Thomas Christie — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 1120 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 1912; surveyor's No. 315)

1,400 Acres on a Branch of the North Fork of Tradewater (no county named in the survey; Logan County in 1812)

Original Warrantee and Patentee

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 25 October 1783 the Virginia Land Office issued Military Warrant No. 1912 to Doctor Thomas Christie for 7,000 acres, due to him for seven years' service as a surgeon in the Virginia Continental line, John Harvie, Register. The warrant was entered on 20 April 1785, and on 10 May 1785 John O'Bannon, deputy surveyor, surveyed 1,400 acres of it for Christie on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water as survey No. 315, with Dennis Cain and Dan[ie]l Matheney as chain carriers and Wm. Carney as marker. The tract, 560 poles by 400 on 45-degree bearings, begins at two black oaks and a dogwood, the east corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180, and returns along Griffin's line from an elm and two maples, Griffin's north corner and the east corner of Ballard Smith's survey No. 145. Richard C. Anderson certified that he held the warrant and signed the survey "Examined & Recorded" on 14 June 1785. The survey was received on 27 June 1795, and on 22 December 1795 Governor Isaac Shelby signed the Kentucky patent to Christie at Frankfort, countersigned by James Brown, Secretary. On 11 November 1812 the Register's Office sold the 1,400 acres, then standing in the name of Richard B. Lee and described as third-rate land in Logan County, for $2.00 in taxes and costs; George Clarke bought them.

The land was not redeemed, and in 1817 George Clark assigned his right in the certificate to Mark Hardin.

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for Tho[ma]s Christie 1,400 acres of land, part of a military warrant No. 1912, on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water. Beginning at two black oaks and a dogwood, East corner to John T. Griffin's survey No. 180; running N[orth] 45° E[ast] 560 poles, crossing a branch at 507 poles, to an ash, hickory and two elms on a small branch; thence N[orth] 45° W[est] 400 poles to two white oaks and a dogwood; thence S[outh] 45° W[est] 560 poles, crossing a creek at 509 poles, to an elm and two maples, N[orth] corner to Griffin and East corner to Ballard Smith's survey No. 145; thence with Griffin's line S[outh] 45° E[ast] 400 poles, crossing the creek at 14 poles, to the beg[innin]g. Dennis Cain, Dan[ie]l Matheney, C.C.; Wm. Carney, M[arker]. John O'Bannon, D.S., May 10th 1785. Richard C. Anderson.

Record Summary

Warrant	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 1912, 25 October 1783 (Virginia), 7,000 acres; entered 20 April 1785
Survey Number	1120 (No. 315 on the plat)
Original Warrantee	Doctor Thomas Christie, surgeon, Virginia Continental line
Surveyed For / Patentee	Thomas Christie; not located in Jillson
Acreage	1,400 acres (560 by 400 poles)
Watercourse	A branch of the North Fork of Tradewater
County	None named in the survey or patent; Logan County in the 1812 tax sale
Adjoining	John T. Griffin's survey No. 180, KLG 3551 (south-west); Charles Scott Jr.'s No. 330, KLG 5376 (south-east); James Curry's No. 173, KLG 6442 (at the south corner); Ballard Smith's No. 145 (at the west corner)
Survey Date	10 May 1785
Examined and Recorded	14 June 1785, Richard C. Anderson
Received	27 June 1795; recorded in Book 39, folio 578
Patent / Grant Issued	22 December 1795, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky, at Frankfort; James Brown, Secretary

Later Title	Sold for 1811 taxes, 11 November 1812, as Richard B. Lee's, to George Clarke; not redeemed; assigned by George Clark to Mark Hardin, 1817
Surveyor / Chain Carriers	John O'Bannon, D.S.; Richard C. Anderson, principal surveyor; Wm. Carney, marker; Dennis Cain and Dan[ie]l Matheney, chain carriers

Chronology

25 October 1783	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 1912 issued to Doctor Thomas Christie for 7,000 acres for seven years' service as a surgeon in the Virginia Continental line
20 April 1785	Warrant entered
10 May 1785	1,400 acres (No. 315) surveyed for Thomas Christie by John O'Bannon, D.S.; Wm. Carney, marker
14 June 1785	Survey examined and recorded by Richard C. Anderson, who certified that he held the warrant
27 June 1795	Survey received
22 December 1795	Patent issued to Thomas Christie, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky, at Frankfort
27 April 1796	Patent examined and delivered to George Clark
11 November 1812	Tract, then standing in Richard B. Lee's name, sold by the Register's Office for $2.00 in taxes and costs; George Clarke purchases
14 April 1817	Certificate noted as not redeemed
24 July 1817	George Clark's assignment to Mark Hardin delivered

Persons Named in the Record

Thomas Christie	"Doctor"; surgeon, Virginia Continental line; warrantee and patentee ("Christy" in the 1812 and 1817 papers)
John Harvie	Register of the Virginia Land Office; signed the warrant
John O'Bannon	Deputy surveyor
Richard C. Anderson	Principal surveyor; examined and recorded the survey
Wm. Carney	Marker

Dennis Cain	Chain carrier
Dan[ie]l Matheney	Chain carrier
John T. Griffin	Adjoining owner (survey No. 180)
Ballard Smith	Adjoining owner (survey No. 145)
Isaac Shelby	Governor of Kentucky; signed the patent
James Brown	Secretary of the Commonwealth; countersigned the patent
George Clark / Clarke	Received the patent, 1796; purchaser at the 1812 tax sale; assignor, 1817
Richard B. Lee	Owner of record at the 1812 tax sale
M. Hardin	Register; signed the 1812 certificate
[?] Madison	Signed the 1817 note that the land was not redeemed
Mark Hardin	Assignee of George Clark, 1817

Land Description

A rectangle of 560 by 400 poles (1,400 acres) on a branch of the North Fork of Tradewater, its sides on 45-degree bearings. Its south corner, the beginning, is two black oaks and a dogwood, the east corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180, which is also James Curry's north corner and the west corner of Charles Scott Jr.'s survey No. 330; its east corner an ash, hickory and two elms on a small branch; its north corner two white oaks and a dogwood; and its west corner an elm and two maples, Griffin's north corner and the east corner of Ballard Smith's survey No. 145. Its south-west side runs with Griffin's line and its south-east side along the north-west side of Scott's No. 330. The creek crosses the north-west and south-west sides near the west corner.

Research Notes

The survey number. This record is Kentucky survey No. 1120, not 1912. The modern archival stamp on the tax-sale certificate reads "SURVEY 1120," the docket on the back of the survey reads "No. 1120," and "1120" is written in the margin of the patent. 1912 is the number of the military warrant, and 315 is the surveyor's number on the plat. The earlier report and the file name used 1912 as the survey number.

The warrant. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 1912 directs the principal surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia to lay off, in one or more surveys, 7,000 acres for "Doctor Thomas Christie," his heirs or assigns, due "in consideration of his services for seven years as Surgeon in the Virginia continental line." It is dated the 25th of October 1783 and signed by John Harvie, Register of the Land Office. This survey uses 1,400 acres of the warrant; the rest is not among these images.

The survey. The plat is numbered "No. 315" and marked "1400 Acres," and shows the creek running across the square. The signatures read "Dennis Cain, Dan[ie]l Matheney, C.C.," "Wm. Carney, M.," "John O'Bannon, D.S., May 10th 1785" and "Richard C. Anderson." This is the crew that surveyed Griffin's No. 180 the day before and Addison Lewis's 4,000 acres (KLG 3161) two days later. On the back Anderson wrote, "I certify that I have in my possession the warrant on which the within survey was made. Examined & Recorded, and that the entry on which the survey was made is dated the 20th April 1785. Richard C. Anderson, June 14th 1785." The earlier report read the second corner as "an oak, hickory and two elms" (it is an ash, hickory and two elms) and the third course as South 45 East (it is South 45 West).

Recording and patent. The docket reads "Tho[ma]s Christie, 1400 Acre Survey, No. 1120, Rec'd 27 June 1795, Record[ed] in Book 39, folio 578 [?], Exam'd." The patent is issued in the name of Isaac Shelby, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of part of military warrant No. 1912, for "one thousand four hundred acres" ("four hundred" written above the line), and repeats the survey's courses and crossings. Its copy of the neighbor's number appears to read "No. 1[2?]5"; the survey reads 145. It was sealed at Frankfort "on the twenty second day of December" 1795, "of the Commonwealth the fourth," signed by Isaac Shelby and countersigned by James Brown, Secretary. The earlier report gave 7 December 1795. The margin reads "Tho[ma]s Christie, 1400 Acres," "1120," and "Exam'd & del'd to George Clark ... the 27th Apr. 1796"; the second patent page is numbered 344 in the margin.

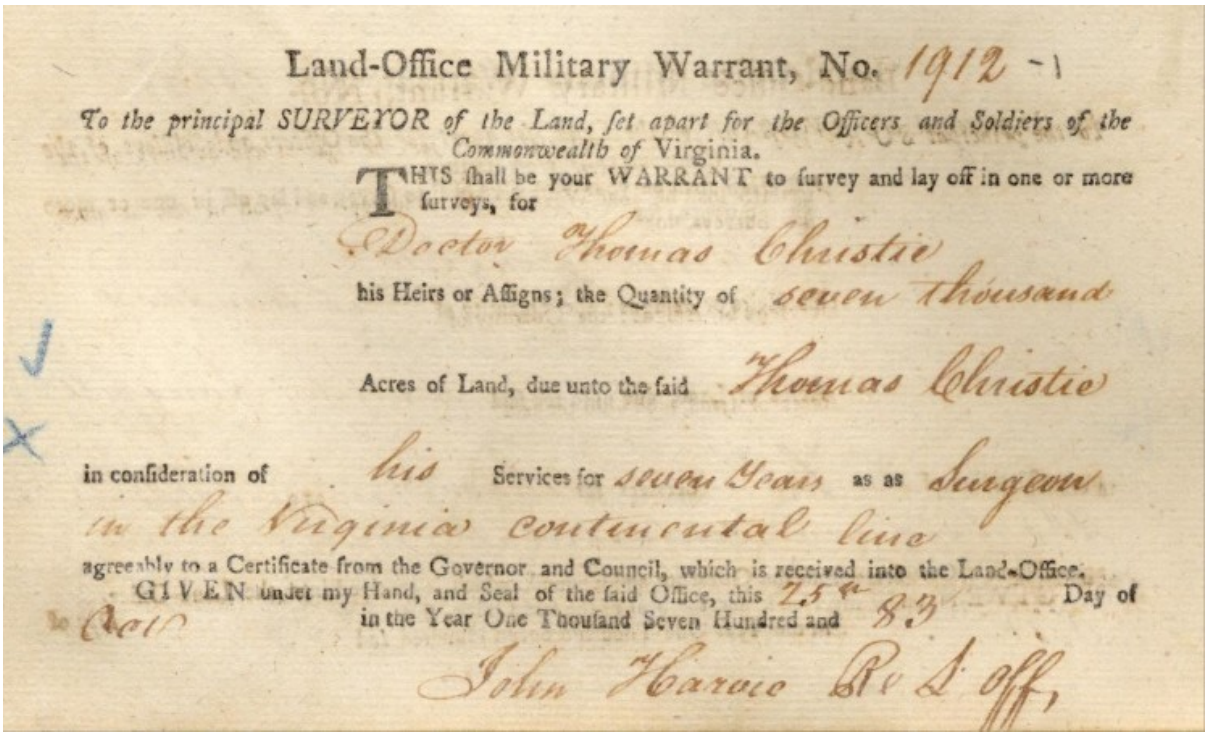
The 1812 tax sale and the 1817 assignment. Register's Office certificate No. 113, dated 11 Nov[ember] 1812 (the earlier report read 14 October), states that the Register exposed to sale "Rich[ar]d B. Lee, 1400 acres, 3rd rate, in the County of Logan, lying on North fork of Tradewater, entered T. Christy, surveyed same, and patented for same," for the tax and costs due for the year 181[1?], being $2.00, subject to redemption within two years at one hundred per cent per annum, "and George Clarke purchased the same," signed "M. Hardin, Reg[iste]r." On the back, "The within has not been redeemed, April 14th 1817," is signed "[?] Madison." George Clark then wrote, "Without recourse upon me or my heirs, in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars I assign all my right in the within certificate to Mark Hardin"; "to Mark Hardin" is written above the line over struck words that appear to begin "to Rich[ar]d B. Le[e]" and continue "the former proprietor of the land ...," also struck. The docket reads "Richard B. Lee, 1400, Del'd to Mark Hardin 24th July 1817, Thomas Christy['s] Grant, Recorded B. 3, P. 47 [?], 343." No record in this file shows how the land passed from Christie to Lee. The earlier report read the assignee as "Mark R. Hardin"; the interlineation reads "Mark Hardin."

Neighbors. This survey begins at two black oaks and a dogwood, "East corner to John T. Griffin's survey No. 180," and closes "with Griffin's line" south 45 east 400 poles, crossing the creek at 14 poles, from an elm and two maples, Griffin's north corner: the same corners, course, distance and crossing as Griffin's north-east side (KLG 3551). Both corners are named in both records, so this survey lies directly north-east of Griffin. The beginning is also James Curry's north corner (KLG 6442) and the west corner of Charles Scott Jr.'s No. 330 (KLG 5376), whose north-west side runs "with Catlett's and Christie's line," crossing branches at 107 and 160 poles from its north corner. Measured from the shared corner, those crossings fall at 560 and 507 poles: this survey's crossing at 507 poles and its east corner at 560 poles "on a small branch." So this survey's south-east side runs along the south-western 560 poles of No. 330's north-west side, and John

Catlett's line takes the remaining 107. Ballard Smith's survey No. 145, whose east corner is this survey's west corner, is not in this collection.

Images. This report uses the seven images in this file: the warrant, the survey and its back, the two patent pages, and the 1812 tax-sale certificate and its back.

Images / Appendix



Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 1912 -1

To the principal SURVEYOR of the Land, set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

THIS shall be your WARRANT to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for

Doctor Thomas Christie

his Heirs or Assigns; the Quantity of seven thousand

Acres of Land, due unto the said Thomas Christie

in consideration of his Services for seven Years as as Surgeon in the Virginia continental line

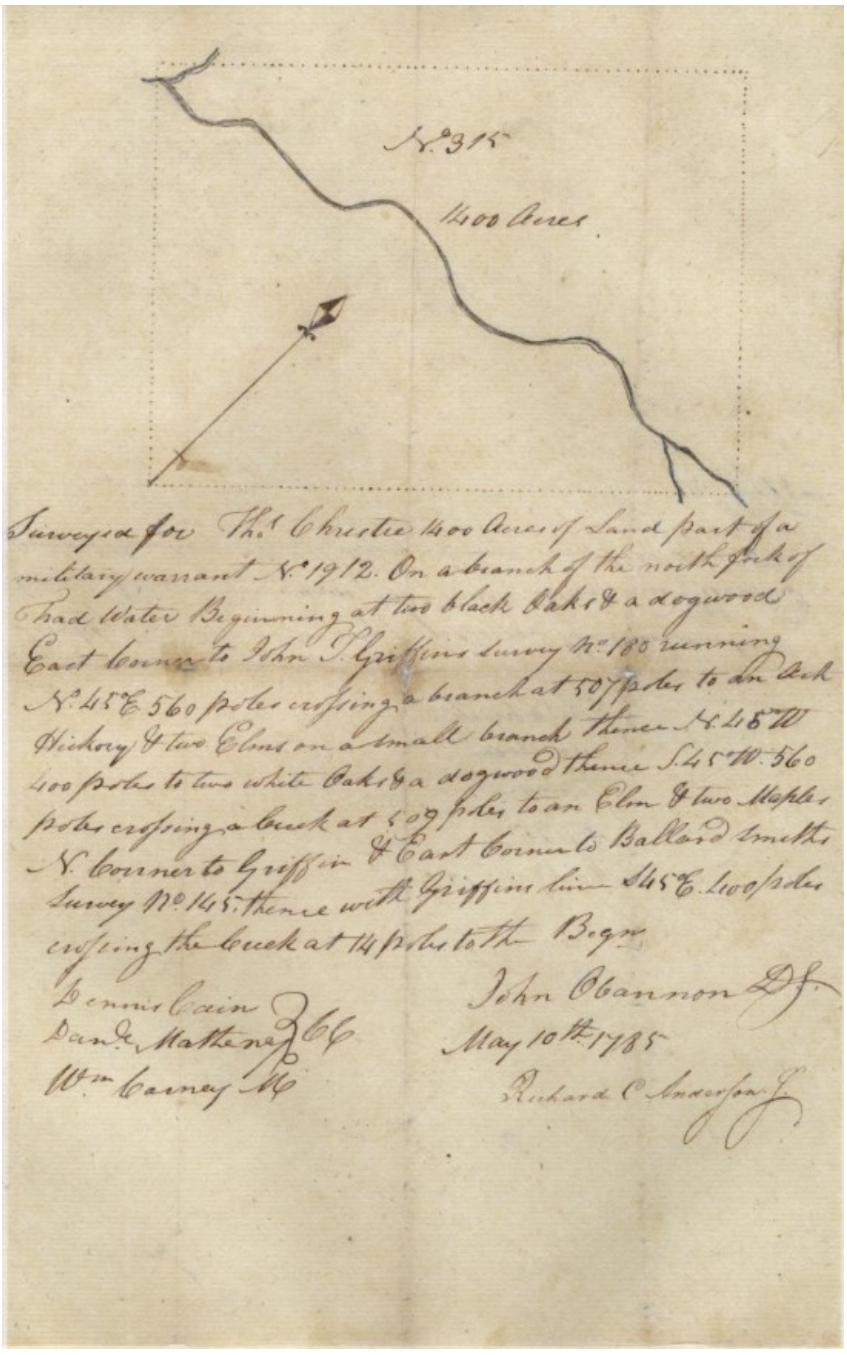
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal of the said Office, this 25th Day of Oct

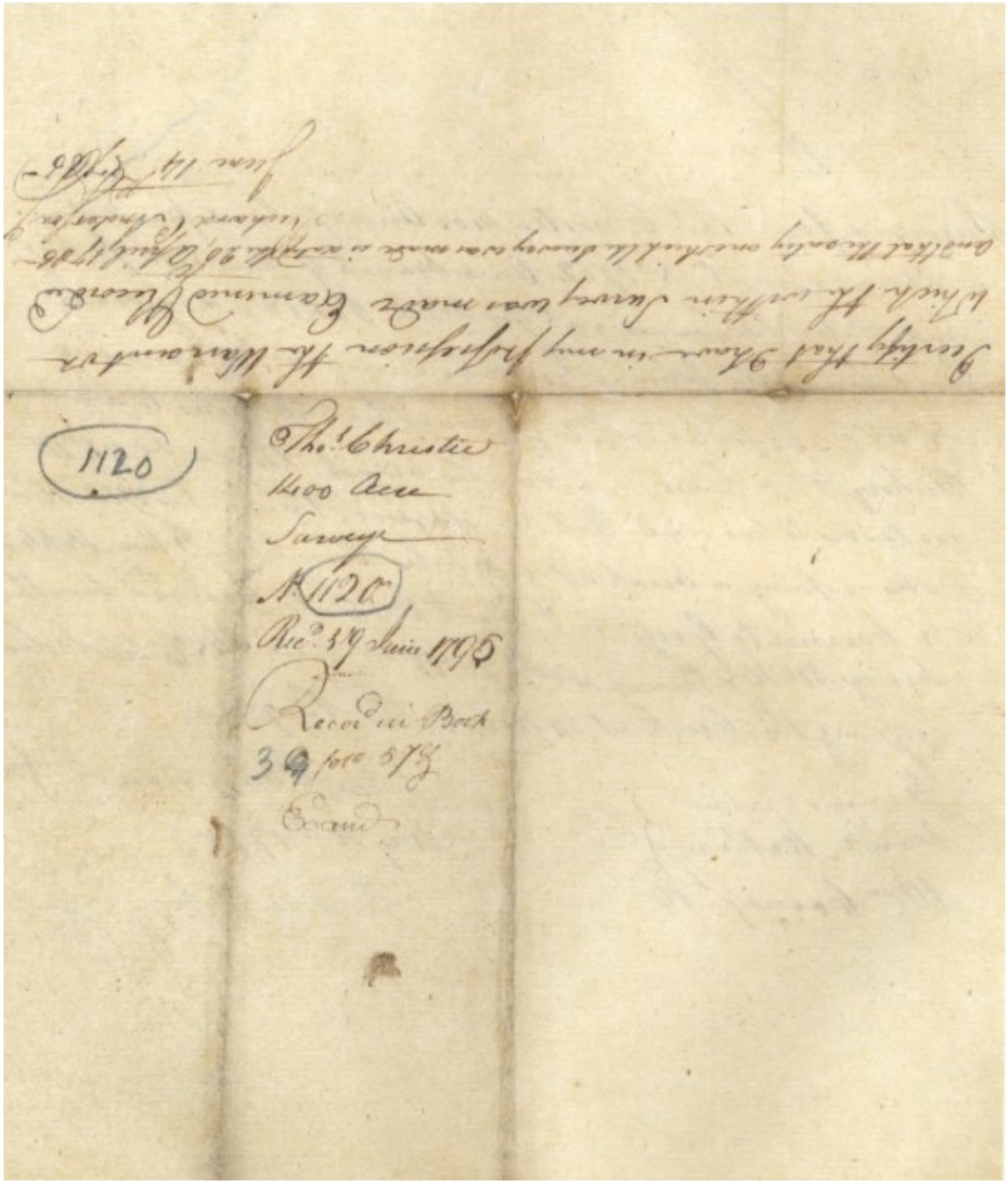
in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83.

John Harvie Regr Off,

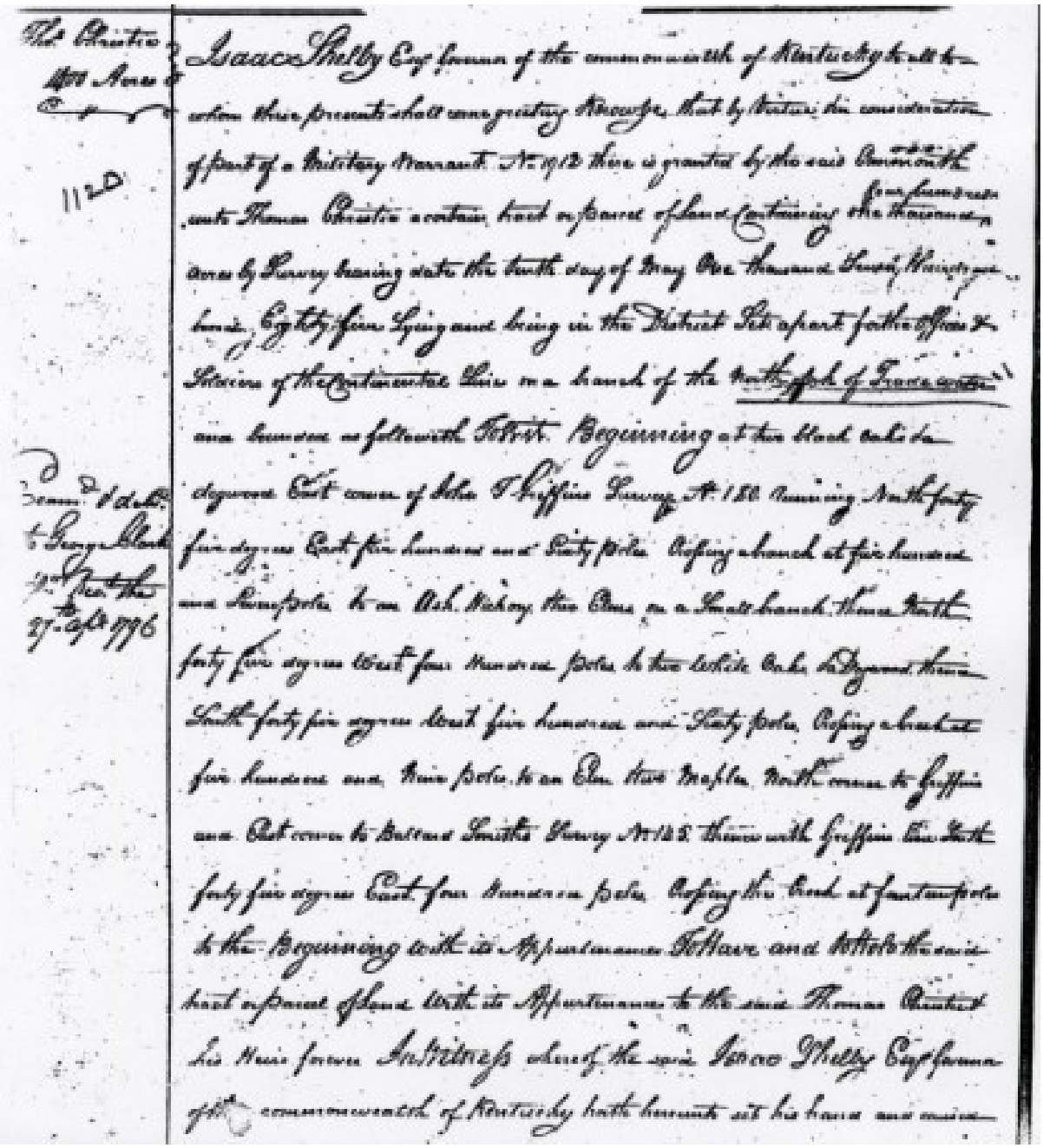
Appendix Image 1. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 1912, 25 October 1783, to Doctor Thomas Christie for 7,000 acres; John Harvie, Register.



Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 315, 10 May 1785, 1,400 acres for Thomas Christie, with plat; John O'Bannon, D.S.



Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (Anderson's certificate, 14 June 1785, entry of 20 April 1785; docket: No. 1120, received 27 June 1795, Book 39, folio 578).



Thos Christie
400 Acres
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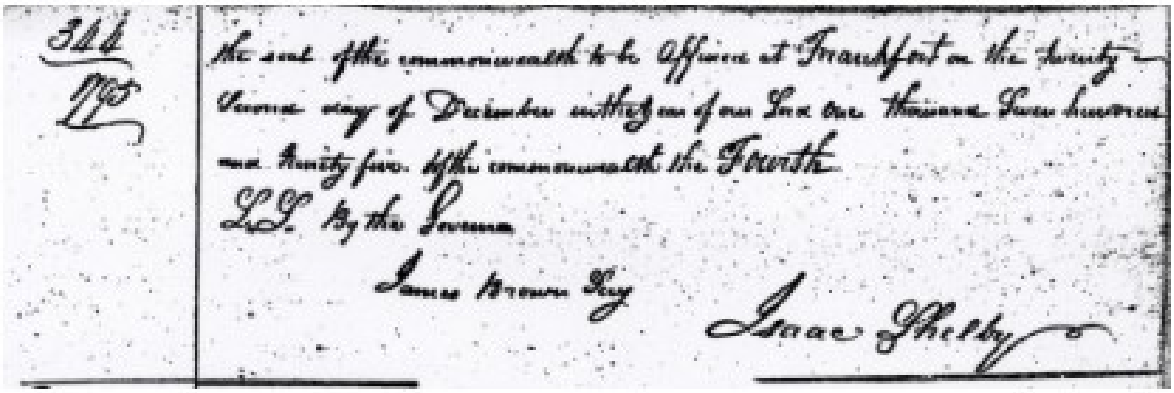
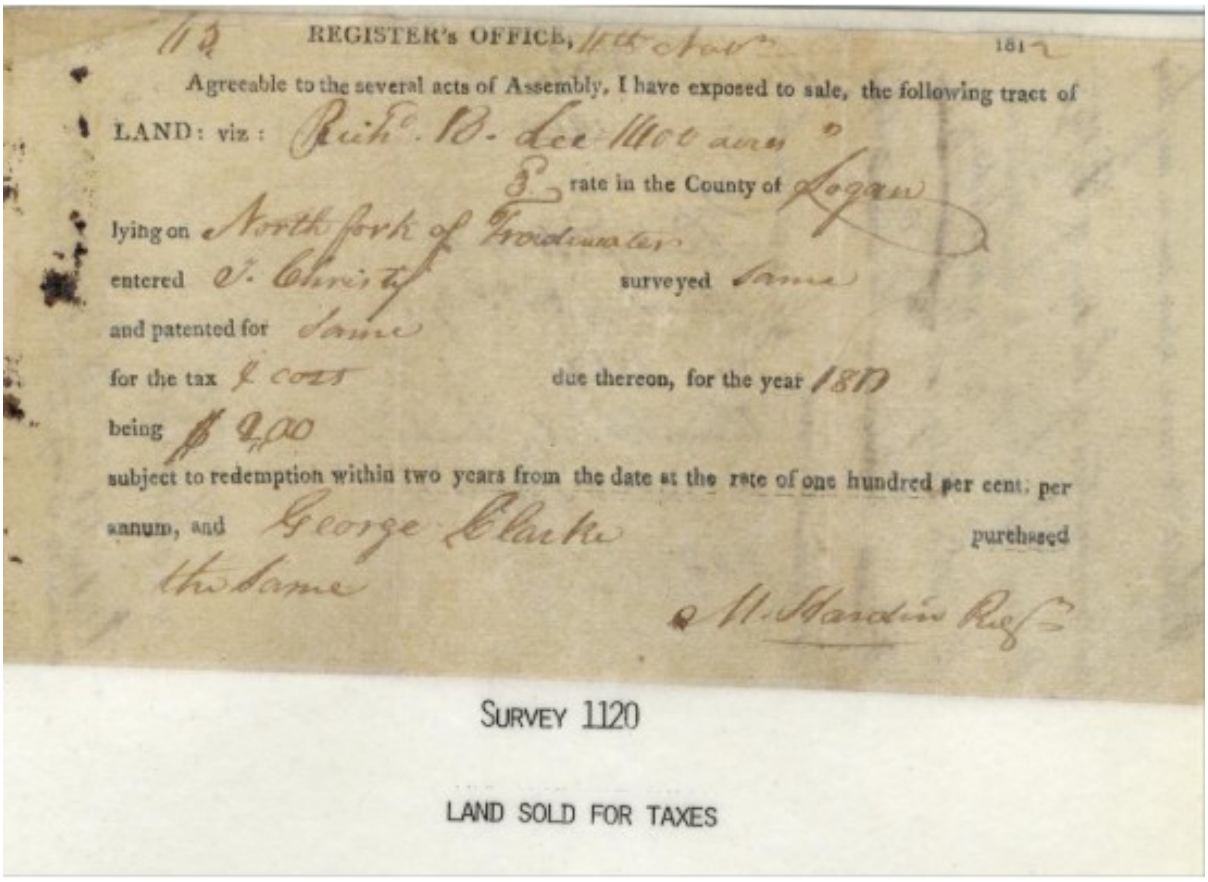
Isaac Shelby Esq governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come greeting Knowye that by virtue the consideration of part of a Military Warrant No 1912 there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto Thomas Christie a certain tract or parcel of land containing one thousand four hundred acres by Survey bearing date the tenth day of May One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five Lying and being in the District Set apart for the Officers & Soldiers of the Continental Line on a branch of the North fork of Trade water and bounded as followeth To Wit Beginning at two black oaks a dogwood East corner of John T Griffins Survey No 180 running North forty five degrees East five hundred and Sixty poles Crossing a branch at five hundred and Seven poles to an Ash Hickory two Elms on a Small branch thence North forty five degrees West four Hundred poles to two White Oaks a Dogwood thence South forty five degrees West five hundred and Sixty poles Crossing a creek at five hundred and Nine poles to an Elm two Maples North corner to Griffins and East corner to Ballard Smiths Survey No 145 thence with Griffins line South forty five degrees East four Hundred poles Crossing the creek at fourteen 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 Thomas Christie his Heirs forever In Witness whereof the said Isaac Shelby Esq governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand and caused

Seam'd & deliv'd to George Clark 27th Apr 1796

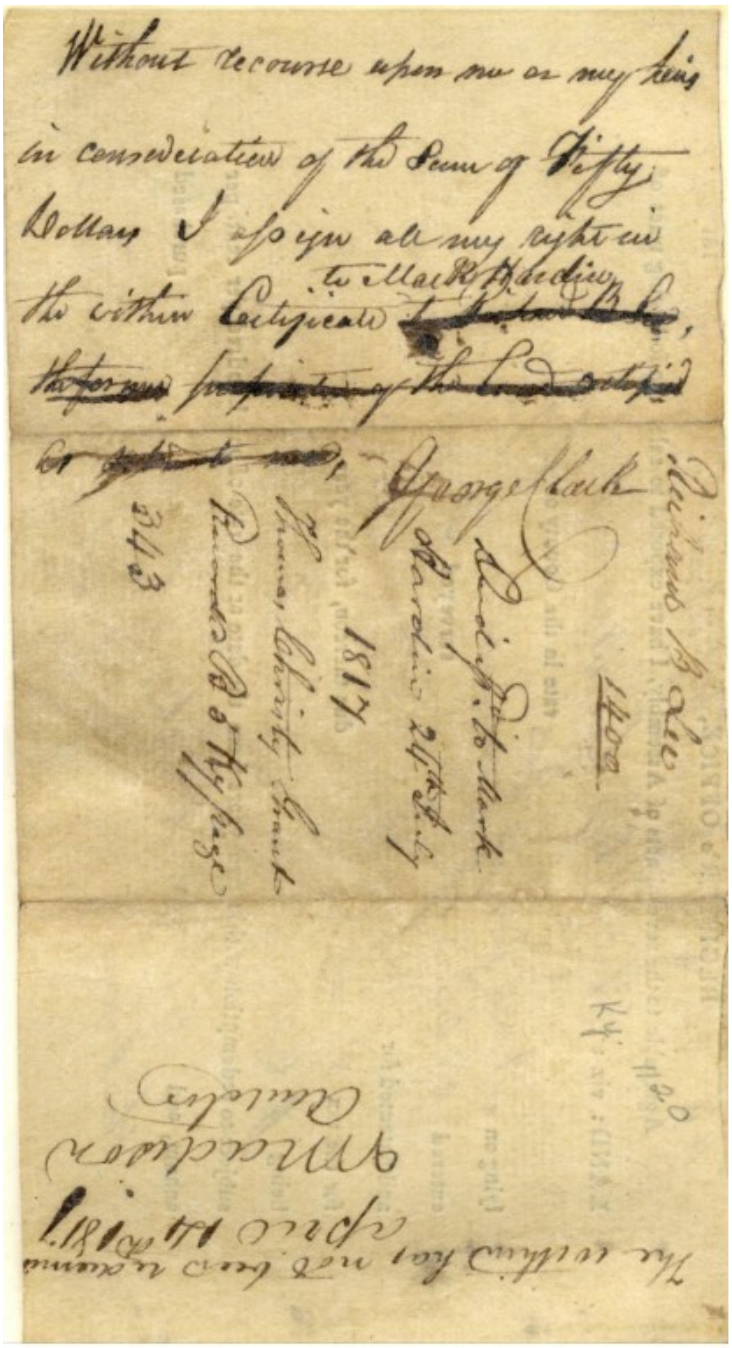
Appendix Image 4. Patent to Thomas Christie, signed by Isaac Shelby, Governor of Kentucky — first page (margin: 1120; delivered to George Clark, 27 April 1796).



Appendix Image 5. Patent — close, sealed at Frankfort, 22 December 1795; James Brown, Secretary; Isaac Shelby (page 344).



Appendix Image 6. Register's Office tax-sale certificate No. 113, 11 November 1812: Richard B. Lee, 1,400 acres, Logan County, purchased by George Clarke; M. Hardin, Register (stamp: "SURVEY 1120, LAND SOLD FOR TAXES").



Appendix Image 7. Tax-sale certificate — back: not redeemed, 14 April 1817; George Clark's assignment to Mark Hardin, 1817; docket.