Samuel Whitesides — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8147 (County Certificate No. 214)

400 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky
Original Claimant and Patentee, under County Court Certificate No. 214

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. 8147, Samuel Whitesides, 400 acres, Henderson County: Henderson County Court certificate No. 214, January Court 1802 (copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, C.C.); survey for Samuel Whitesides, 22 March 1805, endorsed "Rec'd 28th Nov 1807" and "R[ecorded] B[ook] 8, P[age] 496"; Auditor's Office receipt, 8 December 1812; patent, 8 December 1812, Grant Book 11, pages 312–313. Digital images supplied by the Kentucky Secretary of State, Land Office. Indexed in Willard Rouse Jillson, *The Kentucky Land Grants: A Systematic Index to All of the Land Grants Recorded in the State Land Office at Frankfort, Kentucky, 1782–1924*, Filson Club Publications No. 33 (Louisville: Standard Printing Co., 1925; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994), "South of Green River," p. 438.

Abstract

At the January 1802 term of the Henderson County Court, Samuel Whitesides established his right to a settlement claim of 400 acres on the waters of Tradewater, including his improvement, and the Court ordered County Court Certificate No. 214 to issue accordingly. Deputy Surveyor Wilie Sugg surveyed the tract on 22 March 1805 for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot, with Joseph Henderson and William Whitesides as chain carriers and Samuel Whitesides himself as marker. The survey was received on 28 November 1807 and recorded in Book 8, page 496. On 8 December 1812, Whitesides paid the $58.36 balance, interest deducted, and Governor Isaac Shelby issued Grant No. 8147 to him the same day; it was recorded in Grant Book 11, pages 312–313. The patent was examined and delivered to W. R. McGary on 22 December 1812.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for Samuel Whitesides, 400 acres of land by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County on the waters of Tradewater. Beginning at a poplar and black oak; running North 30 East 252.9 poles to a black hickory and dogwood; thence North 57 West 252.9 poles to a hickory and dogwood on the side of a ridge; thence South 30 West 252.9 poles to two post oaks, hickory and dogwood; thence South 57 East 252.9 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 22 March 1805.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	County Court Certificate No. 214
Survey Grant Register Number	8147
Original Claimant	Samuel Whitesides
Assignee / Surveyed For	Not applicable — Samuel Whitesides was both original claimant and patentee; no assignment occurred
Acreage	400 Acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Tradewater (waters of Tradewater)
County in Survey	Henderson County, Kentucky
Certificate Date	January 1802 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Date	22 March 1805
Received by Land Office	28 November 1807
Recording Reference	Survey: Book 8, page 496. Patent: Grant Book 11, pages 312–313.
Patent / Grant Issued	8 December 1812, Frankfort, Kentucky; examined and delivered to W. R. McGary, 22 December 1812
State Price Notation	$58.36, balance in full, interest deducted
Deputy Surveyor	Wilie Sugg
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot
Chain Carriers	Joseph Henderson; William Whitesides
Marker	Samuel Whitesides
Commissioners	Not named; certified by Ambrose Barbour, Clerk of Henderson County Court

Chronology

January 1802	Henderson County Court grants Certificate No. 214 to Samuel Whitesides for 400 acres
22 March 1805	Survey completed (SGR No. 8147)
28 November 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 8, page 496 (endorsement on back of survey)
8 December 1812	State purchase price paid and Land Patent No. 8147 issued to Samuel Whitesides
22 December 1812	Patent examined and delivered to W. R. McGary (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Samuel Whitesides	Original claimant, marker on survey, and patentee
Joseph Henderson	Chain carrier
William Whitesides	Chain carrier
Wilie Sugg	Deputy Surveyor
Edmund Talbot	County Surveyor
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of Henderson County Court, certifying officer
George Madison	Auditor
Isaac Shelby	Governor
Martin D. Hardin	Secretary
W. R. McGary	Received the patent (margin delivery note)

Land Description

A 400-acre tract on the waters of Tradewater, in Henderson County, Kentucky.

Research Notes

This record involves no chain of assignment: Samuel Whitesides was the original claimant named in County Court Certificate No. 214 in January 1802 and remained the sole patentee when Grant No. 8147 was issued on 8 December 1812, nearly eleven years after the certificate and over seven years after the survey. The receipt and the patent both note that interest was deducted from the state price. Unlike the related William Whitesides record (KLG 8148), the full 400 acres claimed in the certificate matches the acreage surveyed and patented.

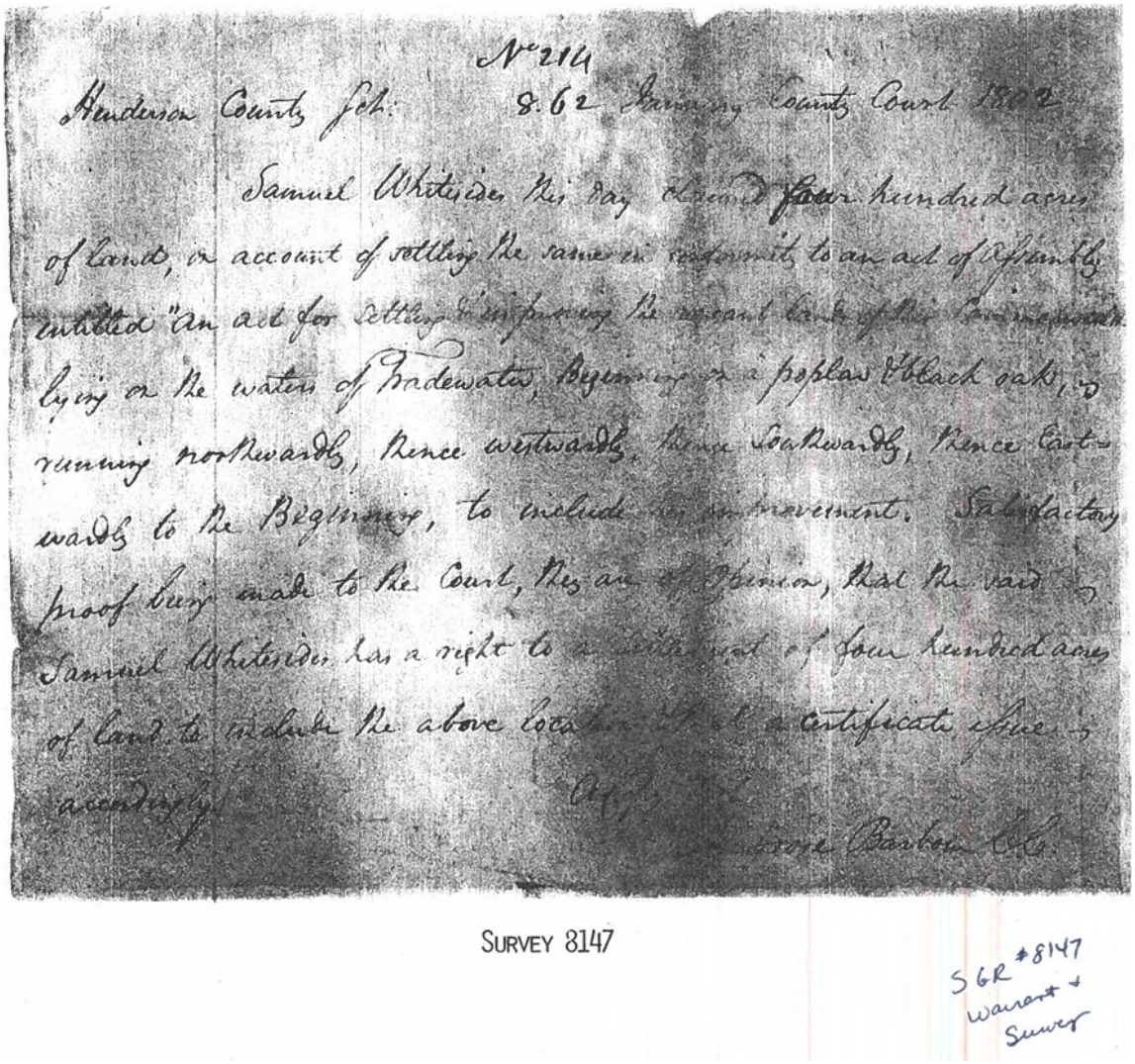
William Whitesides and Samuel Whitesides appear together repeatedly across this collection — as chain carriers on each other's surveys, and as adjoining landowners in the William Owen (KLG No. 8126) and William Whitesides (Patent No. 8148) records — indicating the two men held neighboring tracts along Tradewater and were closely connected, likely as family or associates, within the same local settlement network. Joseph Henderson, who also served as chain carrier here, is the same Joseph Henderson who appears as original claimant and assignor in the William Owen (KLG No. 8126) record, further linking these Henderson County Tradewater tracts.

Survey date correction: an earlier transcription gave the survey date as 22 March 1803. The survey is dated "March 22d 1805," and the patent says "the twenty second day of March one thousand eight hundred and five." With the year corrected, this survey was made two days before William Owen's KLG 4998 and 4999 (24 March 1805), by the same deputy surveyor and with the same two chain carriers: one surveying trip covered all three tracts.

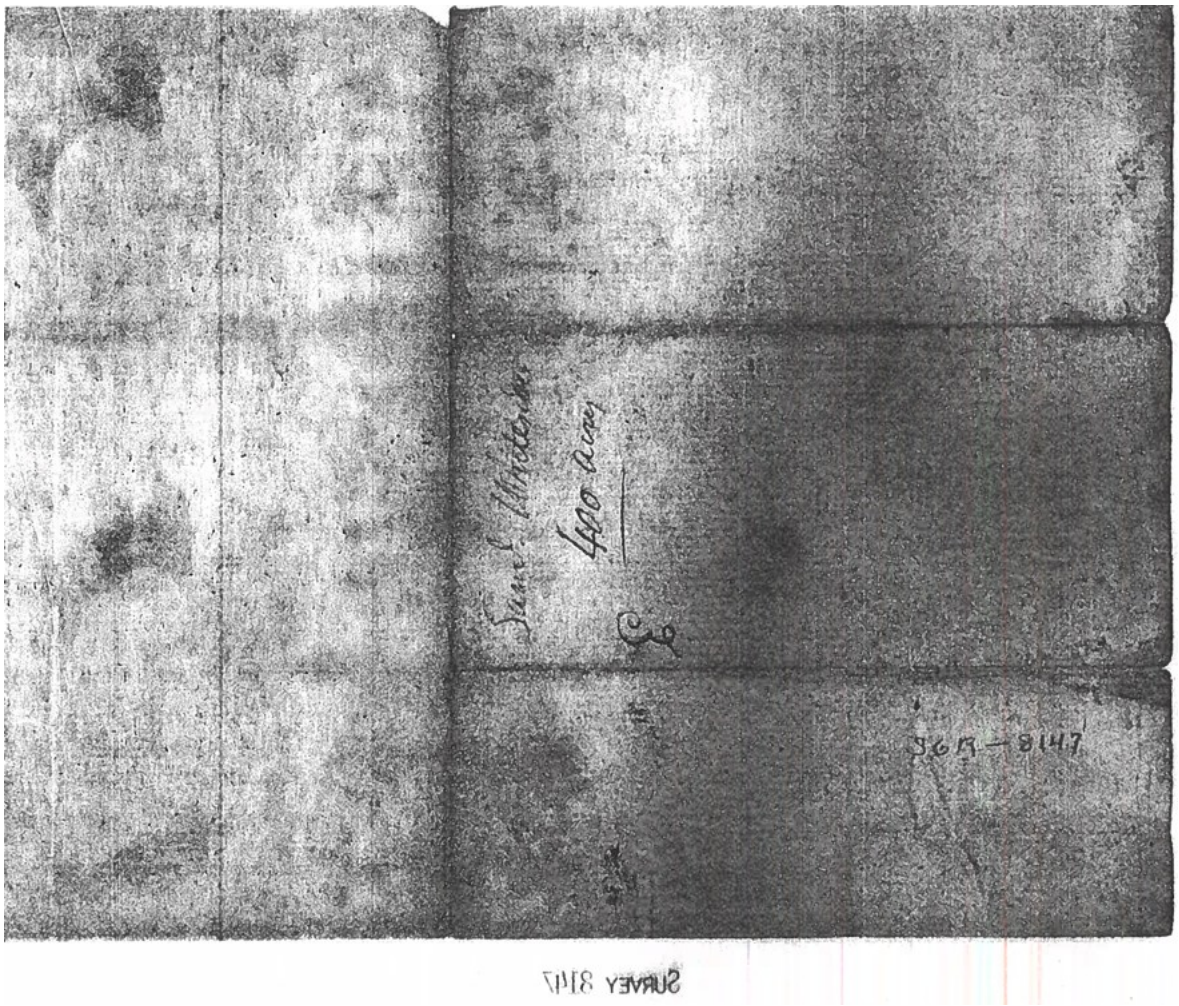
Recording correction: an earlier transcription gave the recording as "Book 11, Page 491." The back of the survey reads "R B 8 P 496" (survey recorded Book 8, page 496); the patent is recorded in Grant Book 11, pages 312–313.

The patent margin reads "Ex[amined] & D[elivere]d to W. R. McGary 22 Decr 1812." William R. McGary is the patentee of several other surveys in this collection (KLG 1163, 5206 and 6048).

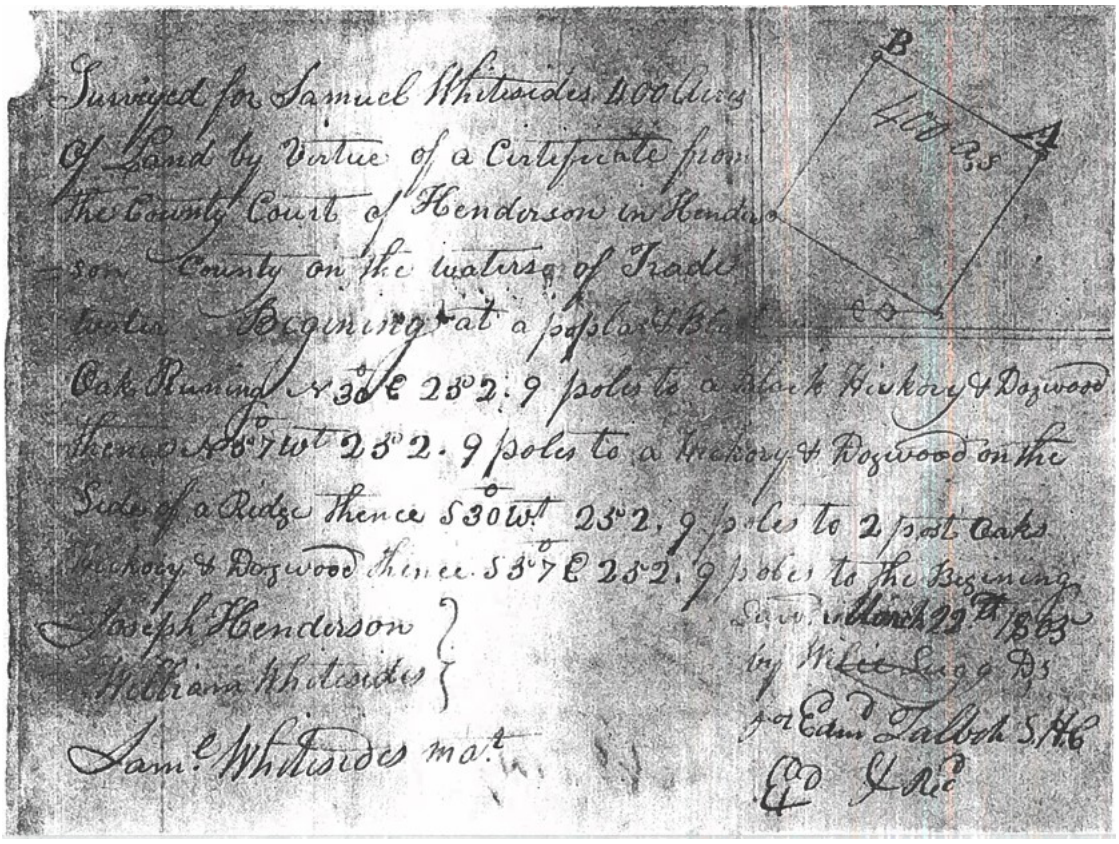
Images / Appendix



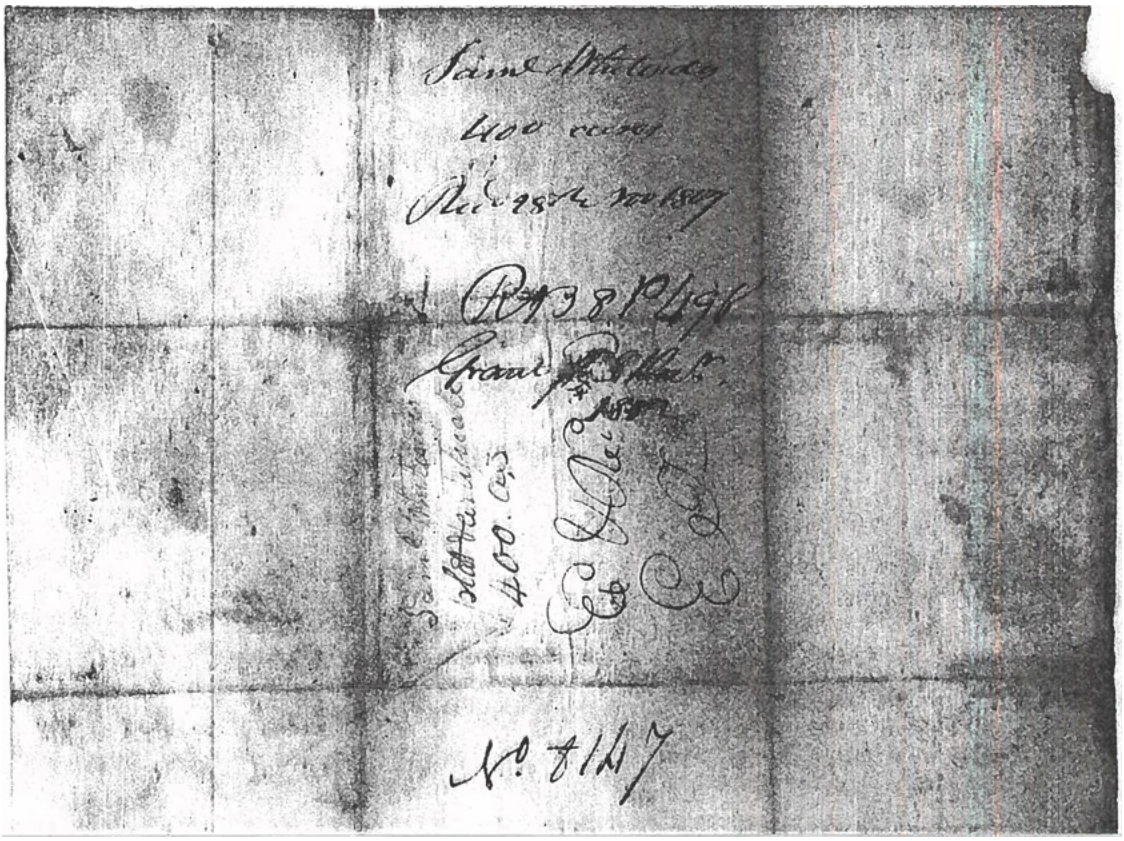
Appendix Image 1. Warrant – Land Certificate No. 214.



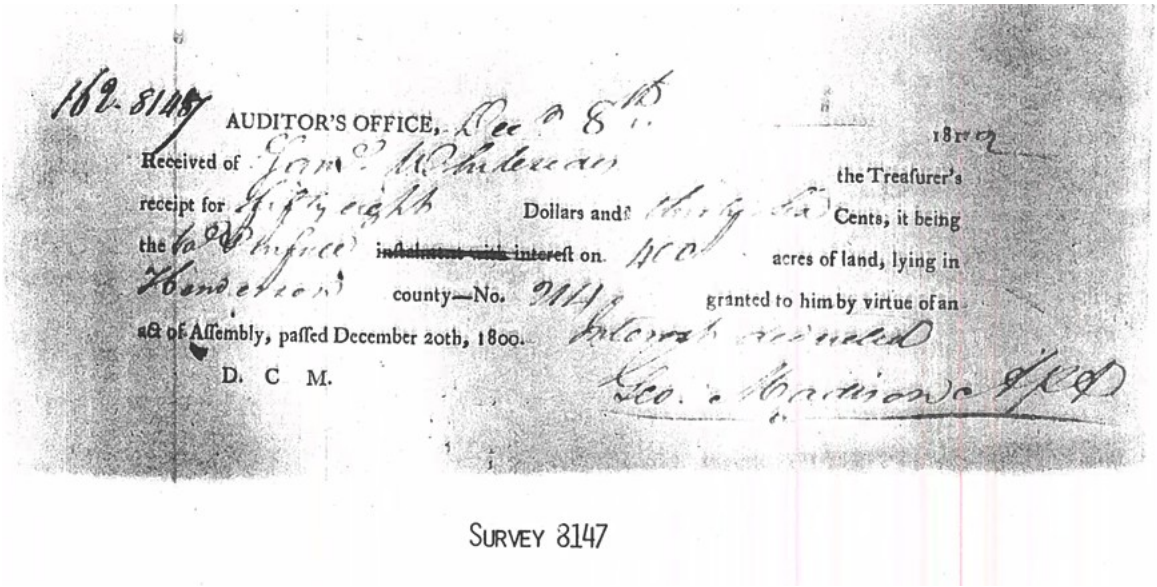
Appendix Image 2. Warrant – Land Certificate No. 214 exterior / folded image.



Appendix Image 3. Surveyor's Record SGR No. 8147.



Appendix Image 4. Survey - Back (received 28 Nov 1807, recorded Book 8, page 496).



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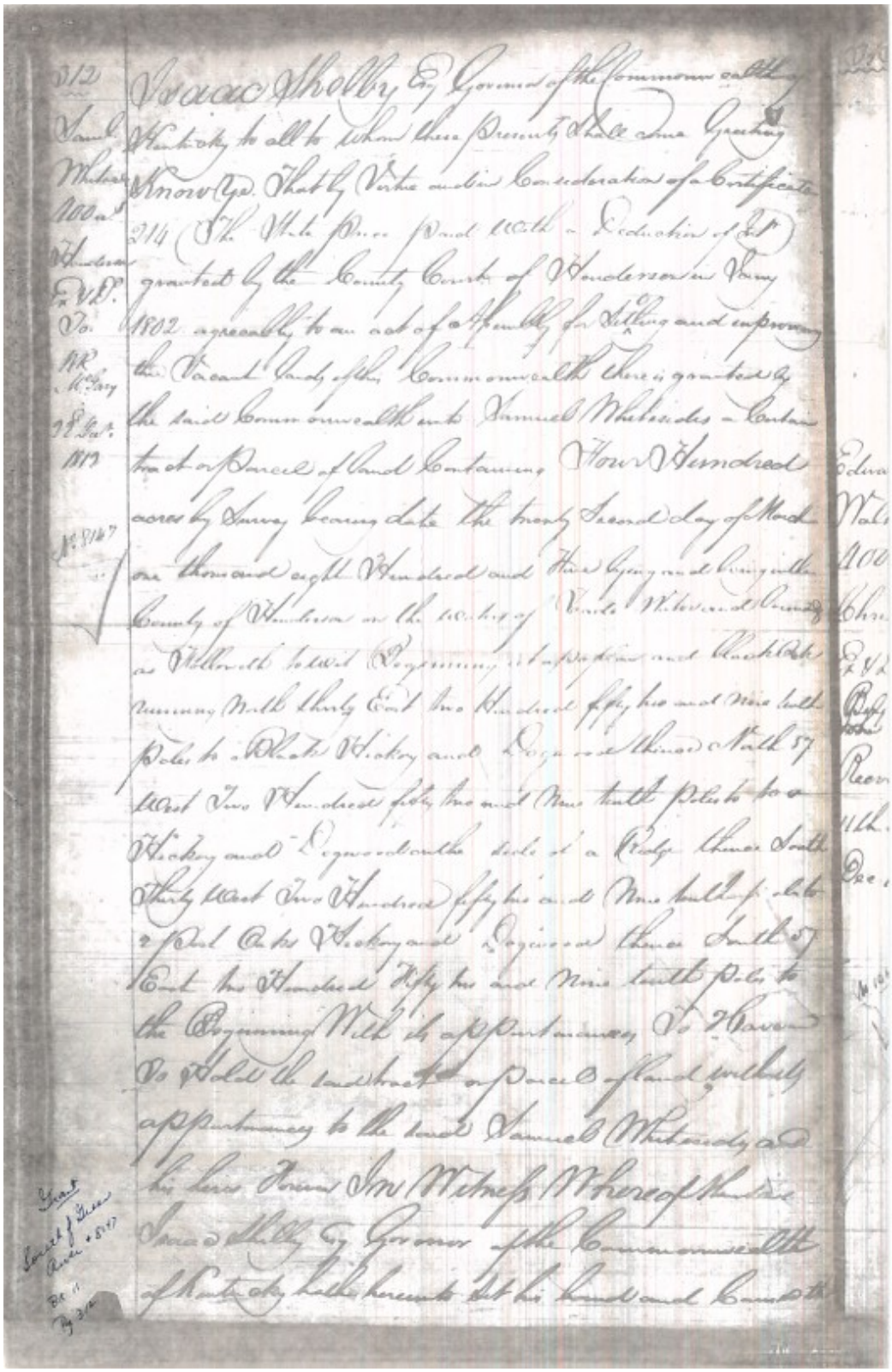

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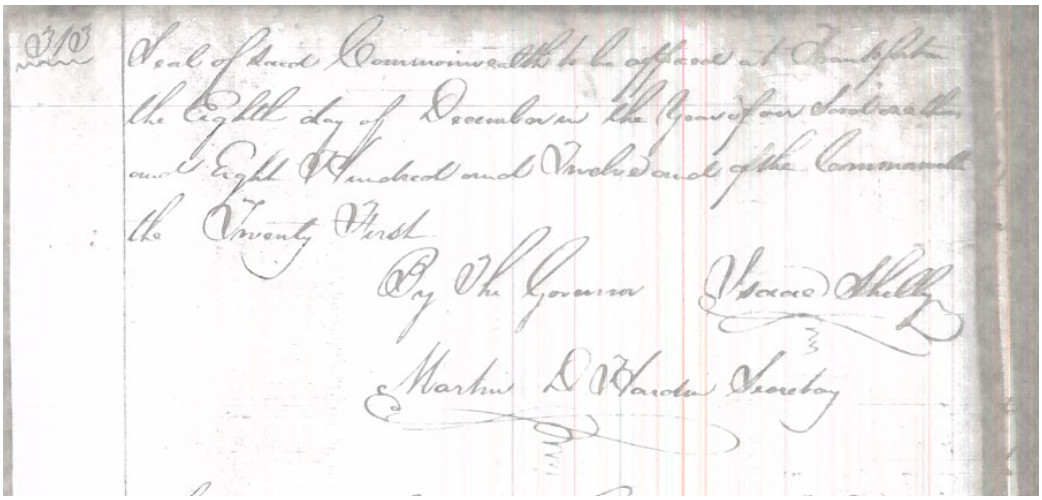

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