Matthew and William Herron (assignees of Reuben Herron) — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 6857 (County Certificate No. 323)

250 Acres on Slovers Creek, a Branch of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky

Original Claimant Reuben Herron; Patentees by Assignment

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the September County Court of 1802 Reuben Herron ("Reulem Herren" in the certificate) claimed before the Henderson County Court 250 acres of land "as a part of his settlement right," on account of settling the same, under the act "for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth," lying on Slovers Creek, a branch of Tradewater, beginning at a sugar tree, white walnut and poplar, running nearly southwest, thence nearly northwest for complement so as to include his improvement. The court found that he had a right to a settlement of 250 acres to include the location and ordered that a certificate issue (copy attested by Am. Barbour, C.H.C.). On 23 April 1807 Deputy Surveyor W. Sugg, with Edmund Talbot, S.H.C., surveyed the 250 acres for Reuben Herron in Henderson County on Slovers Creek, with Wilie Suggs [?] and William Herron as

chain carriers and Reuben Herron as marker. The survey runs with Abraham Landers's line and with two lines of William Herron's survey. It was received on 18 November 1807 and recorded in Book 7, page 439. On 18 February 1820 Reuben Herron assigned all his right, title, claim and interest in the plat and certificate No. 323, "now in the Register's office," to Matthew Herron and William Herron. On 18 March 1820 the Auditor received of Reuben Herren $44.90, the balance in full without interest on 250, part of 400 acres, on Certificate No. 323, and the same day Gabriel Slaughter, "Lieutenant Governor and acting Governor," signed the patent to Matthew and William Herron, assignees of Reuben Herron, "the State price paid without interest." The patent was examined and delivered to W. Herron the day it issued.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey. Distances are in poles. The patent differs in two calls; see Research Notes.

Surveyed for Reuben Herron 250 acres of land by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County, on Slovers Creek, a branch of Tradewater. Beginning at a sugar tree, white walnut and poplar; running South 20° West 240 poles to a poplar, hickory and double dogwood; thence North 70° West 120 poles to a sycamore tree in Abm. Landers's line; thence with his line North 45° West 46 poles to two hickories and a white oak, corner to Wm. Herron's survey; thence with the said William Herron's line North 45° East 60 poles to his corner, a poplar and elm; thence with another of Wm. Herron's lines North 45° West 100 poles to a poplar, elm and ash; thence North 63° East 170 poles to two black oaks and a dogwood; thence South 70° East 120 poles to the beginning. Surveyed April 23, 1807.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	323 (Henderson County Court; the number is in the assignment, receipt and patent, not on the certificate)
Survey Grant Register Number	6857
Original Claimant	Reuben Herron ("Reulem Herren" and "Reuben Herren" in the certificate)
Assignment	Reuben Herron to Matthew Herron and William Herron, 18 February 1820
Surveyed For / Patentees	Surveyed for Reuben Herron; patented to Matthew and William Herron, assignees (indexed by Jillson as "Herron, Matthew & Wm.")
Acreage	250 acres, part of a 400-acre settlement right (the courses hold about 247)
Watercourse	Slovers Creek, a branch of Tradewater

County in Survey	Henderson County
Adjoining	Abraham Landers's line (KLG 4995); William Herron's survey, KLG 6863 (two lines and two shared corners)
Certificate Date	September County Court 1802
Survey Date	23 April 1807
Received by Land Office	18 November 1807
Recording	Survey: Book 7, page 439. Patent: page 430
Patent / Grant Issued	18 March 1820, signed by Gabriel Slaughter, Lieutenant Governor and acting Governor, and Secretary O. G. Waggener; delivered to W. Herron the day issued
State Price Notation	$44.90, balance in full without interest on 250, part of 400 acres, 18 March 1820
Deputy Surveyor / Chain Carriers	W. Sugg, D.S., with Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.; Wilie Suggs [?] and William Herron, chain carriers; Reuben Herron, marker
County Court Clerk	Am. Barbour, C.H.C.

Chronology

September County Court 1802	Henderson County Court finds that Reuben Herron has a right to a settlement of 250 acres on Slovers Creek, as part of his settlement right
23 April 1807	250 acres surveyed for Reuben Herron by W. Sugg, D.S.; chain carriers Wilie Suggs [?] and William Herron; Reuben Herron, marker
18 November 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 7, page 439
18 February 1820	Reuben Herron assigns the plat and certificate No. 323 to Matthew Herron and William Herron
18 March 1820	$44.90 received of Reuben Herren, balance in full without interest on 250, part of 400 acres, Certificate No. 323
18 March 1820	Grant No. 6857 issued to Matthew and William Herron, assignees of Reuben Herron; delivered to W. Herron the same day

Persons Named in the Record

Reuben Herron	Original claimant; surveyed for; marker; assignor ("Reulem Herren"/"Reuben Herren")
Matthew Herron	Assignee; patentee
William Herron	Assignee; patentee; chain carrier; adjoining owner
Wilie Suggs [?]	Chain carrier
Abraham Landers	Adjoining owner ("Abraham Sanders" in the patent)
W. Sugg	Deputy surveyor
Edmund Talbot	County surveyor (S.H.C.)
Am. Barbour	Clerk of the Henderson County Court (C.H.C.)
Jno. Madison	Auditor
Edm. W. Taylor [?]	Second signer of the receipt
Gabriel Slaughter	Lieutenant Governor and acting Governor
O. G. Waggener	Secretary

Land Description

A 250-acre tract on Slovers Creek, a branch of Tradewater, in Henderson County. Its long east side runs South 20° West 240 poles from the beginning, a sugar tree, white walnut and poplar. On the south-west it adjoins Abraham Landers's line, and on the west it runs with two lines of William Herron's survey, from two hickories and a white oak to a poplar and elm and on to a poplar, elm and ash. Its other corners are a poplar, hickory and double dogwood, a sycamore in Landers's line, and two black oaks and a dogwood.

Research Notes

The certificate. The certificate is an attested copy of the September County Court 1802 order, signed "A Copy, Teste, Am. Barbour, C.H.C." It writes the claimant "Reulem Herren" in the first line and "Reuben Herren" in the finding. The words "as a part of his settlement right" are interlined. The certificate carries no number; No. 323 comes from the assignment, the receipt and the patent. Its back is endorsed "Reuben Herren, 250 Acres, Slovers Creek" and carries the archivist's note "SGA-6857" [SGR?].

The assignment. A separate sheet reads: "For value received I do hereby assign over to Matthew Herron and William Herron all my right, title, claim and interest in and to a certain plot and certificate for 250 acres of land (now in the Register's office) which was granted by the Henderson County Court in September 1802 to Reuben Herron, Certificate No. 323, and do hereby request the Register of the Land Office to issue the patent accordingly. Witness my hand this 18th day of February 1820," signed "Reuben Herron."

No witness is named. Its back shows only the writing bleeding through and the archivist's note "SGR-6857."

Survey and names. The survey writes "Abm. Landerses line"; the patent writes "Abraham Sanders line," a copying error for Landers. The chain carriers are "Wilie Suggs" [?] and "Wm. Herron," bracketed "C.C.," and "Reuben Herron, mar[ke]r"; the earlier report made Reuben Herron a chain carrier by mark. The survey is signed "Surveyed April 23, 1807, by W. Sugg, D.S." and "Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.," with "Ex'd" below.

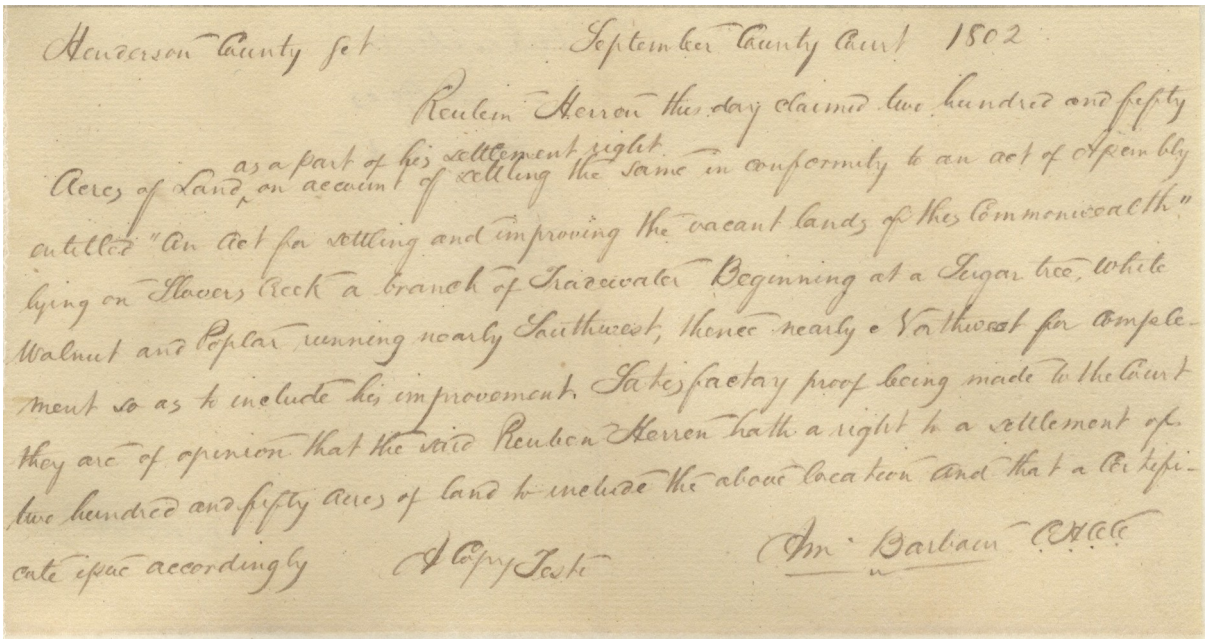
Courses and acreage. The survey reads North 45° West at both the third and fifth calls (the earlier report read 43°). The patent agrees on the first call, South 20° West (the earlier report read North), and on the third call, but writes the fifth call North 45° East 100 poles instead of North 45° West. Plotted from the survey, the courses miss closing by about 9 poles and hold about 247 acres; with the patent's North 45° East they miss by about 150 poles. The survey's reading is the one that fits.

Recording, payment and delivery. The docket on the back of the survey reads "Matthew (and) William Herron," written above "Reuben Herron" struck through, then "plat & cert. 250, Ex'd & Rec'd, Rec'd 18th Novr. 1807, Grant iss'd 18th March 1820, No. 6857, Record Book 7, Page 439." The number is 6857, not 6859 as the earlier report read it. Book 7, page 439 is the recording of the survey; the patent itself is on page 430. The Auditor's receipt of 18 March 1820 is received of "Reuben Herren" for "Forty four dollars and ninety cents, being the bal. in full without interest on 250 pt. 400 acres of land, granted to him by the Henderson County Court on a certificate, No. 323," signed "Jno. Madison, Aud." and "Edm. W. Taylor, Clk." [?]. "250 pt. 400" reads as 250 acres, part of 400, matching the certificate's "part of his settlement right"; the records do not say where the rest was located. The patent, signed "Gabl. Slaughter, Esq., Lieutenant Governor and acting Governor" and Secretary O. G. Waggener at Frankfort on 18 March 1820, "of the Commonwealth the twenty-eighth," recites "the State price paid without interest." Its margin reads "M & W Herron, 250 acres, Henderson, No. 6857, Ex'd & Dd. to W. Herron the day iss'd."

Neighbors. The survey runs with Abraham Landers's line north 45 west 46 poles to "two hickories and a white oak, corner to Wm. Herron's survey," then with William Herron's line north 45 east 60 poles to "his corner, a poplar and elm," and with another of his lines north 45 west 100 poles. William Herron's survey is KLG 6863, 200 acres surveyed on 22 June 1806: it begins at a poplar and elm and runs south 40 west 60 poles to two hickories and a white oak standing in Abraham Landers's line, the two corners named here. From those hickories 6863 runs with the north-east side of Abraham Landers's 300 acres, KLG 4995, to 4995's north corner, so the "Landers's line" here is 4995's north-east side. This survey writes 45° where 6863 and 4995 have 40° and 50°. Drawn from the shared hickories, its poplar and elm falls about 5 poles from 6863's beginning, its sycamore about 4 poles from 4995's north-east side, and its 100-pole line runs along 6863's south-east line, without overlap. William Herron and Abraham Landers carried the chain together on 4995 and 6863 in June 1806. William Herron's 120 acres, KLG 6864, were surveyed later, in October 1807, and none of their corners matches these.

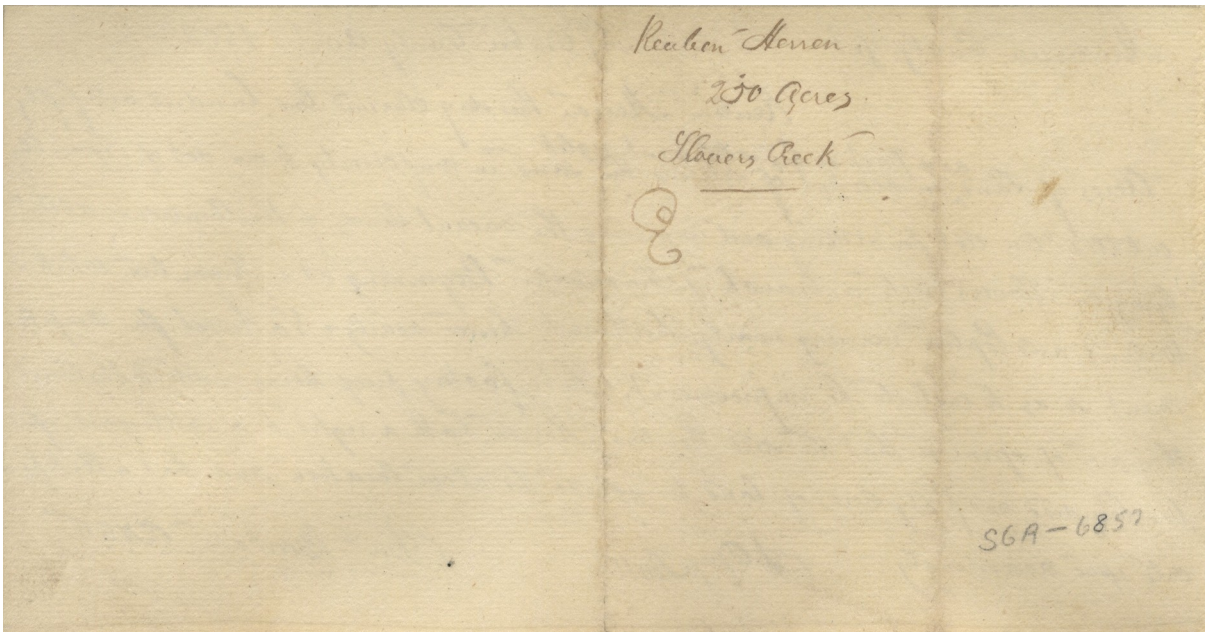
Images. This report uses only the nine record images: certificate front and back, assignment front and back, survey front and back, receipt front and back, and patent.

Images / Appendix


Henderson County Set September County Court 1802

Reuben Herron this day claimed two hundred and fifty Acres of Land as a part of his settlement right on account of settling the same in conformity to an act of Assembly entitled "An Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth" lying on Slovers Creek a branch of Tradewater Beginning at a Sugar tree, white Walnut and Poplar running nearly Southwest, thence nearly a Northwest for complement so as to include his improvement. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that the said Reuben Herren hath a right to a settlement of two hundred and fifty acres of land to include the above location and that a Certificate issue accordingly A Copy Teste Am. Barbour C.H.C.C.

Appendix Image 1. Henderson County Court Certificate, September County Court 1802 — Front (Am. Barbour, C.H.C.).


Reuben Herren

250 Acres

Slovers Creek

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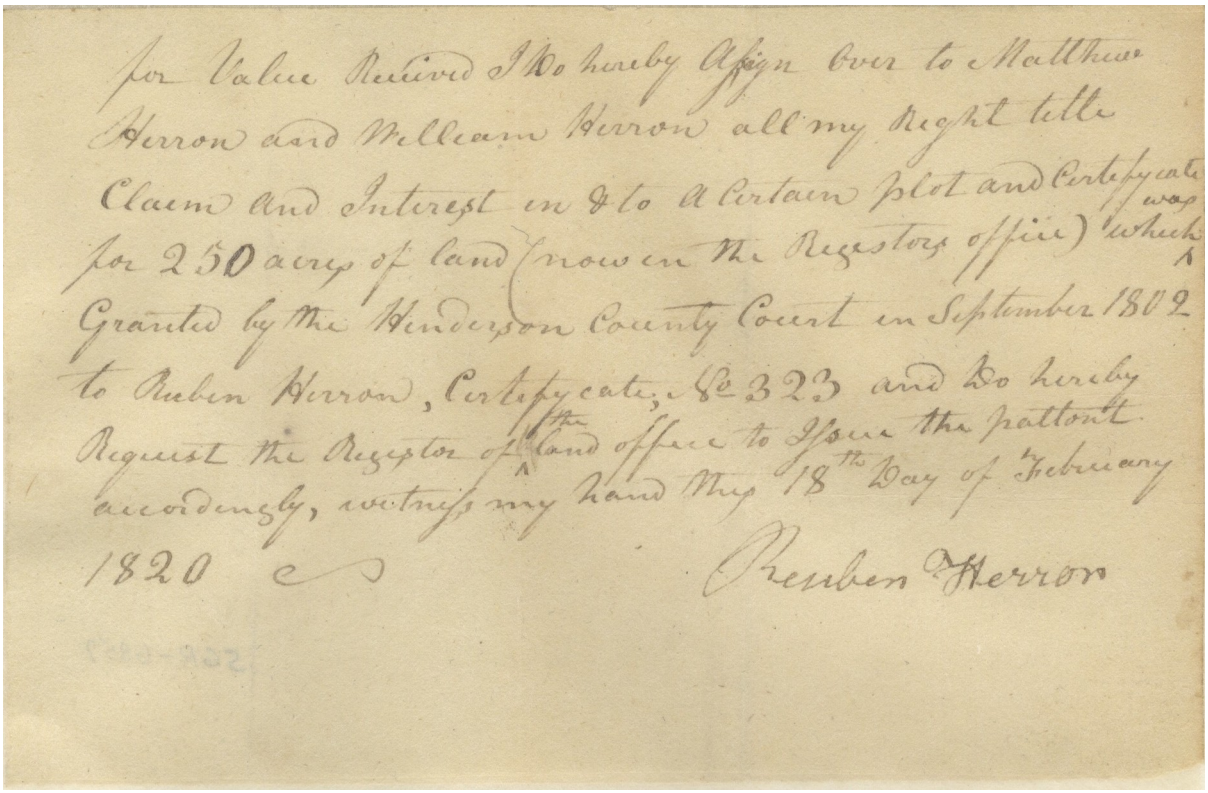
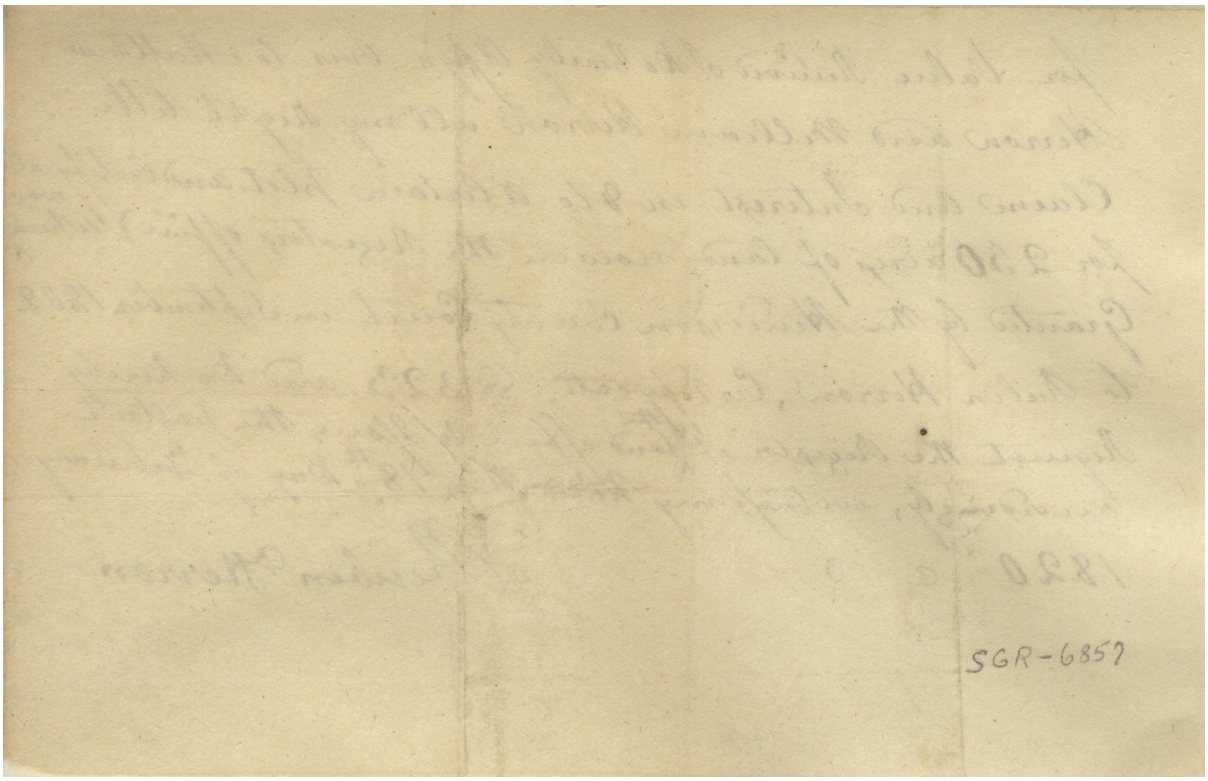
Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back ("Reuben Herren, 250 Acres, Slovers Creek").



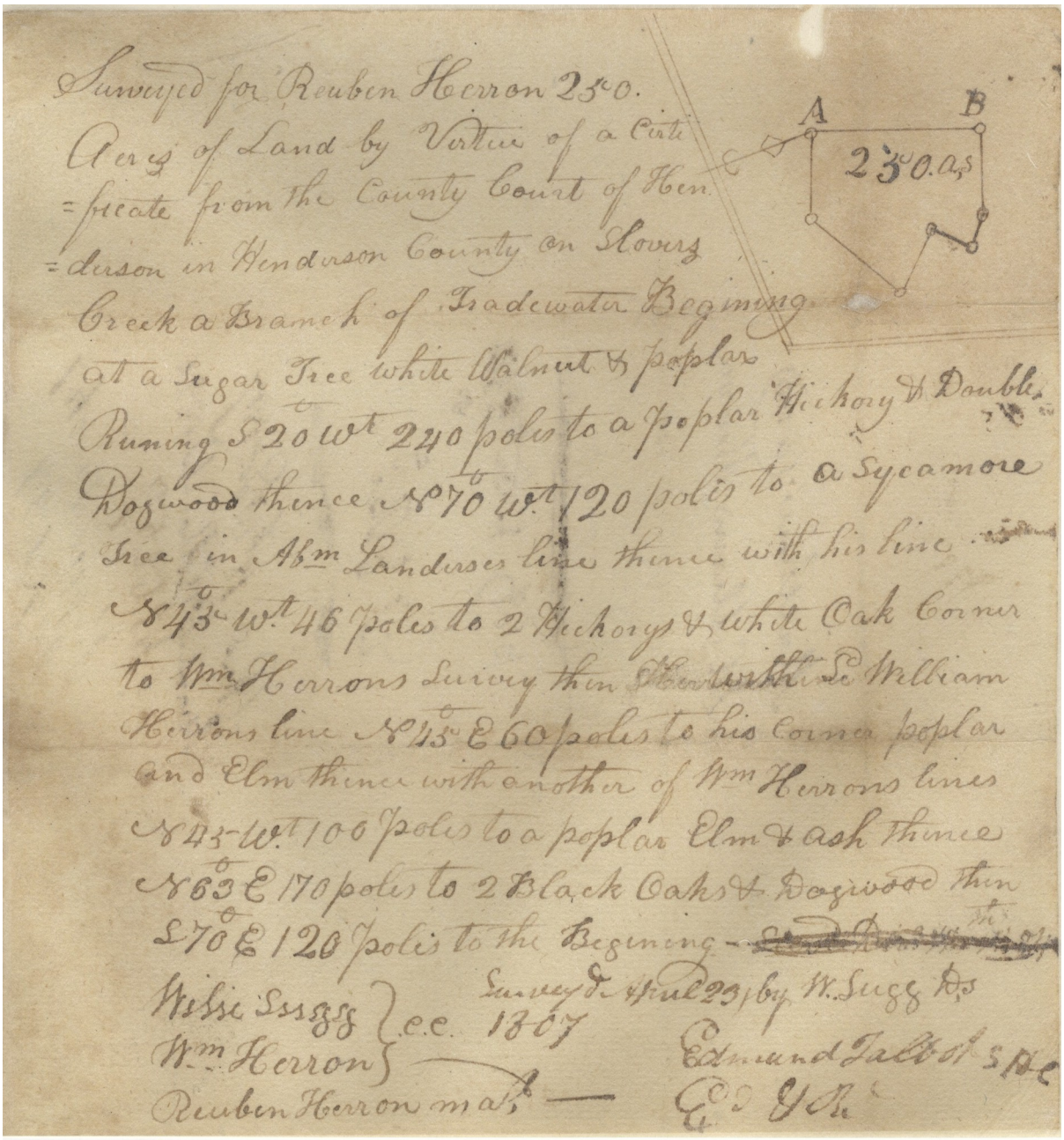
for Value Received I do hereby Assign over to Matthew Herron and William Herron all my right title Claim and Interest in & to a Certain plot and Certificate was for 250 acres of land (now in the Registors office) which Granted by the Henderson County Court in September 1802 to Reuben Herron, Certificate, No 323 and do hereby Request the Registor of the Land office to Issue the patent accordingly, witness my hand this 18th Day of February 1820

Reuben Herron

Appendix Image 3. Assignment, Reuben Herron to Matthew and William Herron, 18 February 1820 — Front.



Appendix Image 4. Assignment — Back (bleed-through only).



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and Elm thence with another of Wm Herrons lines
N 43 W. 100 poles to a poplar Elm & ash thence
N 63 E 170 poles to 2 Black Oaks & Dogwood thence
S 70 E 120 poles to the Beginning

Survey'd April 23 1807 by W. Suggs D.S

Wilie Suggs } c.c.
Wm. Herron }

Edmund Talbot S.H.C.

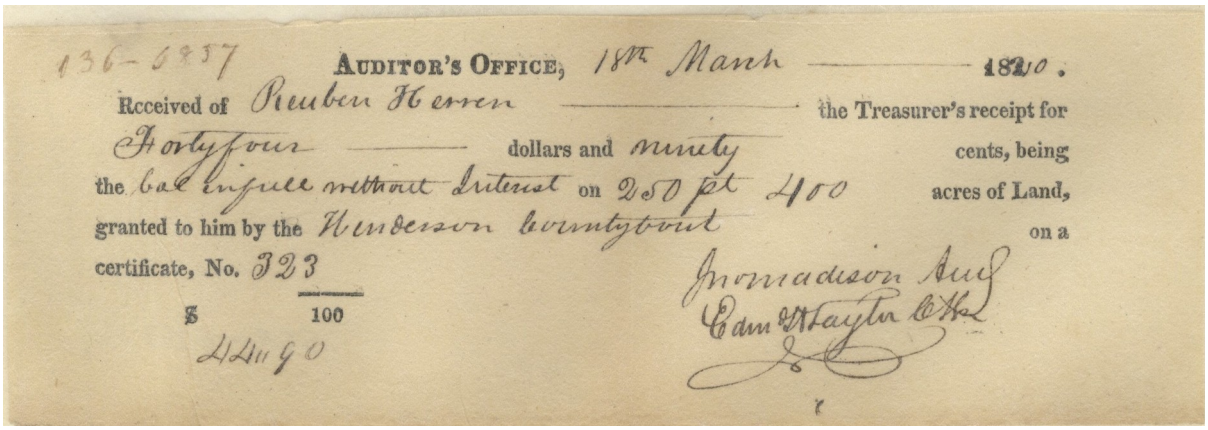
Reuben Herron mark

C.C. 1807

Appendix Image 5. Survey No. 6857, 23 April 1807 — Front, with plat.



Appendix Image 6. Survey — Back (docket: received 18 November 1807; recorded Book 7, page 439; grant issued 18 March 1820).



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AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 18th March 1820.

Received of Reuben Herren the Treasurer's receipt for Forty four dollars and ninety cents, being the bal in full without Interest on 250 pt 400 acres of Land, granted to him by the Henderson County Court on a certificate, No. 323

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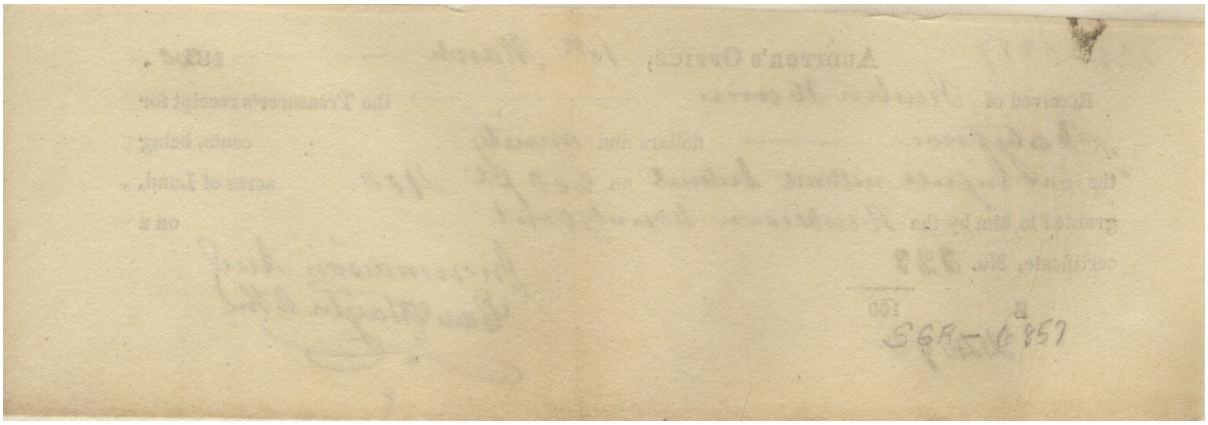

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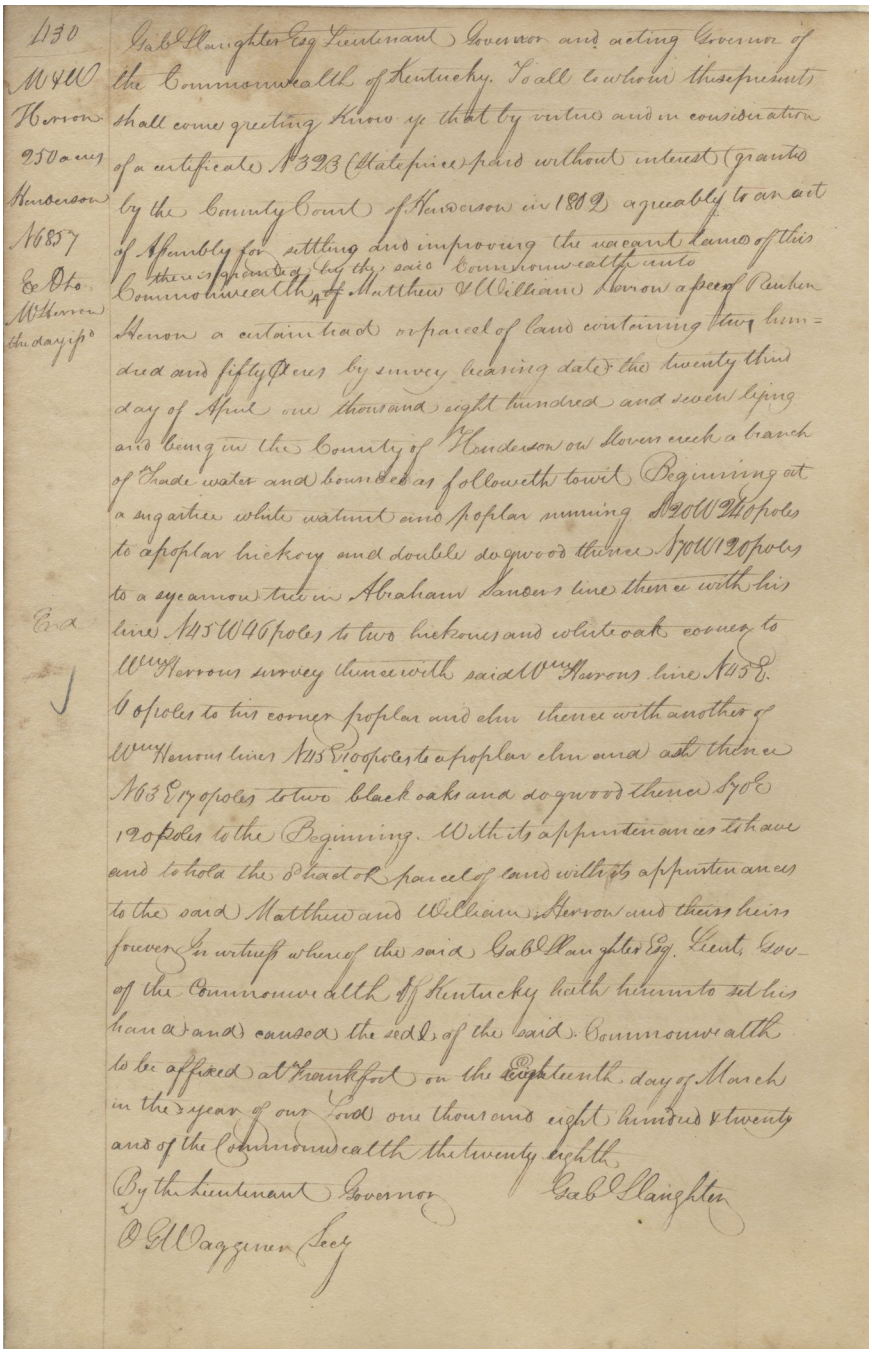
Appendix Image 7. Auditor's Office Receipt, 18 March 1820 — Front ($44.90).

Appendix Image 8. Auditor's Office Receipt — Back.



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Gab^l Slaughter Esq Lieutenant Governor and acting 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 N 323 (State price) paid without interest (granted by the County Court of Henderson in 1802 agreeably to an act of Assembly for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto of Matthew & William Herron a piece of Reuben Herron a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and fifty acres by survey bearing date the twenty third day of April one thousand eight hundred and seven lying and being in the County of Henderson on Stovers creek a branch of Trade water and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a sugar tree white walnut and poplar running S 20 W 240 poles to a poplar hickory and double dogwood thence N 70 W 120 poles to a sycamore tree in Abraham Sanders line thence with his line N 45 W 46 poles to two hickories and white oak corner to Wm Herrons survey thence with said Wm Herrons line N 45 E. 60 poles to his corner poplar and elm thence with another of Wm Herrons lines N 45 E 100 poles to a poplar elm and ash thence N 63 E 170 poles to two black oaks and dogwood thence S 70 E 120 poles to the Beginning. With its appurtenances to have and to hold the d^o tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Matthew and William Herron and their heirs forever In witness whereof the said Gab^l Slaughter Esq. Lieut. Gov. 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 eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty and of the Commonwealth the twenty eighth

By the Lieutenant Governor Gab^l Slaughter

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Appendix Image 9. Grant/Patent No. 6857, 18 March 1820 — page 430 (margin: delivered to W. Herron the day issued).