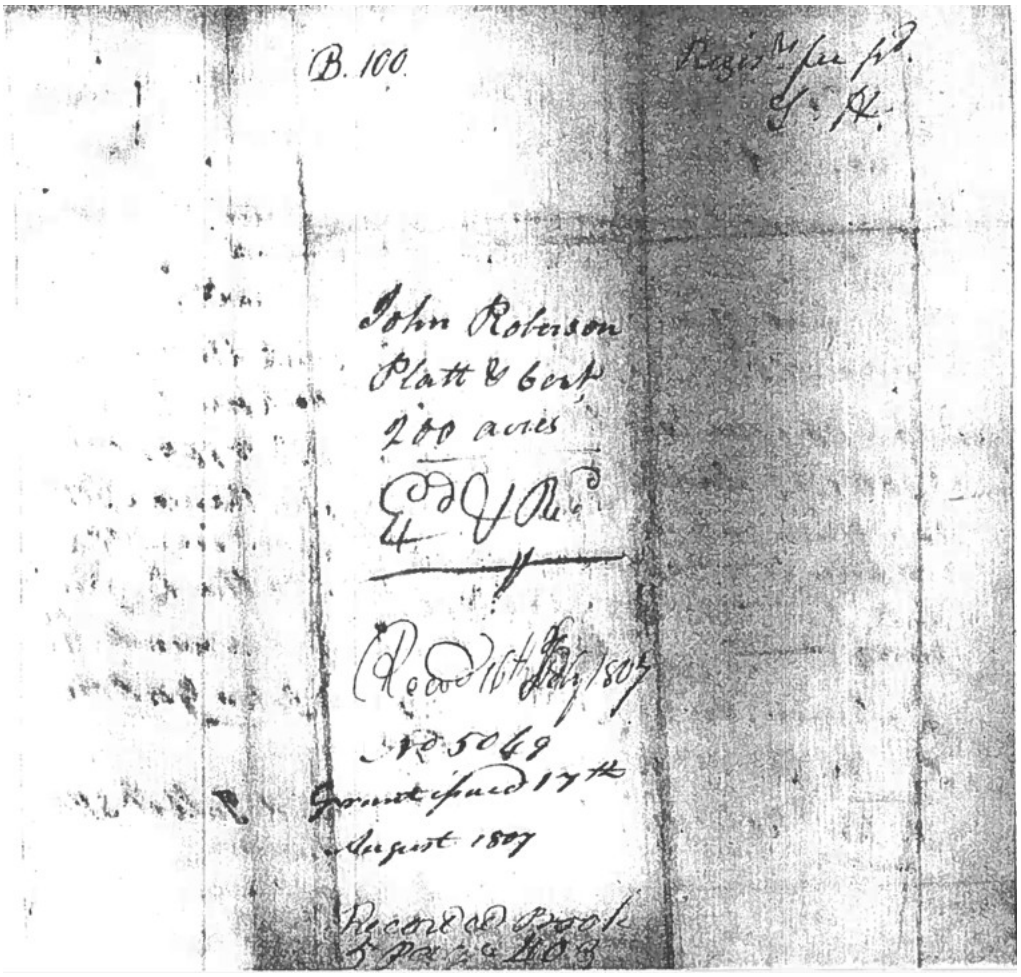

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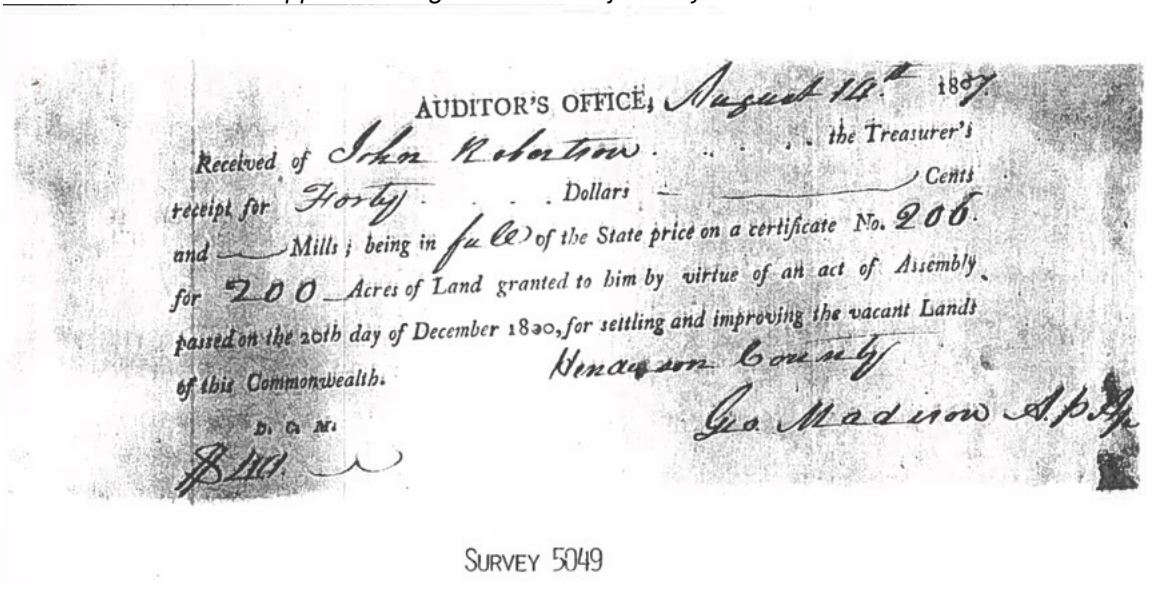

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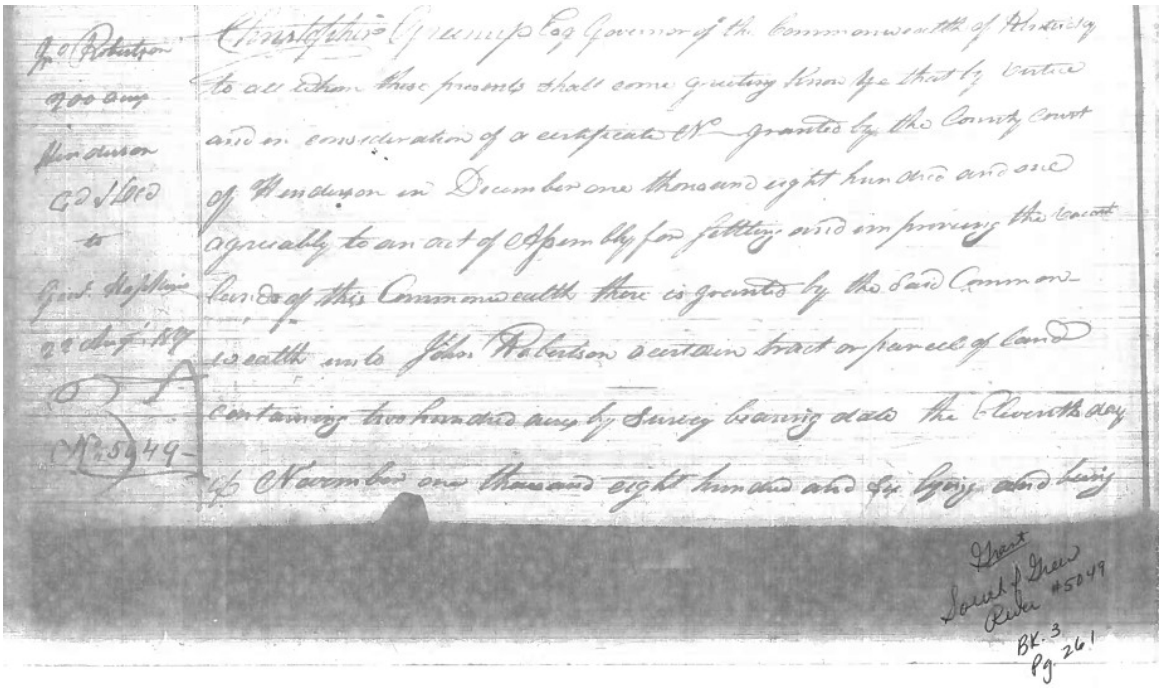

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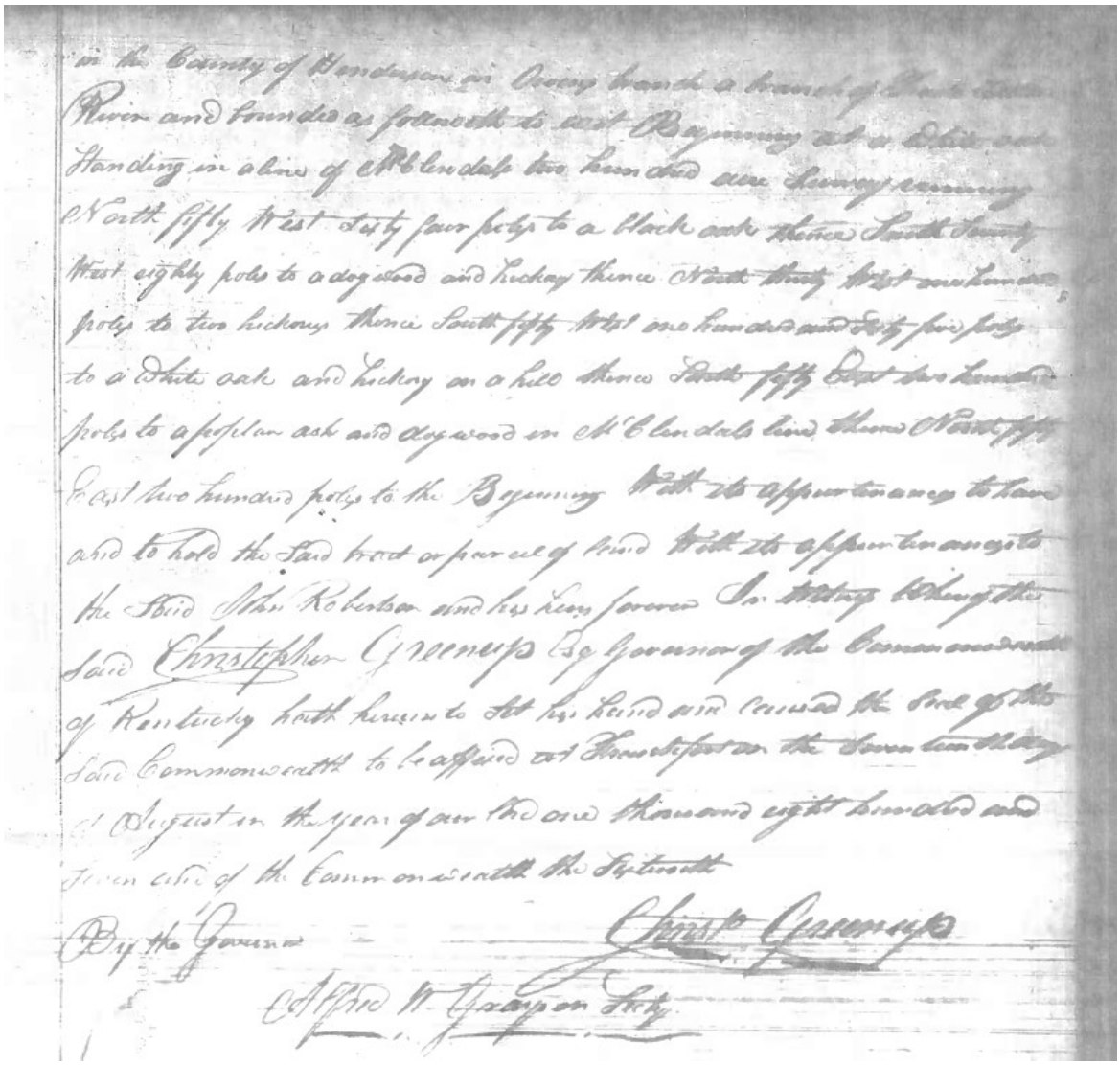

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