Shadrack Holder — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8557 (Certificate No. 462)

200 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater, Hopkins County, Kentucky

Assignee of Thomas Fields, Assignee of Aaron Robertson

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the July 1803 term of the Henderson County Court, Aaron Robertson (written "Robinson" in the certificate copy) claimed 200 acres for having settled the land under the Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth, adjoining Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre survey on the south side, beginning at a white oak and running as the law directs so as to include his improvement. The Court found that he had a right to a settlement of 200 acres and ordered a certificate to issue (No. 462; copy, teste Wm. Barbour, Clk.). Robertson assigned the certificate to Thomas Fields, "if said land is lost no recourse to be taken," witnessed by Moses French[?], John Robertson and Joseph Wal[len?]; Fields assigned it to Shadrack Holder, witnessed by Jeremiah Dunning. Neither assignment is dated. On 7 October 1807 Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C., surveyed 200 acres for Holder in Hopkins County on the waters of Tradewater, beginning in a line of Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre survey. Samuel Whitesides and William Owens carried the chain and Joseph Henry was marker. The survey was received on 3 December 1807 and recorded in Book 9, page 194. The $35.97 state price, the balance in full without interest, was received of Aaron Robertson by Auditor G. Madison on 30 December (year unclear). Lieutenant Governor Gabriel Slaughter, acting governor, issued Grant No. 8557 to Holder on 29 January 1817. A margin note on the patent says it was examined and delivered to W. R. Weir on 1 February 1817.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for Shadrach Holder, assignee of Thomas Fields, assignee of Aaron Robertson, 200 acres of land by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Hopkins County on the waters of Tradewater. Beginning on a white oak and two ashes in a line of Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre survey; thence North 45 West 179 poles to three white oaks; thence South 45 West 179 poles to two black oaks; thence South 45 East 179 poles to a gum, white oak and dogwood; thence North 45 East 179 poles to the beginning. October 7th 1807. Samuel Whitesides, William Owens, C.C.; Joseph Henry, M. Eli Bishop, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C. Exd. & Recd. The register copy and the patent agree with these calls. The survey closes exactly.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	462 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Grant Register Number	8557
Original Claimant	Aaron Robertson ("Robinson" in the certificate copy; "Andrew Robinson" in the register copy of the survey)
Assignee / Surveyed For	Shadrack Holder, assignee of Thomas Fields, assignee of Aaron Robertson
Acreage	200 Acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Waters of Tradewater
County in Survey	Hopkins County, Kentucky (certificate from the Henderson County Court; the patent first wrote "Hopkins" for the court, struck it and interlined "Henderson")
Certificate Date	July 1803 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Date	7 October 1807
Received by Land Office	3 December 1807
Recording Reference	Book 9, page 194 (survey back: "R B 9 P 194"; register copy headed 194)
Patent / Grant Issued	29 January 1817
State Price Notation	$35.97, balance in full without interest, received of Aaron Robertson, 30 December [year unclear]
Deputy Surveyor	Eli Bishop, D.S.
County Surveyor	John Gordon (S.H.C.)

Chain Carriers	Samuel Whitesides and William Owens, C.C.; Joseph Henry, marker
Certifying Clerk	Wm. Barbour, Clerk of the Henderson County Court
Patent Delivered	Examined and delivered to W. R. Weir, 1 February 1817 (margin note on the patent)

Chronology

July 1803	Henderson County Court finds Aaron Robertson entitled to 200 acres adjoining the south side of Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre survey, to include his improvement (Certificate No. 462)
Undated	Aaron Robertson assigns the certificate to Thomas Fields, "if said land is lost no recourse to be taken"; witnesses Moses French[?], John Robertson and Joseph Wal[len?]
Undated	Thomas Fields assigns the certificate to Shadrack Holder; witness Jeremiah Dunning
7 October 1807	200 acres surveyed for Shadrack Holder by Eli Bishop, D.S., in Hopkins County on the waters of Tradewater
3 December 1807	Survey received at the Land Office; recorded Book 9, page 194
30 December [year unclear]	$35.97 received of Aaron Robertson, balance in full without interest; G. Madison, Auditor
29 January 1817	Grant No. 8557 issued to Shadrack Holder by Lt. Gov. Gabriel Slaughter, acting governor
1 February 1817	Patent examined and delivered to W. R. Weir (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Aaron Robertson	Original claimant and first assignor; the receipt is in his name. Written "Robinson" in the certificate copy and "Andrew Robinson" in the register copy of the survey
John Robertson	Witness to Aaron Robertson's assignment to Thomas Fields. Whether he is the John Robertson of KLG 5049 is not established
Thomas Fields	Second assignee; assigned the certificate to Shadrack Holder

Jeremiah Dunning	Witness to the assignment from Thomas Fields to Shadrack Holder.
Shadrack Holder	Final assignee and patentee
Anderson Lewis	Adjoining landowner; the claim adjoins the south side of his 4,000-acre survey, and the first call runs 179 poles along his line
Samuel Whitesides	Chain carrier. A Samuel Whitesides witnessed David Collier's 1807 assignment to Eleazer Givens on KLG 3147.2
William Owens	Chain carrier. A William Owen is patentee of tracts in this collection, including KLG 5341 on Owens Creek, on which Willis Ralls carried the chain. Identity with this chain carrier is not established
Joseph Henry	Marker
Eli Bishop	Deputy Surveyor
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins County (S.H.C.)
William (Wm.) Barbour	Clerk of Henderson County Court, certifying officer
G. Madison	Auditor; signed the receipt
Gabriel Slaughter	Lieutenant Governor, serving as Acting Governor at the time this patent was signed — see Research Notes
John Pope	Secretary
Moses French[?]	Possible witness to Aaron Robertson's assignment (reading uncertain)
Joseph Wal[len?]	Witness to Aaron Robertson's assignment (surname partly illegible)
W. R. Weir	Received the patent, 1 February 1817 (margin note)

Land Description

A 200-acre square tract, 179 poles on a side, on the waters of Tradewater in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Its first side runs North 45 West 179 poles along a line of Anderson Lewis's 4,000-acre survey; the tract lies on the south-west side of that line.

Research Notes

Neither assignment is dated. The certificate was issued in July 1803 and Holder was the named assignee when the survey was made on 7 October 1807, so both assignments fall between those dates. Aaron Robertson's assignment to Fields carries the clause "if said land is lost no recourse to

be taken," a no-warranty condition. Its witnesses appear to be Moses French[?], John Robertson and Joseph Wal[len?]; the earlier report gave only John Robertson and Joseph [illegible].

Date of the receipt. The receipt is dated 30 December; the year's final digit appears to be 6, and the earlier report read it as 1807. It cannot be 1816: Auditor George Madison left that office in 1816 and died in October of that year, and both the receipt and the patent say the price was paid without interest, which points to an early payment. 1806 or 1807 is likely. The marginal note "3 December 1807" on the receipt matches the date the survey was received. The earlier report also named Michael T. Wickliffe as auditor; the receipt is signed G. Madison, Aud.

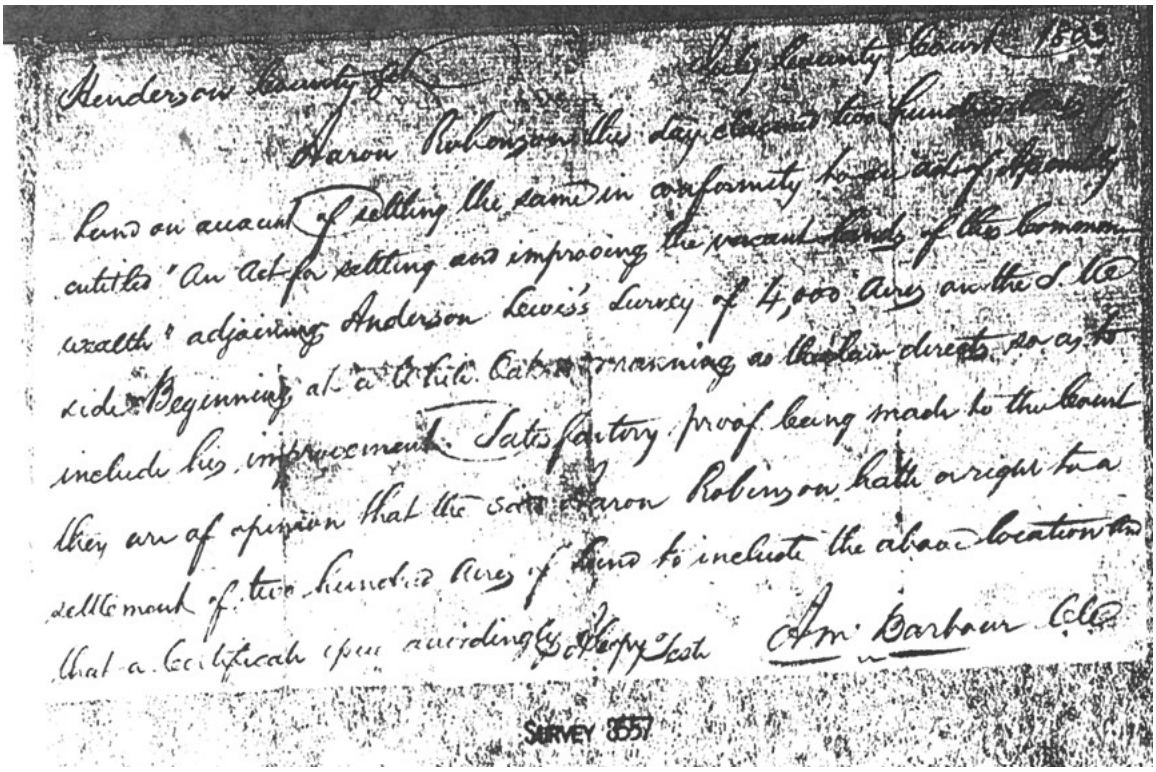
Names. The claimant is "Aaron Robinson" in the certificate copy, "Aaron Roberson" or Robertson in the original survey, "Andrew Robinson" in the register copy of the survey, and Aaron Robertson in the receipt and the patent. The register copy also omits "and two ashes" at the beginning corner. The deputy surveyor is Eli Bishop, not "Ed. Bishop" as in the earlier report. The patent was signed by Lieutenant Governor Gabriel Slaughter as acting governor, following the death of Governor George Madison in October 1816.

Delivered to W. R. Weir, not sold. The margin of the patent reads "Exd. & Dd. to W. R. Weir, 1st Feby 1817," which records the delivery of the patent, not a sale of the land. The same pattern appears in Eleazer Givens's patents for KLG 3147.2 (delivered to William R. Weir, January 1815) and KLG 9309 (1 January 1818).

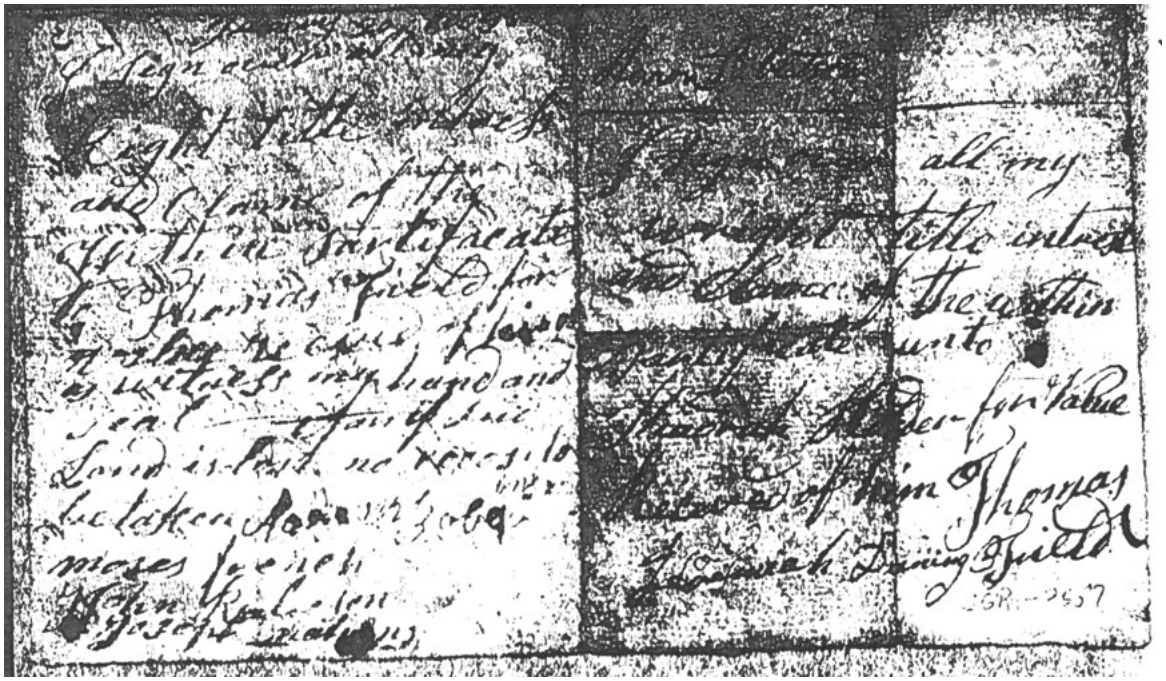
Placement against KLG 9309. Givens's KLG 9309 runs N 45 W 40 poles along Lewis's line to "an ash and white oak, said Holder's corner," then S 45 W 179 poles "with said line." That matches Holder's beginning corner (a white oak and two ashes in Lewis's line) and Holder's closing side, which runs S 45 W 179 poles from it. 9309 therefore lies against the south-east side of this tract, and Holder's square sits between Lewis's line and the Givens tracts. Both chain carriers also appear in this neighbourhood: Samuel Whitesides witnessed the 1807 assignment of 3147.2 to Givens, and a William Owen held the Owens Creek surveys of Cluster A.

Lewis's first name. Every record in this file reads "Anderson Lewis." KLG 9309 was read as "Addison Lewis's military line." Which form is right should be checked against the 9309 survey and the 4,000-acre survey (KLG 3161) itself.

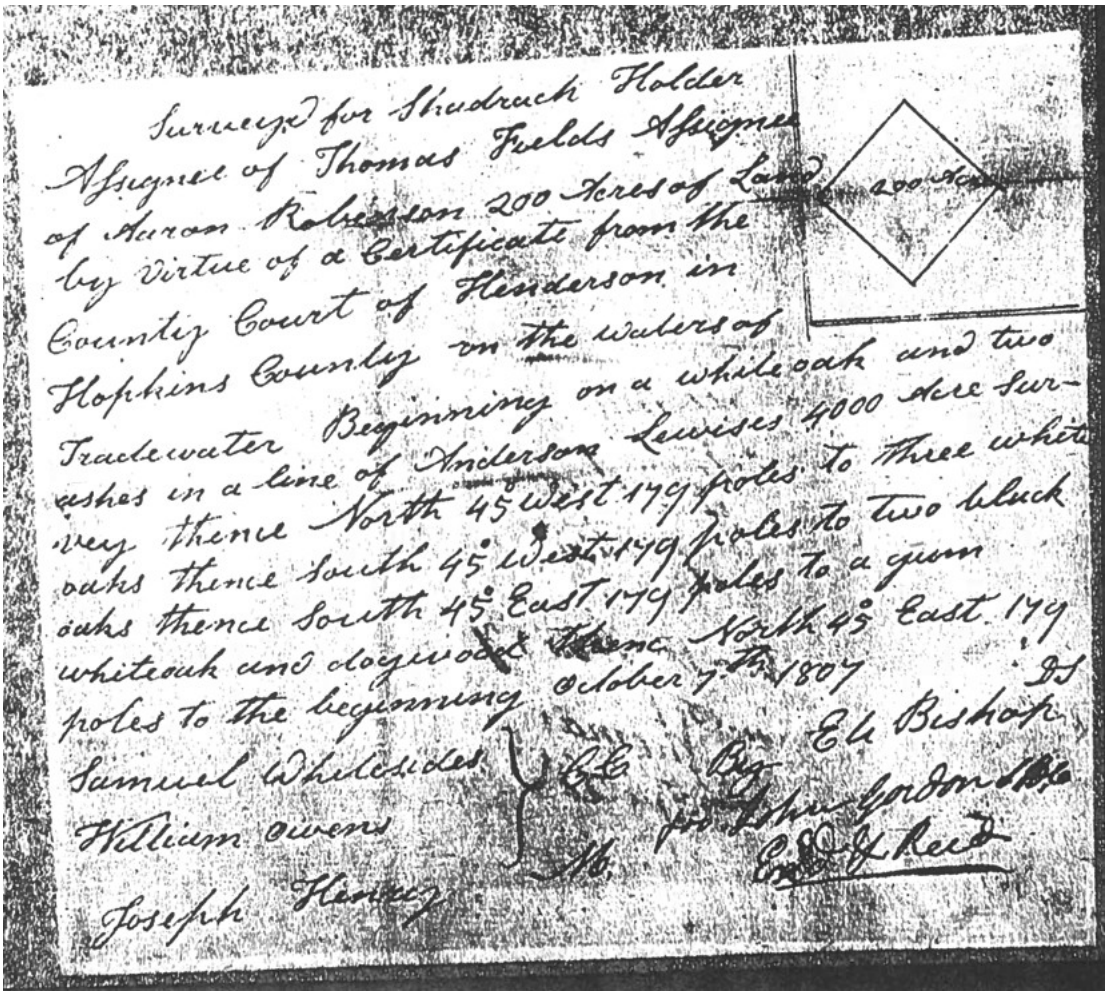
Images / Appendix



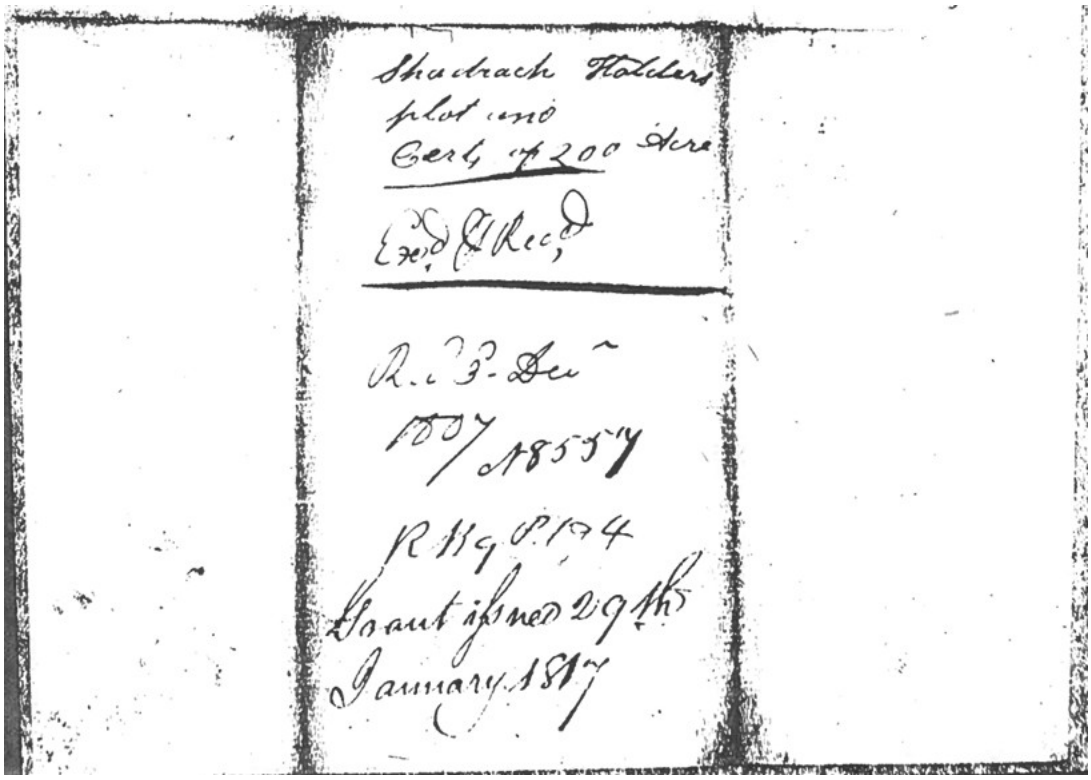
Appendix Image 1. Henderson County Court certificate No. 462, July 1803 (copy).



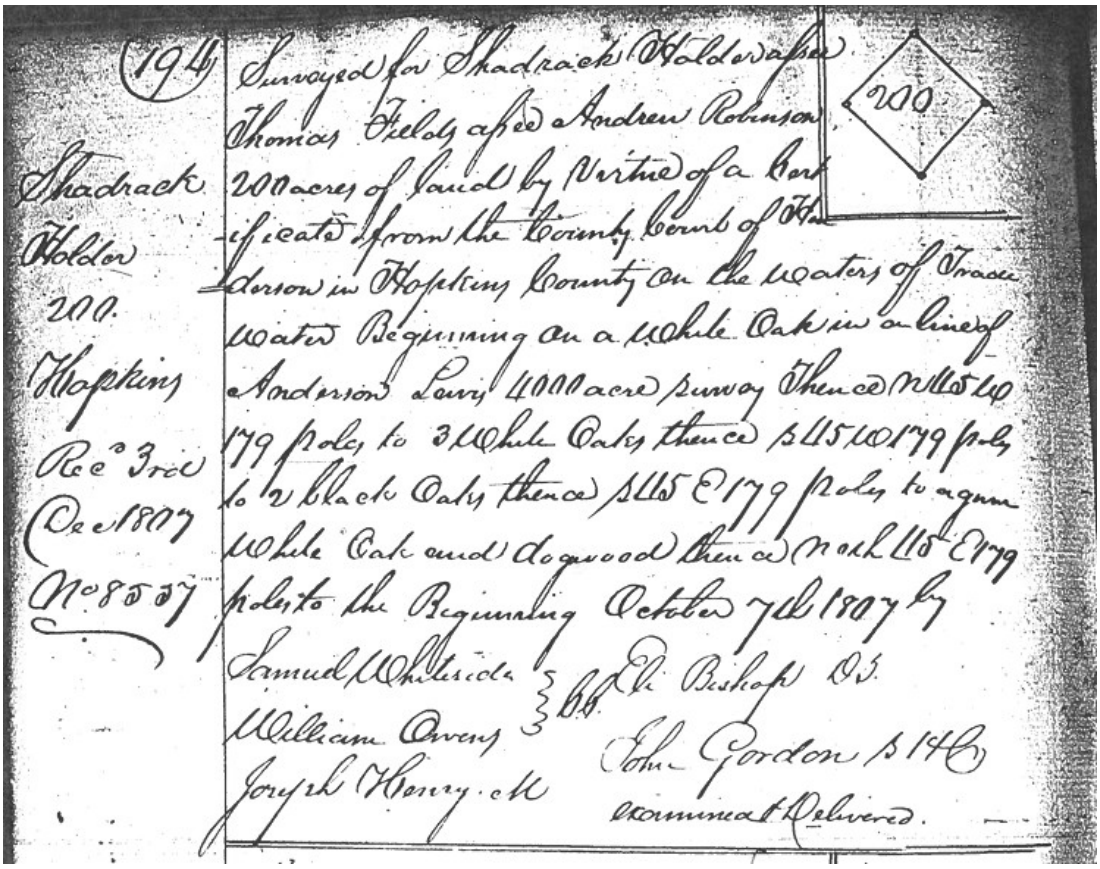
Appendix Image 2. Certificate (back): assignments from Aaron Robertson to Thomas Fields and from Fields to Shadrack Holder.



Appendix Image 3. Survey for Shadrack Holder, 7 October 1807 (original).



Appendix Image 4. Survey (back): received 3 December 1807, No. 8557, "R B 9 P 194," grant issued 29 January 1817.



(194) Surveyed for Shadrack Holder assee Thomas Fields assee Andrew Robinson 200 acres of land by Virtue of a Certificate from the County Court of Henderson in Hopkins County on the Waters of Trade Water Beginning on a White Oak in a line of Anderson Lewis 4000 acre survey Thence N 45 W 179 poles to 3 White Oaks thence S 45 W 179 poles to 2 black Oaks thence S 45 E 179 poles to a gum White Oak and dogwood thence North 45 E 179 poles to the Beginning October 7th 1807 by

Samuel Whiteside } CC. Eli Bishop DS.
William Owens
Joseph Henry M
John Gordon S 14 C
examined & Delivered.

Shadrack Holder 200. Hopkins Rec^d 3rd Dec 1807 No 8557

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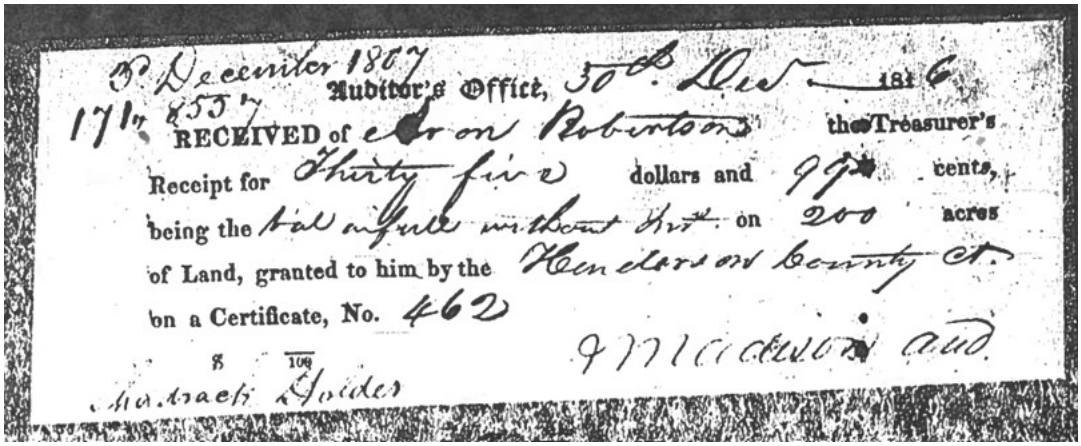
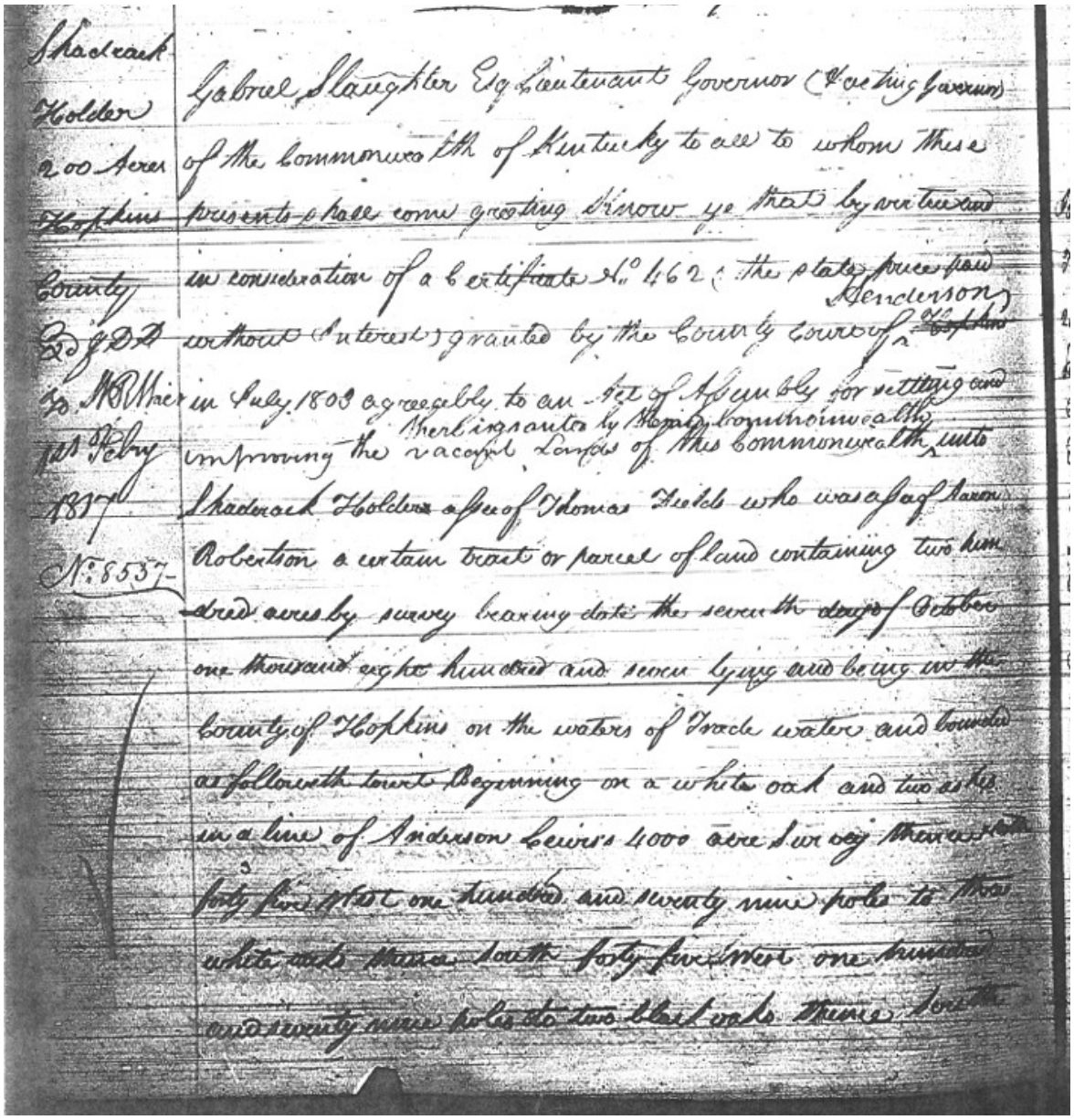
Appendix Image 5. Register copy of the survey, page 194.



3 December 1807
171 8557
Auditor's Office, 30th Dec 1816
RECEIVED of Aron Robertson the Treasurer's Receipt for Thirty five dollars and 99 cents, being the tax in full without Int. on 200 acres of Land, granted to him by the Henderson County Ct. on a Certificate, No. 462
8 100
Shadrack Holder
J Madison Aud.

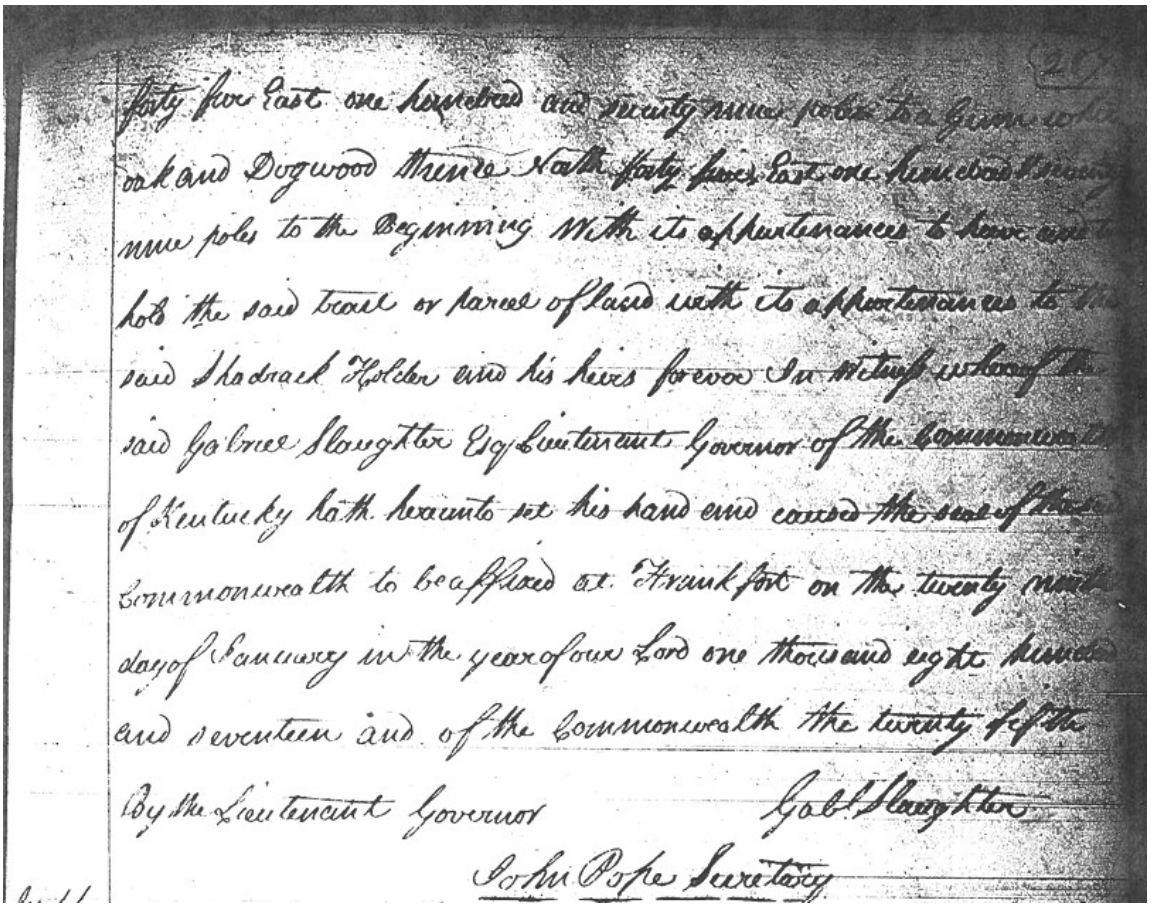
Appendix Image 6. Auditor's receipt, 30 December [year unclear].



Shadrack Holder 200 Acres Hopkins County Ed of D.D. To W.R. Weir 1st Feby 1817 No. 8537

Gabriel Slaughter Esq Lieutenant Governor (& 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 No. 462 (the state price paid without Interest) granted by the County Court of Henderson in July 1803 agreeably to an Act of Assembly for settling and improving the vacant Lands of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto Shadrack Holder assee of Thomas Fields who was assee of Aaron Robertson a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres by survey bearing date the seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and seven lying and being in the County of Hopkins on the waters of Trade water and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning on a white oak and two ashes in a line of Anderson Lewis's 4000 acre Survey thence South forty five West one hundred and seventy nine poles to three white oaks thence South forty five West one hundred and seventy nine poles to two black oaks thence South

Appendix Image 7. Patent, 29 January 1817 (page 1), with margin note of delivery to W. R. Weir, 1 February 1817.



forty four East one hundred and twenty nine poles to a Gum white oak and Dogwood thence North forty four East one hundred and twenty nine poles to the Beginning With its appurtenances & hereby grant the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Shadrack Holder and his heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Gabriel Slaughter Esq Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and of the Commonwealth the twenty fifth

By the Lieutenant Governor — Gabl Slaughter

John Pope Secretary

Appendix Image 8. Patent (page 2).