John Whitesides — Kentucky Land Grant — Survey and Grant No. 7022 (Henderson County Certificate No. 736)

374 Acres on the Crab Orchard Fork, a Branch of Tradewater, Hopkins County, Kentucky
Assignee of Thomas French

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the September 1805 Henderson County Court, Thomas French claimed 400 acres on account of settling the land, under the Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth. The claim lay on the waters of Crab Orchard, a branch of Tradewater, beginning at a white oak marked for a corner and running nearly north and westwardly for quantity so as to include his improvement; the court ordered a certificate to issue (a copy, teste Am. Barbour, Clk.). On 5 October 1807 French assigned the certificate to John Whitesides for value received. Two days later, on 7 October 1807, Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C., surveyed 374 acres for Whitesides in Hopkins County on the waters of the Crab Orchard Fork. Samuel Whitesides and William Owens carried the chain and Joseph Henry was marker: the same crew, on the same day, as Shadrack Holder's KLG 8557, whose line this survey follows. The survey was received on 23 November 1807 and recorded in Book 7, page 584. Nothing more happened for almost twenty-five years. On 24 August 1832 the Auditor's office received $12.03 from Thomas French, by Sanders Eaves, the balance in full without interest on 374 of the 400 acres of Certificate No. 736, and Governor Thomas Metcalfe issued Grant No. 7022 to John Whitesides the same day. A margin note says the patent was examined and delivered to Sanders Eaves.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey; the patent agrees. Distances are in poles. The courses close within about 10 poles and plot to about 356 acres, against 374 stated.

Beginning on a white oak; thence North 60 poles to a white oak in Shadrach Holder's line; thence North 45 West with said line 80 poles to a white oak and two hickories; thence South 70 West 170 poles to two poplars; thence North 35 West 34 poles to two ashes and a hickory in a military line; thence South 45 West 50 poles to the corner, a white oak and hickory; thence North 45 West 100 poles to a post oak and hickory; thence South 35 West 100 poles to two white oaks; thence South 24 East 136 poles to a stake; thence North 87 East 71 poles to a white oak, Calvin Mary's corner; thence the said course, North 87 East 170 poles, to a black oak in John Robinson's line; thence North 53 East 135 poles to the beginning. October 7th 1807. Samuel Whitesides, William Owens, C.C.; Joseph Henry, M.; by Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	736 (Henderson County Court, September Court 1805)
Survey Grant Register Number	7022
Original Claimant	Thomas French
Assignee / Surveyed For	John Whitesides ("John White Sides" on the survey), assignee of Thomas French by assignment of 5 October 1807
Acreage	374 acres (surveyed; the original 1805 certificate claimed 400 acres — see Research Notes)
Watercourse	Crab Orchard Fork, a branch of Tradewater
County in Survey	Hopkins County (certificate from the Henderson County Court, before Hopkins was formed in 1807)
Certificate Date	September Court 1805
Survey Date	October 7, 1807
Recording Reference	Survey received 23 November 1807; recorded Book 7, page 584. Patent at page 209 of the patent book.
Patent / Grant Issued	24 August 1832, Governor Thomas Metcalfe; John F. McCurdy, Secretary. Examined and delivered to Sanders Eaves (margin note)
State Price Notation	$12.03, the balance in full without interest on 374 of 400 acres, received of Thomas French by Sanders Eaves, 24 August 1832; Thos. S. Page for P. Clay, Auditor. The patent also says the state price was paid without interest.
Deputy Surveyor	Eli Bishop, D.S., for County Surveyor John Gordon, S.H.C.

Chain Carriers / Marker	Samuel Whitesides and William Owens, chain carriers; Joseph Henry, marker

Chronology

September Court 1805	Henderson County Court allows Thomas French's claim to 400 acres on the waters of Crab Orchard, a branch of Tradewater, beginning at a white oak and running nearly north and westwardly to include his improvement; certificate ordered (copy, teste Am. Barbour, Clk.)
October 5, 1807	Thomas French assigns the certificate to John Whitesides for value received (written along the edge of the certificate's back; a struck-through signature precedes French's)
October 7, 1807	374 acres surveyed for John Whitesides, assignee of Thomas French, by Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C.; Samuel Whitesides and William Owens, chain carriers; Joseph Henry, marker. Shadrack Holder's KLG 8557 surveyed the same day by the same crew
November 23, 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 7, page 584
August 24, 1832	Auditor's receipt: $12.03, balance in full without interest on 374 of 400 acres, Certificate No. 736, received of Thomas French by Sanders Eaves; Thos. S. Page for P. Clay, Auditor
August 24, 1832	Grant No. 7022 issued to John Whitesides by Governor Thomas Metcalfe; John F. McCurdy, Secretary. Examined and delivered to Sanders Eaves (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Thomas French	Original claimant, September 1805; assigned the certificate to John Whitesides, 5 October 1807. The 1832 receipt is in his name
John Whitesides (also "White Sides")	Assignee of Thomas French and patentee
Eli Bishop	Deputy surveyor. Also surveyed Holder's KLG 8557 the same day, and Givens's 9309 and Horton's 9397 in January 1808
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins County
Samuel Whitesides	Chain carrier; also chain carrier on Holder's 8557 the same day. Shares the patentee's surname; relationship not

	established
William Owens	Chain carrier; also chain carrier on Holder's 8557 the same day. Whether he is the William Owen of the Owens Creek surveys is not established
Joseph Henry	Marker ("Joseph Henry, M."); also marker on Holder's 8557. The earlier report read "Joseph Henen"
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of the Henderson County Court
Thomas Metcalfe	Governor of Kentucky; signed the patent, August 24, 1832
John F. McCurdy	Secretary of State (March–September 1832); countersigned the patent
Sanders Eaves	Paid the 1832 balance for Thomas French and received the patent (margin note)
Shadrach Holder	Adjoining owner: the survey runs 80 poles "with" Holder's line (KLG 8557)
Calvin Mary [Merry?]	Adjoining owner ("Calvin Mary's corner"); possibly the Calvin Merry whose line is called in Cluster A surveys; not established
John Robinson	Adjoining owner ("John Robinson's line"); whether he is the John Robertson of KLG 5049 is not established
Thos. S. Page; P. Clay	Signed the 1832 Auditor's receipt, Page for Clay, Auditor

Land Description

374 acres on the waters of the Crab Orchard Fork, a branch of Tradewater, in Hopkins County: an irregular twelve-sided tract lying on the south-west side of Shadrack Holder's 200-acre square (KLG 8557).

Research Notes

Where it lies. Shadrack Holder's KLG 8557 was surveyed the same day, 7 October 1807, by the same deputy surveyor and the same crew (Samuel Whitesides and William Owens, chain carriers; Joseph Henry, marker). This survey runs North 60 poles to a white oak in Holder's line and then North 45 West 80 poles "with said line." Holder's square has two north-west-running sides: its north-east side is Lewis's military line, so this must be its south-west side. This survey therefore lies south-west of Holder's square and belongs with Cluster D. Where along Holder's 179-pole side the 80 poles fall is not fixed.

Other neighbors. The survey also reaches "two ashes and a hickory in a military line" and runs South 45 West 50 poles along it, then meets "Calvin Mary's corner" and "John Robinson's line." The military line is not named and is not Lewis's line, which lies on the far side of Holder. A Calvin

Merry and a John Robertson both appear in nearby surveys, but neither identification is established.

The long delay. The survey was made in 1807, but the balance was not paid and the patent not issued until 24 August 1832, nearly twenty-five years later. The payment was made in Thomas French's name by Sanders Eaves, who also received the patent. The record does not explain the delay. The earlier report also said every other patent in the collection was issued by Governors Shelby, Hickman or Scott; that is not so (9309 and 8557 were issued by Lieutenant Governor Gabriel Slaughter, 5049 by Christopher Greenup), and the claim has been removed.

Acreage. The certificate was for 400 acres; the survey is for 374, and the receipt reads "374/Pt. 400." As plotted, the courses enclose about 356 acres and close within about 10 poles.

Assignment found. The earlier report called the back of the certificate a faded docket. Along its right-hand edge is Thomas French's assignment: "I assign the within certificate to Jno. Whitesides for value rec'd of him. Given under my hand this fifth day of October 1807," signed Thomas French, with a struck-through signature before it. It was made two days before the survey.

Corrections to the earlier report. The marker was Joseph Henry, not "Joseph Henen." The receipt says the balance was paid without interest, not with interest, and was signed by Thos. S. Page for P. Clay, Auditor. The Secretary was John F. McCurdy, Kentucky's Secretary of State from March to September 1832. The earlier report's links to KLG 8533 and to William Owen of KLG 5341 are not supported by these records and have been removed or marked as unestablished.

Spellings. The survey writes "John White Sides" in its heading and "Samuel Whitesides" for the chain carrier; the patent and the survey back write "Whitesides." The patent writes "Calvin Marys" and "John Robinsons," as the survey does.

Margin notes. The patent's margin reads "John Whitesides, 374 as, Hopkins, No. 7022, Exd. & Dd. to Sanders Eaves," followed by a short word that is not confidently read.

The back of the certificate also carries "Thomas French, 400 Acres" and "Fee paid"; the archivist's stamp "SGR 7022" is modern.

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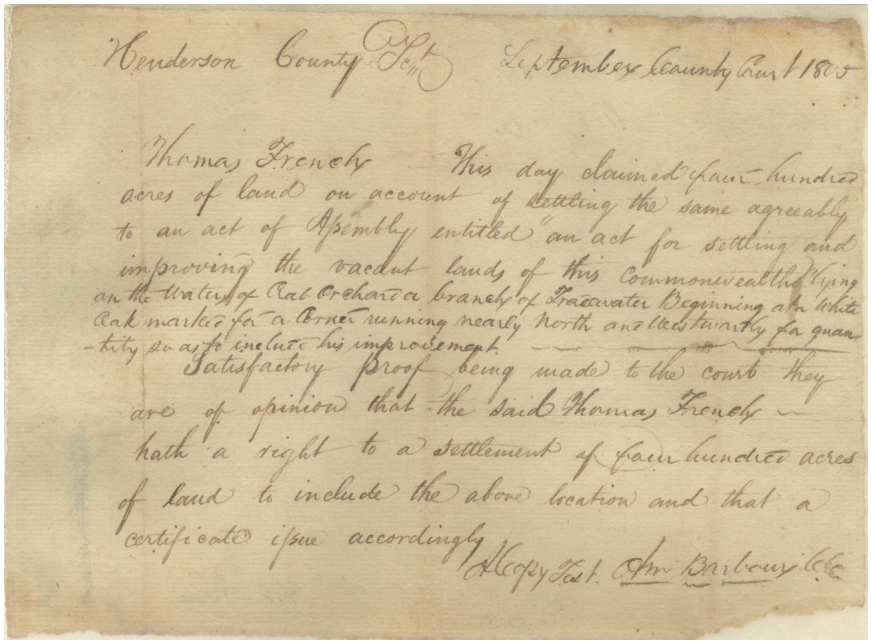
No outside sources were consulted beyond the record images themselves for this report.

Images / Appendix



Henderson County Sct. September County Court 1805

Thomas French — This day claimed four hundred acres of land on account of settling the same agreeably to an act of Assembly entitled "an act for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth" lying on the Waters of Rab Orchard a branch of Tradewater Beginning at a White Oak marked for a Corner running nearly North and Westwardly for quantity so as to include his improvement.

Satisfactory proof being made to the court they are of opinion that the said Thomas French hath a right to a settlement of four hundred acres of land to include the above location and that a certificate issue accordingly

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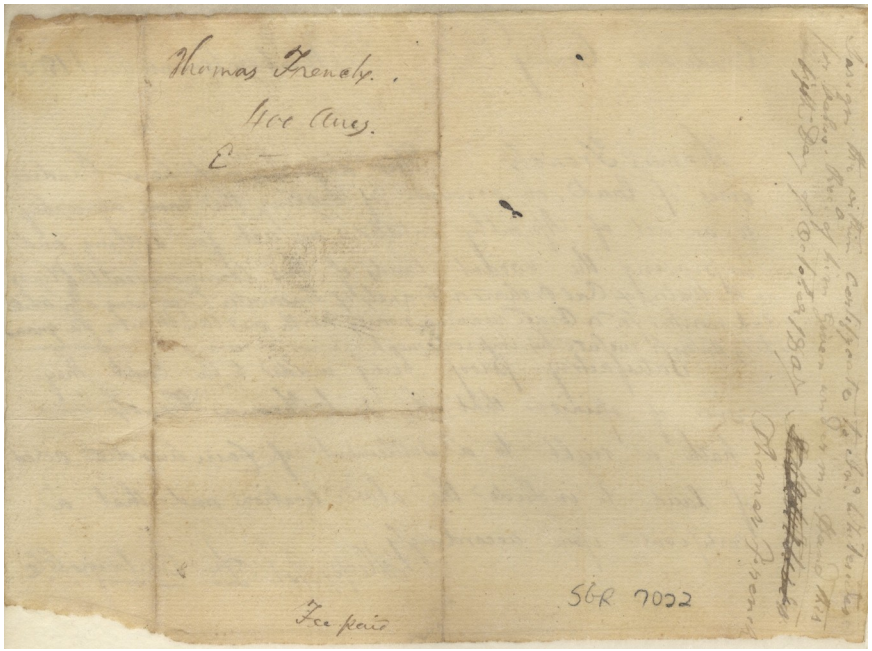
Appendix Image 1. Warrant (Certificate No. 736) — Front (original 1805 certificate text).



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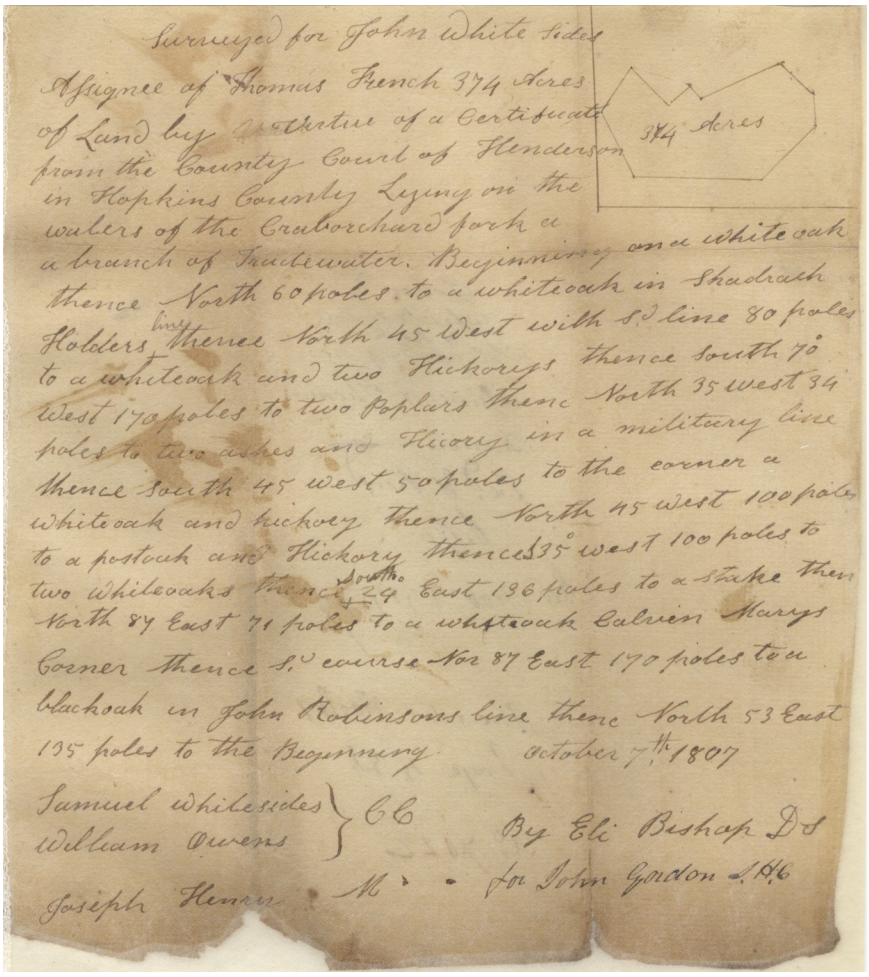
Fee paid

SGR 7022

Appendix Image 2. Certificate No. 736 — Back, with Thomas French's assignment to John Whitesides, 5 October 1807, along the right edge.



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Assignee of Thomas French 374 Acres
of Land by Virtue of a Certificate
from the County Court of Henderson
in Hopkins County Lying on the
waters of the Craborchard fork a
a branch of Tradewater. Beginning on a whiteoak
thence North 60 poles to a whiteoak in Shadrach
Holders line thence North 45 West with S.d line 80 poles
to a whiteoak and two Hickorys thence South 70°
West 170 poles to two Poplars thence North 35 West 34
poles to two ashes and Hicory in a military line
thence South 45 West 50 poles to the corner a
whiteoak and hickory thence North 45 West 100 poles
to a postoak and Hickory thence S 35° West 100 poles to
two Whiteoaks thence South 24 East 136 poles to a Stake then
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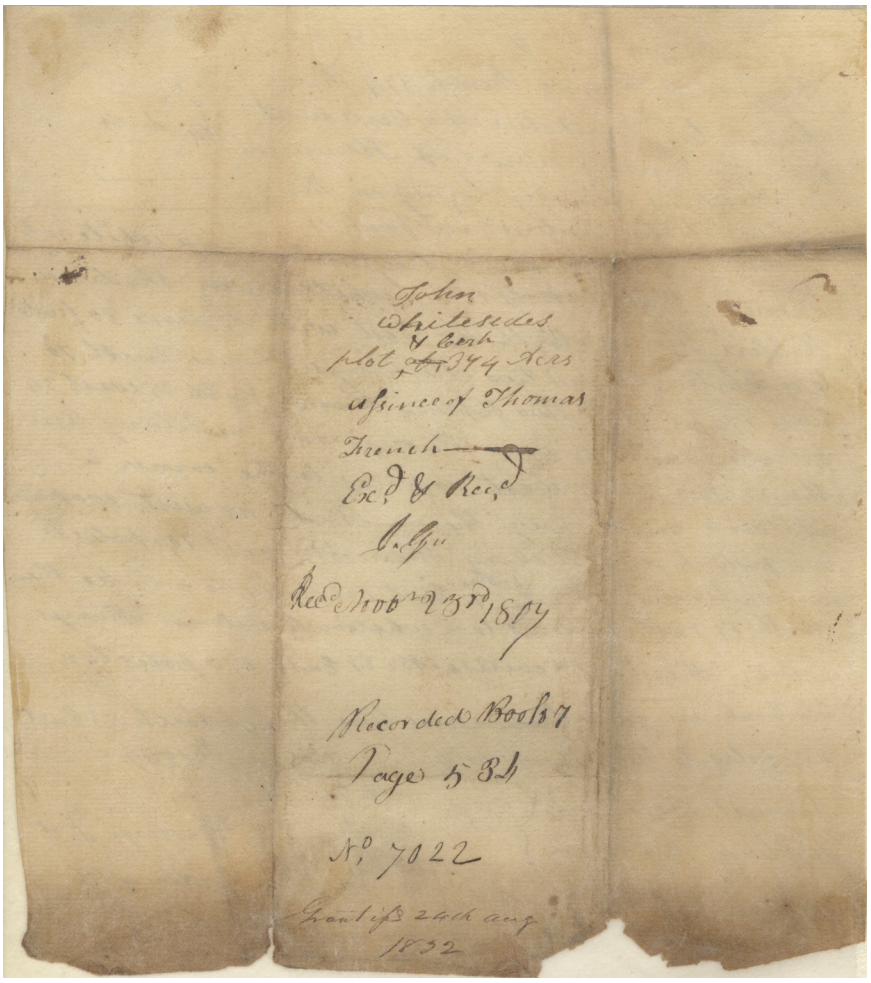
William Owens }

By Eli Bishop DS
for John Gordon S.H.C

Joseph Henry M

Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 7022 — Front.



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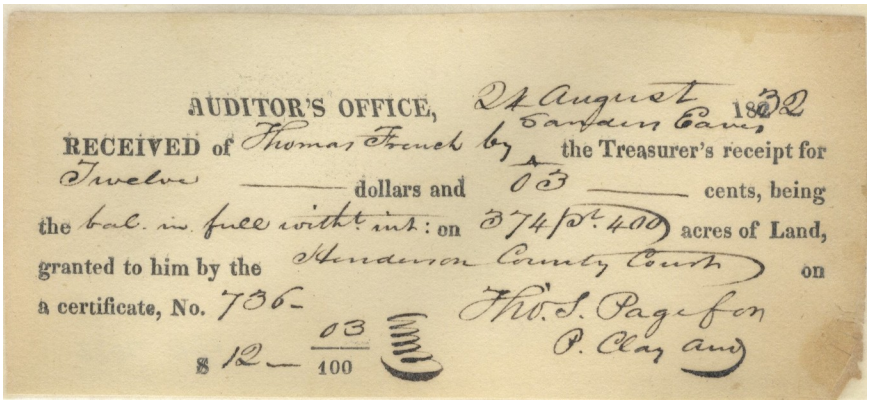

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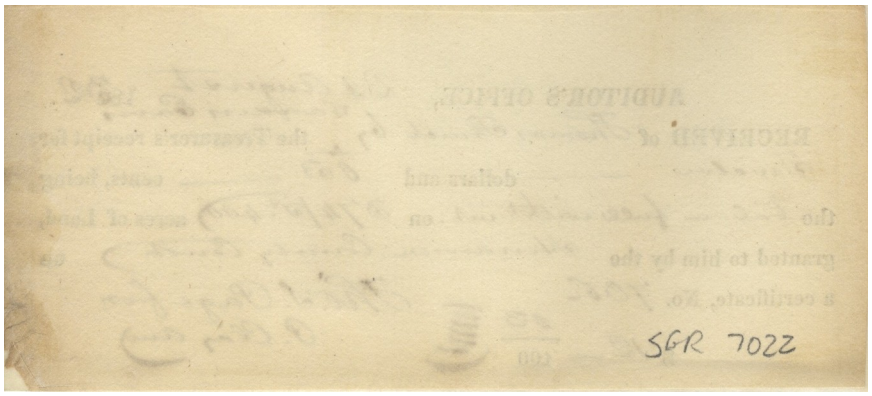

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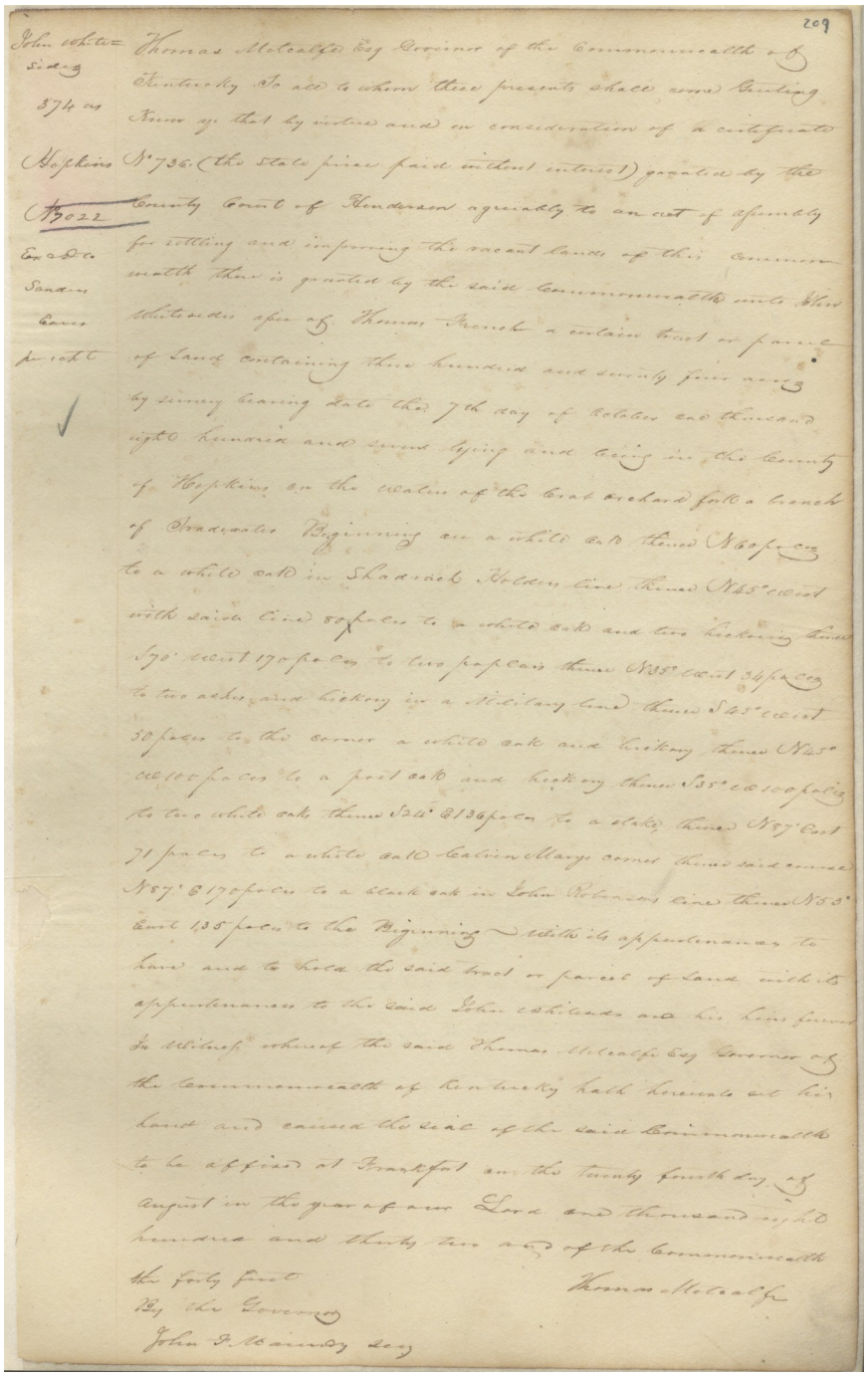

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Thomas Metcalfe Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that by virtue and in consideration of a certificate No 736. (the state price paid without interest) granted by the County Court of Henderson agreeably to an act of assembly for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto John Whitesides assee of Thomas French a certain tract or parcel of Land containing three hundred and seventy four acres by survey bearing date the 7th day of October one thousand eight hundred and seven lying and being in the County of Hopkins on the waters of the Crab orchard fork a branch of Tradewater Beginning on a white oak thence N 60 poles to a white oak in Shadrach Holders line thence N 45° West with said line 80 poles to a white oak and two hickory thence S 70° West 170 poles to two poplars thence N 35° West 34 poles to two ashes and hickory in a Military line thence S 45° West 50 poles to the corner a white oak and hickory thence N 45° W 100 poles to a post oak and hickory thence S 35° W 100 poles to two white oaks thence S 24° E 136 poles to a stake thence N 87° East 71 poles to a white oak Calvin Marys corner thence said course N 87° E 170 poles to a black oak in John Robinsons line thence N 55° East 135 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 John Whitesides and his heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Thomas Metcalfe 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 twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and of the Commonwealth the forty first

Thomas Metcalfe

By the Governor

John F. Maundy Secy

Appendix Image 7. Patent No. 7022, 24 August 1832, with margin note of delivery to Sanders Eaves.