Silas McBee — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 1244 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3492)

200 Acres on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek, Christian County, Kentucky
Original Claimant and Patentee

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 18 October 1798 the commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certified that Silas McBee was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land by virtue of his having improved it, under the act "for encouraging and granting relief to settlers," located on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek, beginning at a black oak and running east and south to include his improvement (Certificate No. 3492). On 6 November 1798 Deputy Surveyor Will Ward, for Young Ewing, S.C.C., surveyed the 200 acres for Silas McBee in Christian County as a square of 178.8 poles on each side, with Payton Brown and Martin Saunders carrying the chain. The plat was received on 19 October 1799 and endorsed "State price not pd." On 26 January 1809 the Auditor received of Silas McBee $75.54 in full on Certificate No. 3492, and Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to Silas McBee on 3 February 1809. The margin notes that it was examined and delivered to Col. Ewing on 3 February 1809.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey and confirmed against the patent. Distances are in poles.

November 6th 1798 Surveyed for Silas McBee 200 acres of land in Christian County by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 3492, lying on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek. Beginning at a black oak; thence South 80 East 178.8 poles to a hickory and white oak; thence South 10 West 178.8 poles to a crab apple tree; thence North 80 West 178.8 poles to six maples growing from the same root; thence North 10 East 178.8 poles to the beginning.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3492 (Commissioners' certificate, for having improved the land)
Survey Grant Register Number	1244
Original Claimant	Silas McBee
Assignment	None; Silas McBee was claimant and patentee
Surveyed For / Patentee	Silas McBee (indexed by Jillson as "McBee, Silas")
Acreage	200 acres of second-rate land
Watercourse	Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek
County in Survey	Christian County
Certificate Date	18 October 1798
Survey Date	6 November 1798
Received by Land Office	19 October 1799 ("State price not pd.")
Recording	Survey: Book No. 2, page 55. Patent: second page numbered 147 [grant book not named]
Patent / Grant Issued	3 February 1809, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; delivered to Col. Ewing the same day
State Price Notation	$75.54, in full, received of Silas McBee, 26 January 1809
Deputy Surveyor / Chain Carriers	Will Ward, D.S., for Young Ewing, S.C.C.; Payton Brown and Martin Saunders, chain carriers
Commissioners	Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown

Chronology

18 October 1798	Commissioners Richd. Young, Robt. Mosby and Jas. Brown certify Silas McBee's claim to 200 acres of second-rate land on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek, to include his improvement (Certificate No. 3492)
6 November 1798	200 acres surveyed for Silas McBee by Will Ward, D.S., for Young Ewing, S.C.C.; chain carriers Payton Brown and Martin Saunders
19 October 1799	Plat received; endorsed "State price not pd."; recorded Book No. 2, page 55
26 January 1809	$75.54 paid in full by Silas McBee
3 February 1809	Grant No. 1244 issued to Silas McBee, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; delivered to Col. Ewing the same day

Persons Named in the Record

Silas McBee	Original claimant; improved the land; surveyed for; patentee
Payton Brown	Chain carrier
Martin Saunders	Chain carrier
Will Ward	Deputy surveyor
Young Ewing	Surveyor of Christian County (S.C.C.)
Richard Young, Robert Mosby, James Brown	Commissioners
Col. Ewing	Received the patent (margin delivery note)
George Madison	Auditor
Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary

Land Description

A 200-acre tract on the Crab Orchard Fork of Clear Creek in Christian County (later Henderson, then Hopkins), Kentucky, surveyed as a square of 178.8 poles on each side.

Research Notes

Beside 8538. Silas McBee's KLG 8538, surveyed in 1807, begins "on a black oak in Silas McBee's line" and runs south 80 east "with said McBee's line" 179 poles to "two crab trees, corner of said McBee's survey," then south 10 west. This survey's south line runs north 80 west 178.8 poles from a crab apple tree to six maples, and its east line runs south 10 west to the crab apple tree. 8538's north line appears to be this survey's south line run the other way, and its east line continues this survey's east line south, which places this tract directly north of 8538. The west corner is described differently: six maples here, a black oak in 8538.

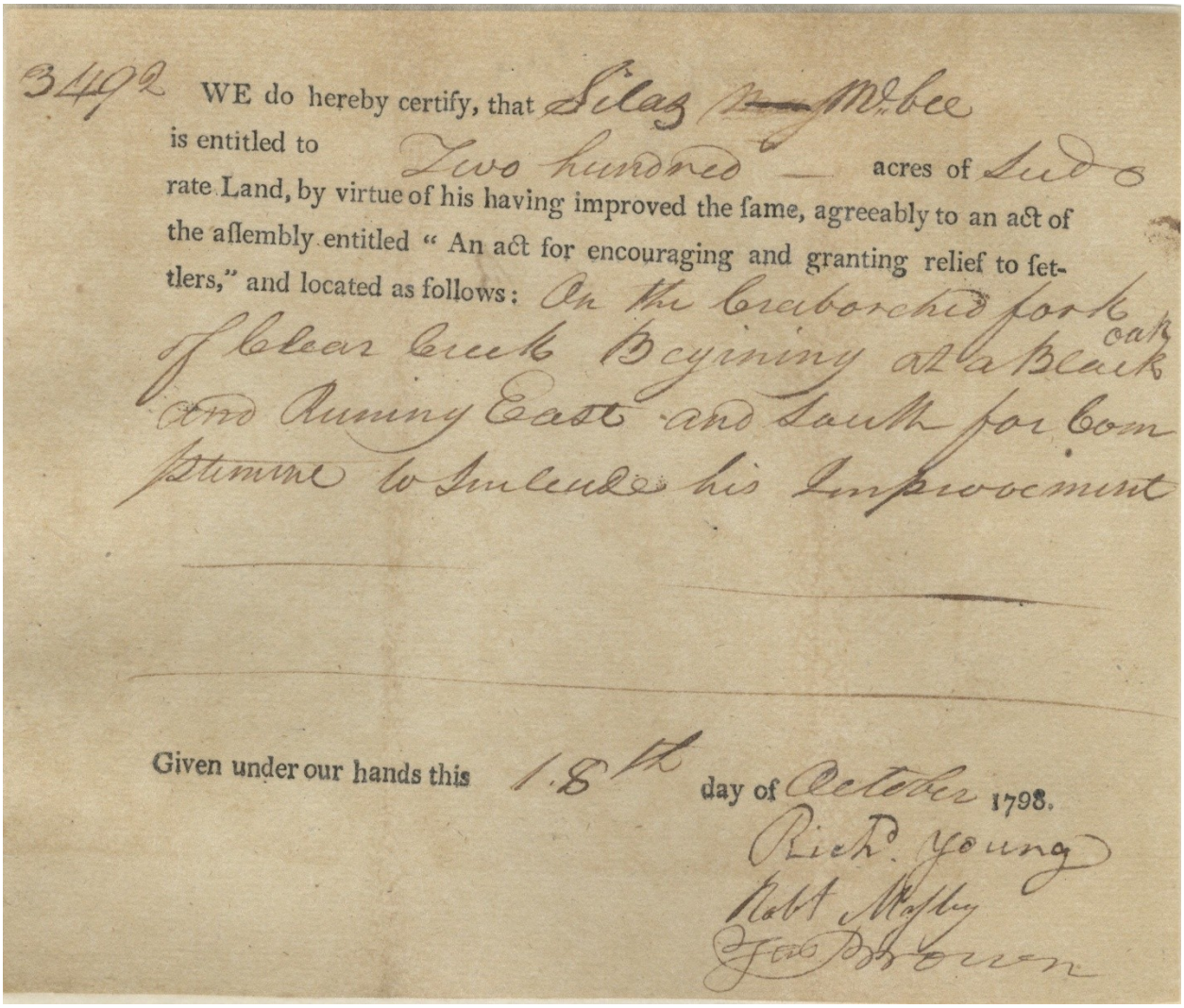
Same deputy and chain carriers. Will Ward surveyed this tract on 6 November 1798 with Payton Brown and Martin Saunders, the day before he surveyed Hannah McBee's KLG 1241 and Bezaleel Weir's KLG 1243 with the same chain carriers. This certificate (No. 3492) and Bezaleel Weir's (No. 3495) were both issued by the same commissioners on 18 October 1798. The plats of this survey and 1243 were both received on 19 October 1799 and both endorsed "State price not pd." and "Recorded in Book No. 2, Page 55."

The certificate. The certificate locates the claim "on the Craborchard fork of Clear Creek Beginning at a Black oak and Running East and South for compliment to include his improvement." The survey begins at a black oak and runs south 80 east, then south 10 west. A word after "Silas" in the certificate is struck through.

Payment and patent. The receipt of 26 January 1809 is for $75.54 "in full" on Certificate No. 3492 for 200 acres in Christian County; the printed words "Installment with interest" are struck out, and the back is endorsed "McBee's Quietus in full." Governor Charles Scott signed the patent on 3 February 1809. Its margin reads "Exd & Dd to Col. Ewing, 3d Feby 1809"; the record does not give Col. Ewing's first name. The survey was made by Will Ward "for Young Ewing, S.C.C."

Recording. The back of the survey is endorsed "Silas McBee plate," "Exd & Recorded No 1244," "Recd 19 Oct 99," "State price not pd.," "Recorded in Book No. 2 Page 55" and "Grant issued 3d February 1809." The second page of the patent is numbered 147; the grant book is not named. The receipt's left margin reads "B 33 No 1244" [?]. Plotted, the survey closes and holds about 200 acres.

Images / Appendix

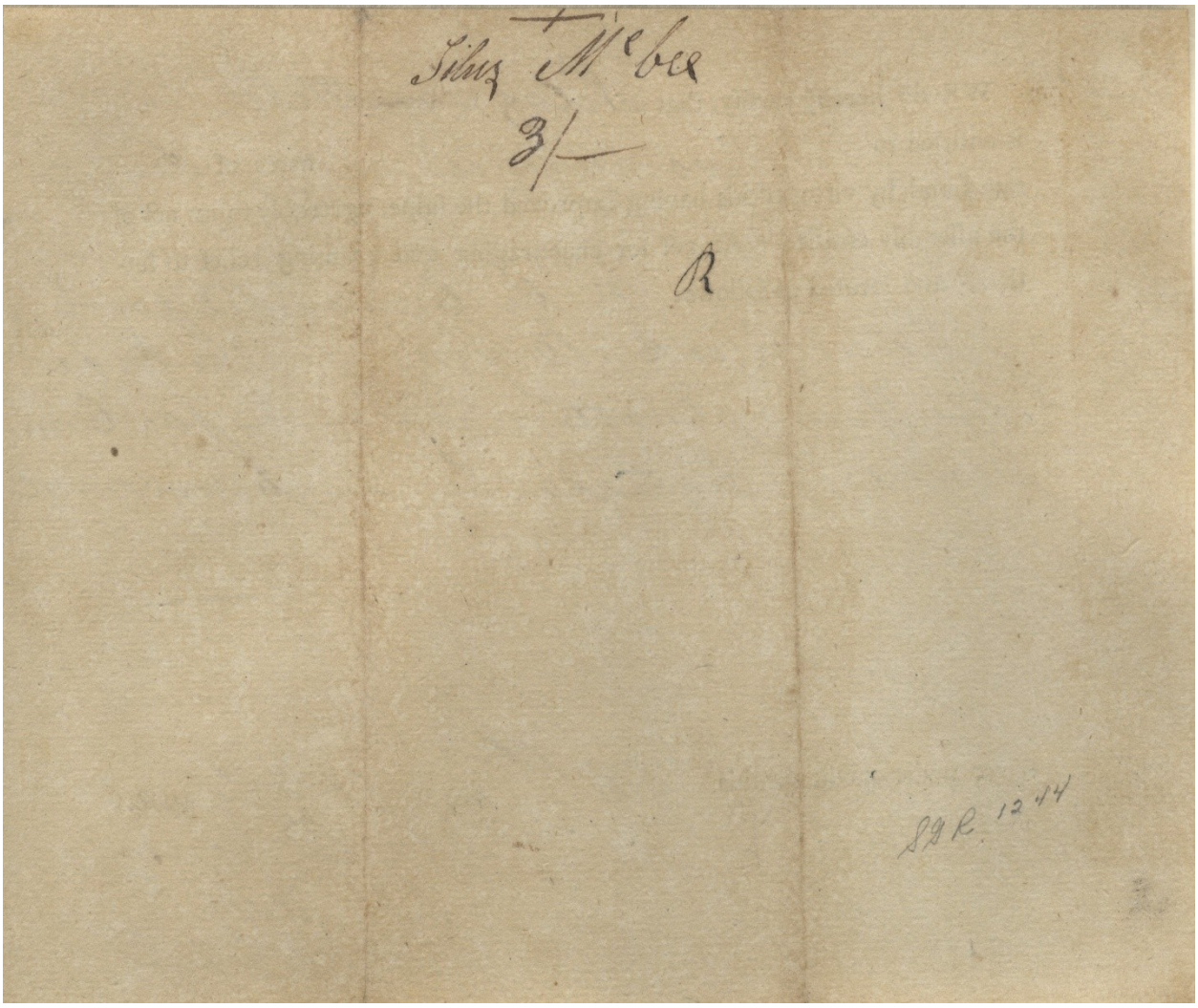


3492 WE do hereby certify, that Silas McBee
is entitled to Two hundred — acres of Sud o
rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of
the assembly entitled " An act for encouraging and granting relief to set-
tlers," and located as follows: On the Craborched fork
of Clear Creek Beginning at a Black oak
and Runing East and South for Com
ptemine to Include his Improvement

Given under our hands this 18th day of October 1798.

Richd. Young
Robt Massey
Jas Brown

Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3492 — Front (18 October 1798).



Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back.

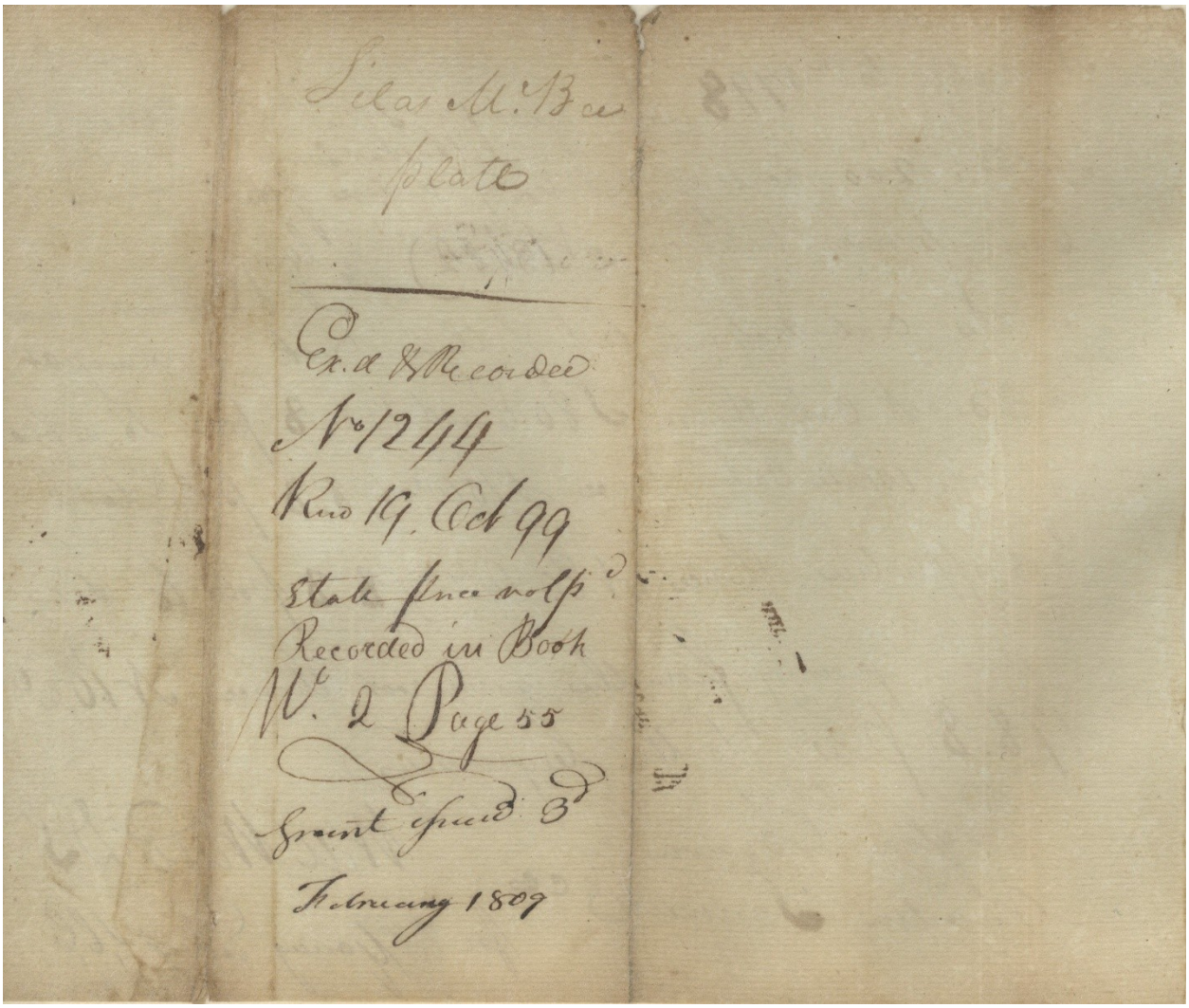


November 6th 1798 Surveyed for Silas M.c Bee 200 acres of Land, in Christian County by Virtue of the Commissioners certificate No 3492 lying on the Crab orchard fork of Clear Creek beginning at a Black Oak thence S 80 East 178.8 Poles to a hickory and White Oak thence S 10 W.t 178.8 poles to a Crab apple tree thence N 80 W.t 178.8 poles to Six Maples growing from the same root thence N 10 E.t 178.8 Poles to the beginning

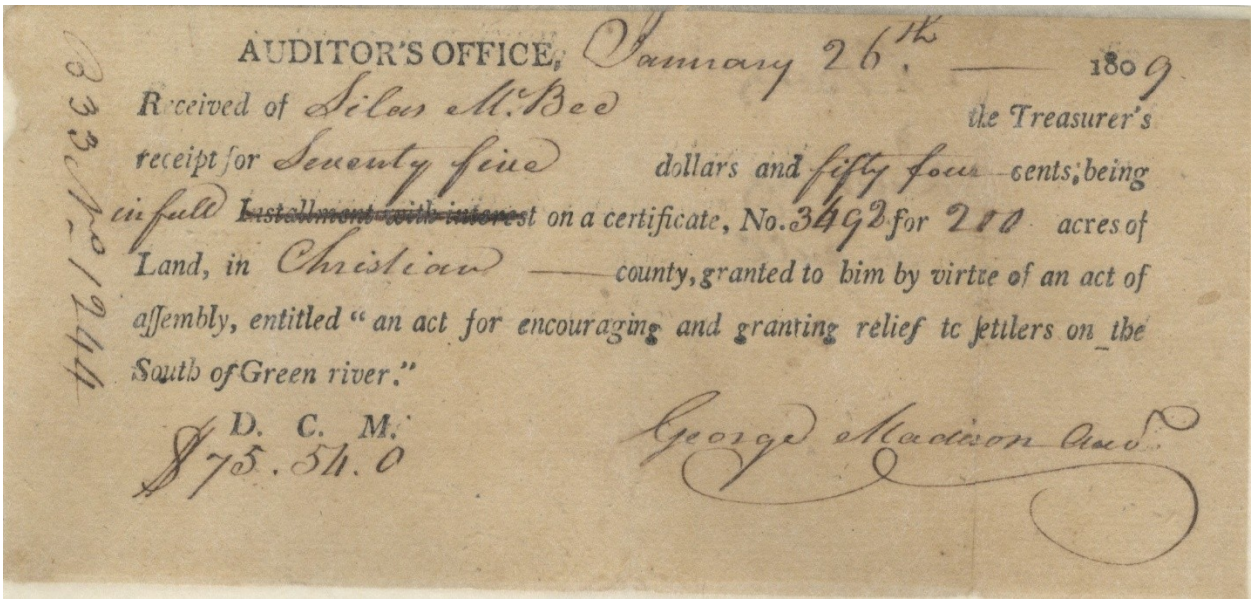
Payton Brown
Martin Saunders &c.c

Will Ward D.S
for Young Ewing L.C.C

Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 1244 — Front (6 November 1798).



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 1244 — Back (received 19 October 1799; recorded Book No. 2, page 55; grant issued 3 February 1809).



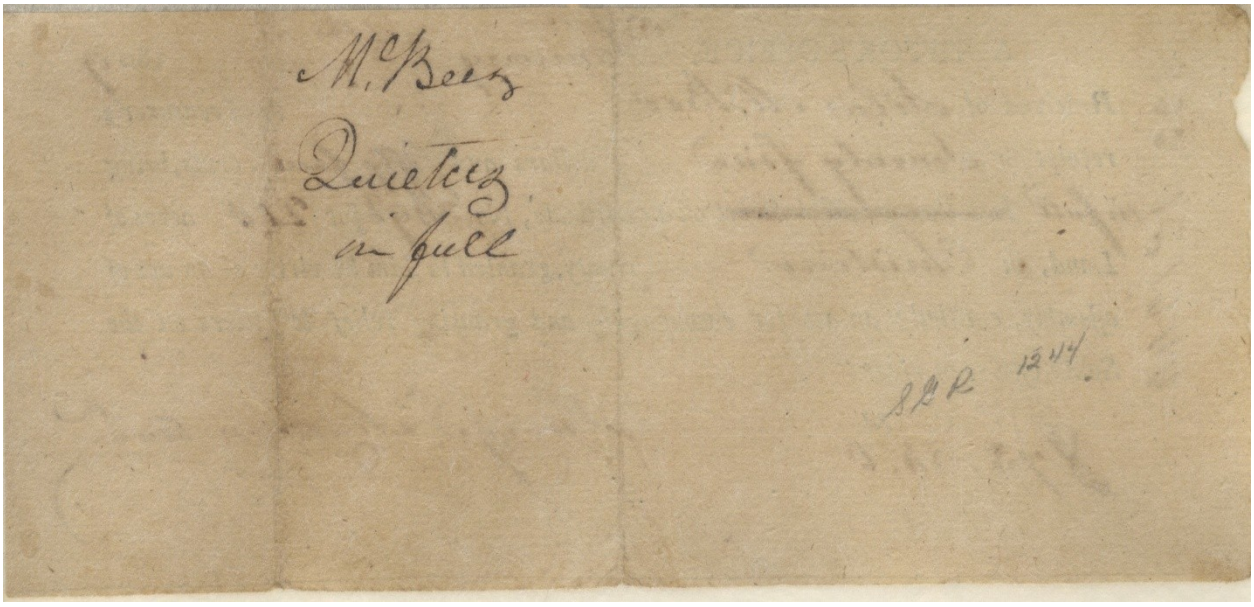
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, January 26th 1809

Received of Silas M.Bee the Treasurer's receipt for Seventy five dollars and fifty four cents, being in full ~~Installment with interest~~ on a certificate, No. 3492 for 200 acres of Land, in Christian county, granted to him by virtue of an act of assembly, entitled "an act for encouraging and granting relief to settlers on the South of Green river."

D. C. M.
$75.54.0

George Madison Aud.

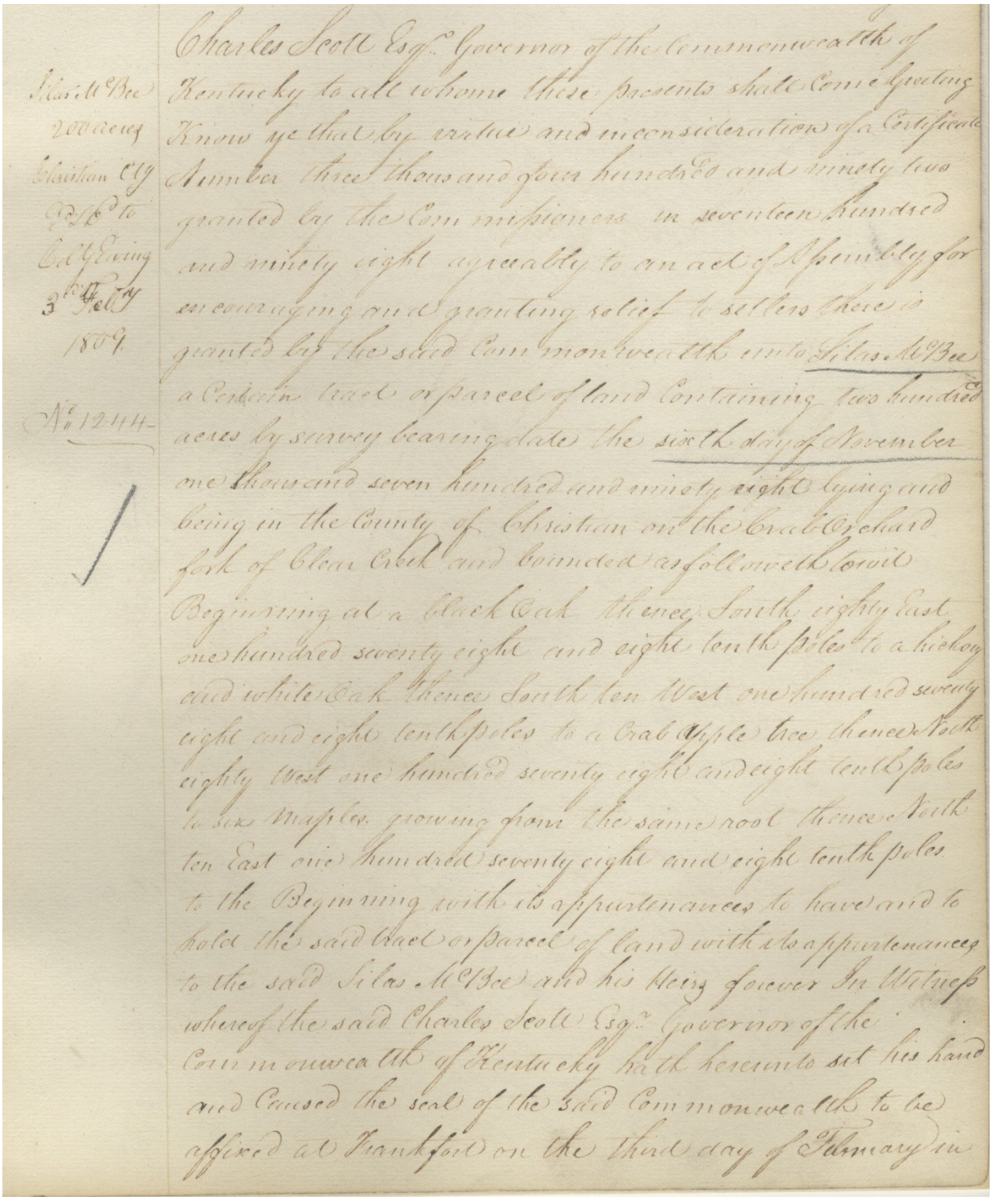
Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt — Front (26 January 1809).



M.C Bees
Quietus
in full

SLR 1244

Appendix Image 6. Auditor's Office Receipt — Back ("McBee's Quietus in full").

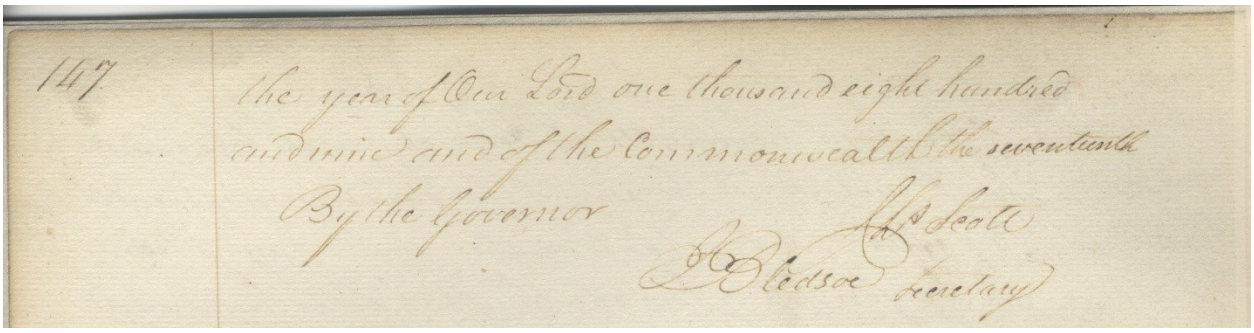


Silas McBee
200 acres
Christian Cty
Ed Lcd to
Col G Ewing
3rd Feby
1809.

No 1244-

Charles Scott Esqr Governor of the Commonwealth of
Kentucky to all whome these presents shall Come Greeting
Know ye that by virtue and inconsideration of a Certificate
Number three thousand four hundred and ninety two
granted by the Commissioners in seventeen hundred
and ninety eight agreeably to an act of Assembly for
encouraging and granting relief to settlers there is
granted by the said Commonwealth unto Silas McBee
a Certain tract or parcel of land Containing two hundred
acres by survey bearing date the sixth day of November
one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight lying and
being in the County of Christian on the Crab Orchard
fork of Clear Creek and bounded as followeth to wit
Beginning at a black Oak thence South eighty East
one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth poles to a hickory
and white Oak thence South ten West one hundred seventy
eight and eight tenth poles to a Crab Apple tree thence North
eighty West one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth poles
to six Maples growing from the same root thence North
ten East one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth 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 Silas McBee and his Heirs forever In Witness
whereof the said Charles Scott Esqr 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 third day of February in

Appendix Image 7. Grant/Patent No. 1244, 3 February 1809 — Page 1 (margin: delivered to Col. Ewing, 3 February 1809).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the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and nine and of the Commonwealth the seventeenth

By the Governor

Ch. Scott

J. Bledsoe Secretary

Appendix Image 8. Grant/Patent No. 1244 — Page 2 (page 147; signatures of Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe).