William Whiteside — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 3450 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741)

100 Acres on a Fork of Bull Creek, Waters of Trade Water, Henderson County, Kentucky
Assignee of Joshua Cates, Assignee of John Cravens

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Source Citation

John Cravens obtained Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741 on October 19, 1798, for 100 acres of second-rate land on the main fork of Little River (commissioners Rich'd Young, Rob't Mosby, and Jas Brown[?]). The certificate passed by assignment to Joshua Cates and then to William Whiteside (exact assignment dates not fully legible). A Christian County Court note records that the certificate's original location had been in conflict with a prior claim (attested by Clerk John Clark). On March 20, 1801, Whiteside relinquished the original Little River entry (attested by Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.) — the same day he relinquished the original entries underlying two adjoining tracts, Certificate No. 4162/Patent No. 3448 and Certificate No. 4400/Patent No. 3449, both elsewhere in this collection. The following day, March 21, 1801, 100 acres were re-surveyed for Whiteside on a fork of Bull Creek, waters of Trade Water, Henderson County, adjoining his other tracts (the survey cites "said Whiteside's Survey No. 3877" as a boundary reference), by Deputy Surveyor John Gordon, acting for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot; chain carriers were Jacob Newman and William Whiteside. The survey was recorded May 12, 1802, in Book No. 3, page 619. The Auditor's Office issued a receipt on October 7, 1813, for $49.37 on the 100 acres under Certificate No. 3741, recorded in John Cravens's name and giving the county as Christian. The Commonwealth of Kentucky issued the patent the same day, October 7, 1813, to William Whiteside, signed by Lieutenant Governor Richard Hickman and countersigned by Secretary M.D. Hardin, reciting the survey date as "the twenty first day of March" 1801, which agrees with the survey; the patent was delivered to Andrew Anderson on October 25, 1813, the same day as the adjoining Patent No. 3448. 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, as "Whiteside, Wm."

Abstract

John Cravens received Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741 in October 1798 for 100 acres on the main fork of Little River. The certificate eventually passed through Joshua Cates to William Whiteside, the same man who was simultaneously consolidating two neighboring certificates elsewhere in this researcher's collection (Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449). As with those two tracts,

this certificate's original Little River entry ran into a title conflict and had to be relinquished; Whiteside gave it up on March 20, 1801 — the very same day he relinquished the other two entries — and had this 100 acres re-surveyed the next day on a fork of Bull Creek, immediately adjoining his other new tracts (the survey even cites one of his other surveys, No. 3877, as a boundary marker). The finished patent, issued in October 1813, was delivered to Andrew Anderson on the same day as the neighboring Patent No. 3448 delivery, reinforcing that these were handled together as a single consolidated block of land. Joshua Cates, the assignor here, is very likely the same Joshua Cates who assigned a different certificate (from Joseph Cates) to Whiteside on Patent No. 3448, and who may also be the Joshua Cates appearing as an assignor elsewhere in this researcher's broader collection — suggesting Cates was an active local certificate broker.

Survey Description

Complete metes-and-bounds description transcribed for mapping, from the surviving 1801 survey (the corrected Bull Creek location, not the relinquished Little River entry). All distances are as recorded in the original survey, in poles.

Beginning on a white oak, hickory, and dogwood, a corner of a military survey and in the line of said Whiteside's Survey No. 3877; thence North 45° West 160 poles to a hickory and two dogwoods on a ridge; thence South 45° West 100 poles to two sweet gums and a hickory in a flat; thence South 45° East 160 poles to two poplars and an elm, a corner of a military survey; thence North 45° East 100 poles with the military line to the Beginning.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3741 (Commissioners' Certificate, originally issued to John Cravens, October 19, 1798)
Survey Grant Register Number	3450
Original Claimant	John Cravens
Assignee / Surveyed For	William Whiteside, assignee of Joshua Cates, who was assignee of John Cravens
Acreage	100 acres
Land Quality	Second rate
Watercourse	Originally entered on the main fork of Little River; relinquished and re-surveyed on a fork of Bull Creek, waters of Trade Water (see Research Notes)
County in Survey	Henderson County
Certificate Date	October 19, 1798
Survey Date	March 21, 1801, per the survey and as recited in the patent; the day after Whiteside relinquished the original entry and the day after the adjoining Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449 were surveyed; the same day as the adjoining

	Patent No. 3451 (Certificate No. 3877)
Recording Reference	Survey recorded May 12, 1802, Book No. 3, page 619
Patent / Grant Issued	October 7, 1813, signed by Richard Hickman, Lieutenant Governor; delivered to Andrew Anderson on October 25, 1813 (the same recipient and date as the adjoining Patent No. 3448)
State Price Notation	$49.37, per Auditor's Office receipt dated October 7, 1813, recorded in John Cravens's name and giving the county as "Christian" (see Research Notes)
Deputy Surveyor	John Gordon, D.S., for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.
Chain Carriers	Jacob Newman and William Whiteside

Chronology

October 19, 1798	Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741 issued to John Cravens for 100 acres of second-rate land on the main fork of Little River (commissioners Rich'd Young, Rob't Mosby, and Jas Brown[?])
Date not fully legible	John Cravens assigns the certificate to Joshua Cates, who in turn assigns it to William Whiteside
Christian County Court term, year not fully legible	Court notes the certificate's original location had been in conflict with a prior claim (attested by Clerk John Clark)
March 20, 1801	William Whiteside relinquishes the certificate's original entry on the main fork of Little River (attested by Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.) — the same day as the relinquishments underlying two adjoining Whiteside tracts (Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449) elsewhere in this collection
March 21, 1801	100 acres re-surveyed for William Whiteside on a fork of Bull Creek, waters of Trade Water, Henderson County, adjoining his other tracts; by Deputy Surveyor John Gordon, acting for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot; chain carriers Jacob Newman and William Whiteside
May 12, 1802	Survey recorded, Book No. 3, page 619
October 7, 1813	Auditor's Office receipt issued for $49.37 on the 100 acres under Certificate No. 3741, recorded in John Cravens's name
October 7, 1813	Patent issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to William Whiteside, signed by Lieutenant Governor Richard Hickman

	and countersigned by Secretary M.D. Hardin
October 25, 1813	Patent delivered to Andrew Anderson — the same recipient and date as the adjoining Patent No. 3448

Persons Named in the Record

John Cravens	Original claimant; obtained Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741 in 1798
Joshua Cates	Assignee of John Cravens; assigned the certificate to William Whiteside. Very likely the same Joshua Cates who assigned a different certificate (from Joseph Cates) to Whiteside on the adjoining Patent No. 3448 elsewhere in this collection, suggesting Cates was an active local certificate broker
William Whiteside	Assignee of Joshua Cates and final patentee; also the patentee on two adjoining tracts, Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449, both relinquished and re-surveyed the same week elsewhere in this collection
Rich'd Young	Commissioner who certified the original 1798 certificate. Very likely the same Richard Young who signs as commissioner on other Commissioners' Certificates elsewhere in this researcher's broader collection
Rob't Mosby	Commissioner who certified the original 1798 certificate
Jas Brown[?]	Commissioner who certified the original 1798 certificate (surname not fully legible)
John Clark	Clerk of the Christian County Court; attested the note regarding the certificate's conflict with a prior claim. Very likely the same recurring Christian County Clerk John Clark identified across numerous other records in this collection
Edmund Talbot	County Surveyor (S.H.C. — Surveyor, Henderson County); attested Whiteside's relinquishment of the original Little River entry. Also appears on the adjoining Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449 records elsewhere in this collection
John Gordon	Deputy Surveyor (D.S.), acting for Edmund Talbot; conducted the March 1801 survey. Also appears elsewhere in this collection as County Surveyor in his own right for Hopkins County, and as deputy surveyor on the adjoining Patent No. 3448 record
Jacob Newman	Chain carrier on the March 1801 survey (also a chain carrier on the adjoining Patent No. 3448 survey)

Richard Hickman	Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky; signed the patent, October 7, 1813
M.D. Hardin	Secretary of the Commonwealth; countersigned the patent
Geo. Madison	Signed the Auditor's Office receipt, October 7, 1813, as Auditor
Andrew Anderson	Received delivery of the patent, October 25, 1813 — the same recipient and date as the adjoining Patent No. 3448

Land Description

100 acres (second rate) on a fork of Bull Creek, waters of Trade Water, Henderson County, Kentucky.

Research Notes

This certificate has the same "relocated entry" history as the two adjoining William Whiteside patents elsewhere in this collection (Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449): Commissioners' Certificate No. 3741 was originally entered on the main fork of Little River. William Whiteside relinquished that original entry on March 20, 1801 — the same day he relinquished the entries underlying Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449 — and the very next day, March 21, 1801, had 100 acres re-surveyed at a location on a fork of Bull Creek, adjoining his other tracts.

Direct connection to the adjoining records: this survey begins "in the line of said Whiteside's Survey No. 3877." Commissioners' Certificate No. 3877 is the certificate behind William Whiteside's 200 acres, Patent No. 3451, surveyed the same day by the same crew, so the reference is to that tract. 3451 runs south 45 west 160 poles from its beginning to "two maples and a black oak standing in a military line," then north 45 west 200 poles along that military line, "passing the military corner at 20 poles." This survey also begins at a corner of a military survey. Drawn from 3451's own beginning, this survey would overlap 3451, so its beginning is best taken as the military corner on 3451's south-west line, 20 poles from the maples. On that fit this tract lies south-west of 3451, its first line running 160 poles along 3451's south-west side. This is a best fit: 3451 names no trees at that military corner. Neither survey names the owner of the military survey, and no corner yet ties this block to a published survey outside Whiteside's own tracts.

Correction: an earlier version of this report read the patent as reciting a survey date of March 1, 1801. On re-reading, the patent recites "the twenty first day of March one thousand eight hundred and one," which agrees with the survey's own date of March 21, 1801. There is no date discrepancy.

Broker connection: Joshua Cates, who assigned this certificate to Whiteside, is very likely the same Joshua Cates who assigned a separate certificate (from Joseph Cates) to Whiteside on the adjoining Patent No. 3448 elsewhere in this collection — and may be the same Joshua Cates who appears as an assignor (of Charles Cates) on the Silas McBee record (Certificate No. 2870/Patent No. 9644) elsewhere in this researcher's broader collection. Taken together, these suggest Joshua Cates was an active local certificate broker; not independently confirmed as a single individual across all three.

Commissioner connection: "Rich'd Young," who signed the original 1798 certificate as a commissioner, is very likely the same Richard Young who signs as commissioner on other Commissioners' Certificates elsewhere in this researcher's broader collection.

Clerk connection: "John Clark," who attested the Christian County Court's note on this record, is very likely the same recurring Christian County Clerk John Clark identified across numerous other records in this collection.

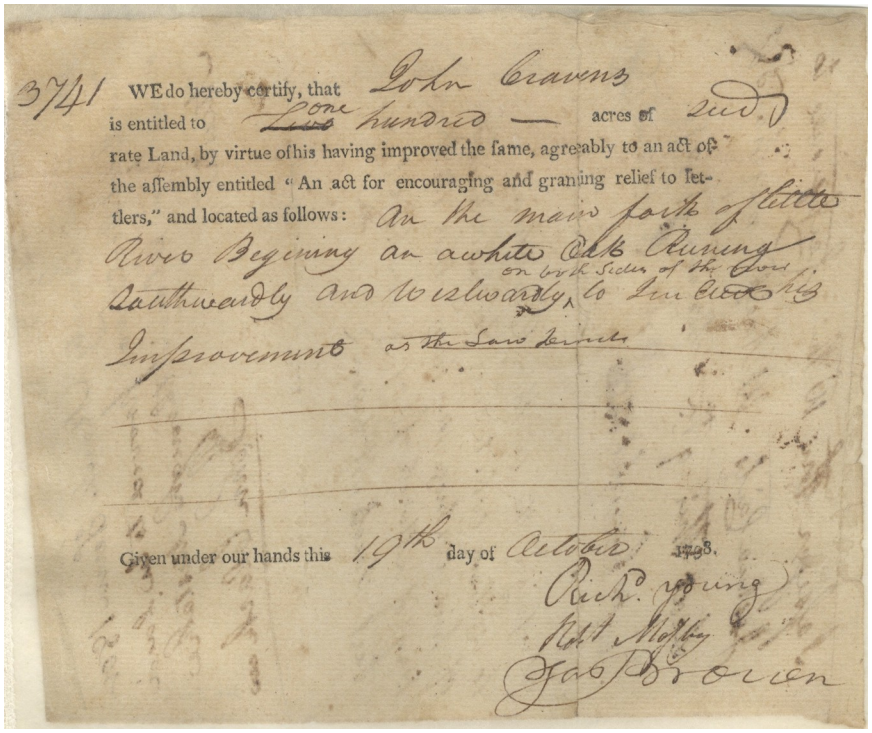
Surveyor and delivery connections: County Surveyor Edmund Talbot and Deputy Surveyor John Gordon both also appear on the adjoining Patent Nos. 3448 and 3449 records. The patent was delivered to Andrew Anderson on October 25, 1813 — the identical recipient and date as the adjoining Patent No. 3448 delivery, strongly suggesting these tracts were handled together as a consolidated block.

The Auditor's Office receipt records the land as being "in Christian county," while the Grant places the final tract in Henderson County — the same pattern seen on the adjoining Patent No. 3448 record, likely an artifact of the certificate's original Christian County origins persisting in the Auditor's own bookkeeping.

The exact dates of the assignment from John Cravens to Joshua Cates, and from Cates to William Whiteside, are not fully legible on the images provided. The precise distribution of the Christian County court note and other endorsement text across the two smaller Warrant images was also not confidently determined page-by-page; both texts are present somewhere among the Warrant images.

No outside sources were consulted beyond the record images themselves for this report.

Images / Appendix

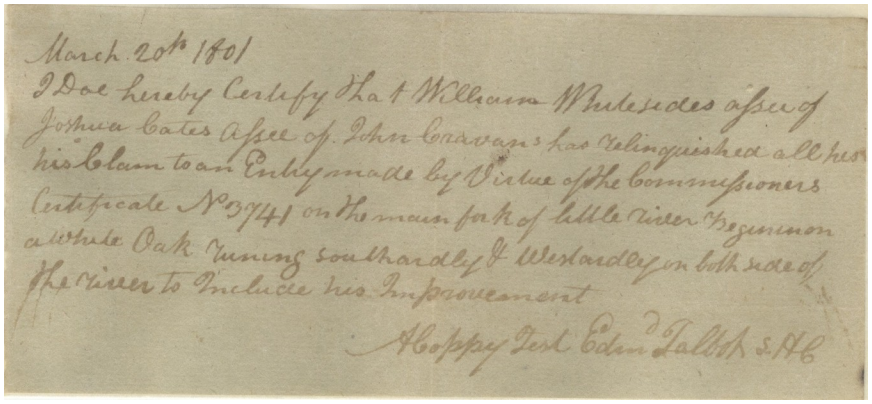


3741 WE do hereby certify, that John Cravens
is entitled to ~~Two~~ one hundred — acres of seed
rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of
the assembly entitled "An act for encouraging and granting relief to let-
tlers," and located as follows: On the main fork of little
River Begining an a white Oak Runing
Southwardly and Westwardly on both sides of the river to Include his
Improvement as the Law Directs

Given under our hands this 19th day of October 1798.

Richd. young
Robt Mosby
Jas Brown

Appendix Image 1. Warrant (Certificate No. 3741) — Front, Page 1 (original 1798 Commissioners' Certificate text).



March 20th 1801
I Doe hereby Certify that William Whitesides assee of
Joshua Cates Assee of John Cravans has relinquished all his
his Claim to an Entry made by Virtue of the Commissioners
Certificate No 3741 on the main fork of little river Begining on
a White Oak runing southardly & Westardly on both side of
the river to Include his Improvement

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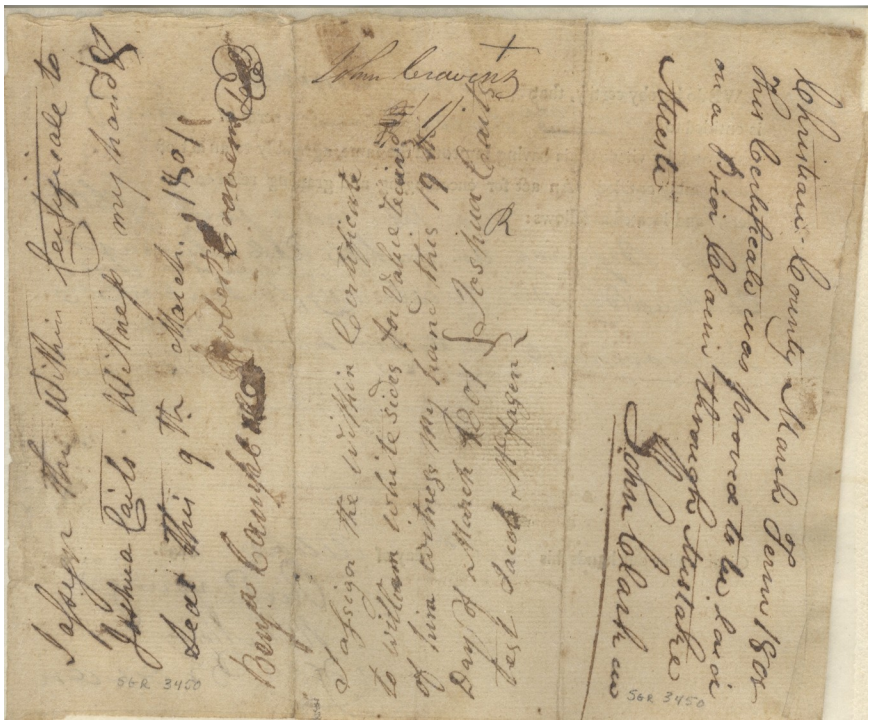
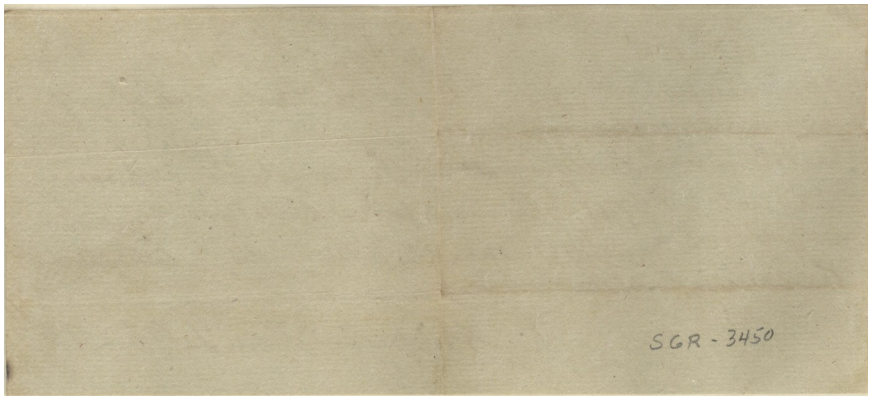
Appendix Image 2. Warrant (Certificate No. 3741) — Front, Page 2.



Appendix Image 3. Warrant (Certificate No. 3741) — Back, Page 1 (assignment endorsements: Cravens to Cates; Cates to Whiteside).



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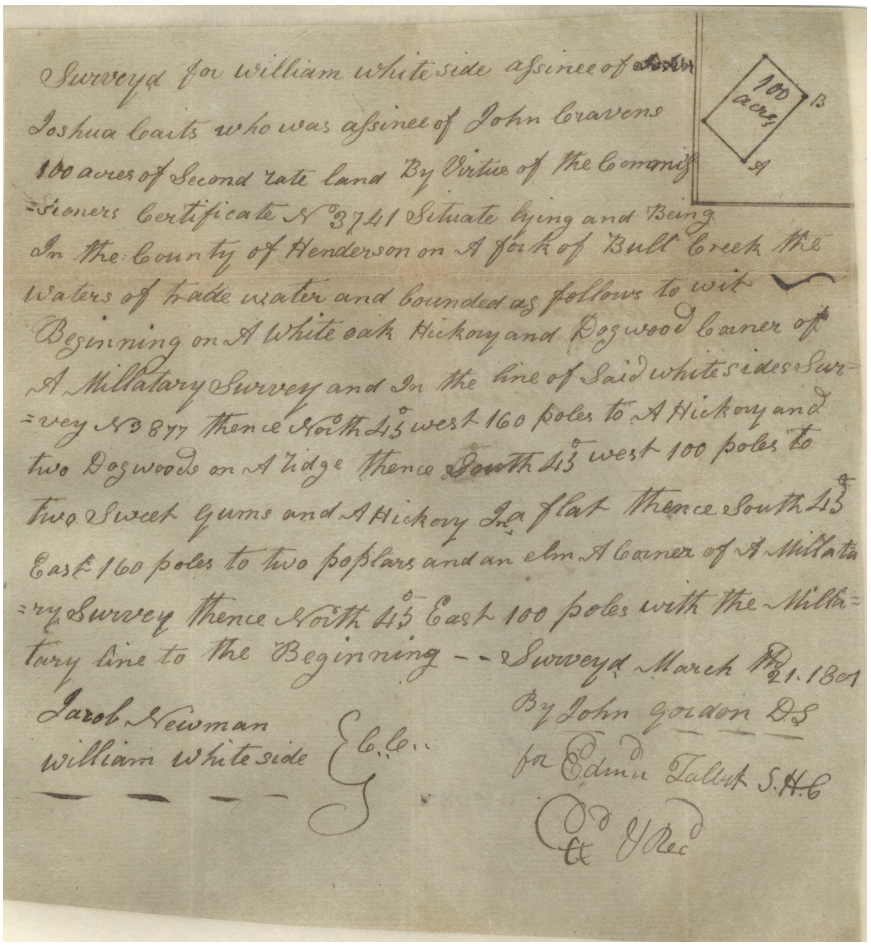

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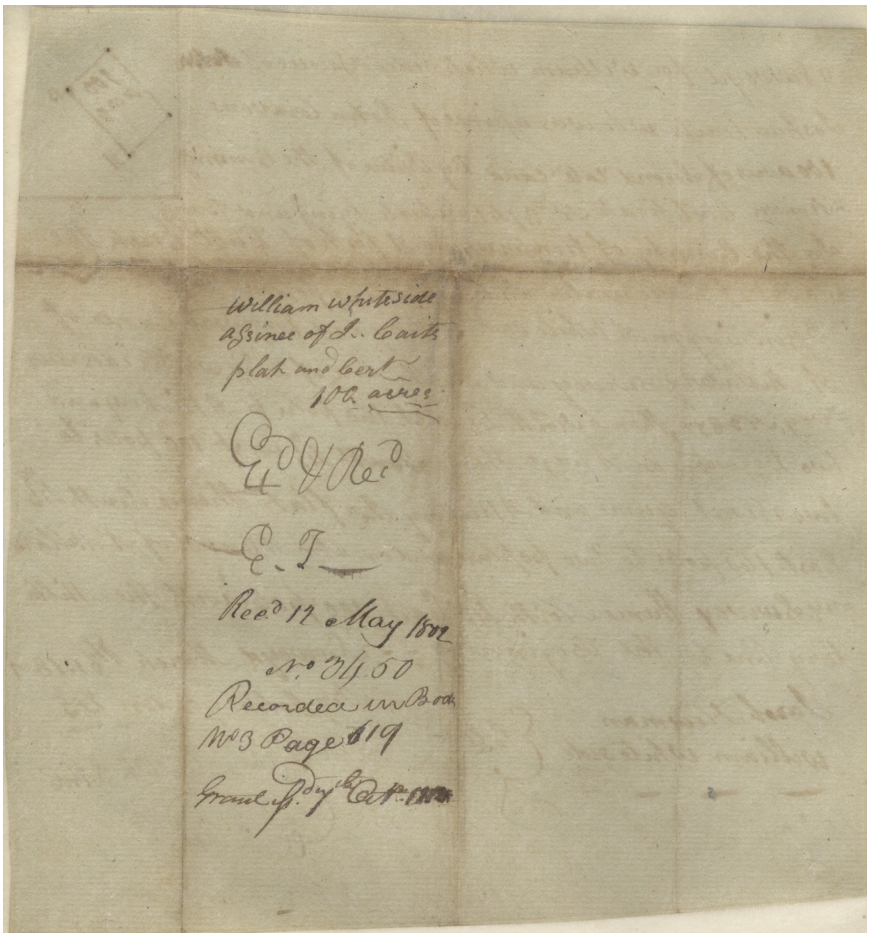
Jacob Newman
William Whiteside } C.C.

By John Gordon D.S
for Edmd Talbot S.H.C

Ctd & Recd

Appendix Image 5. Survey No. 3450 — Front.



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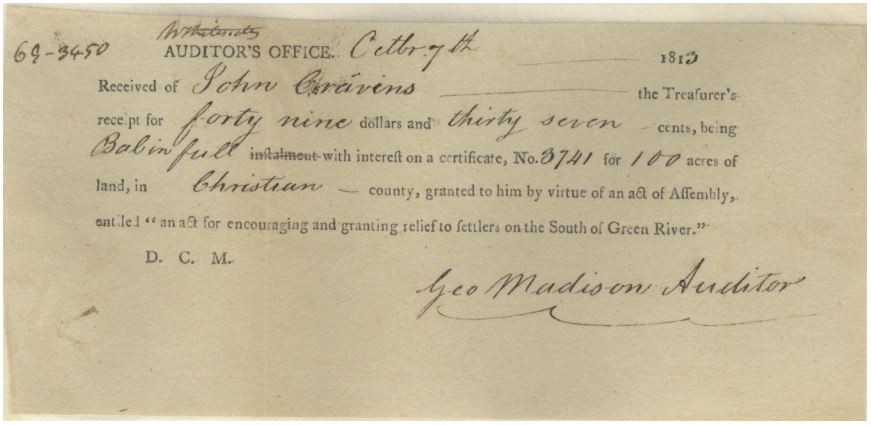
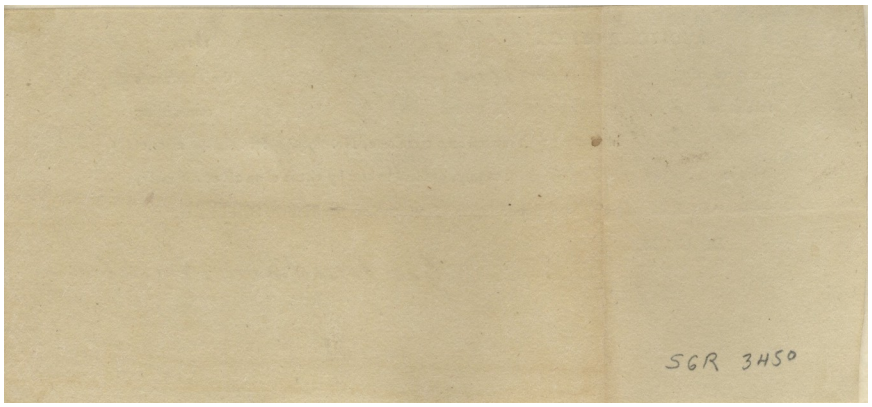


Appendix Image 7. Auditor's Office Receipt — Front.



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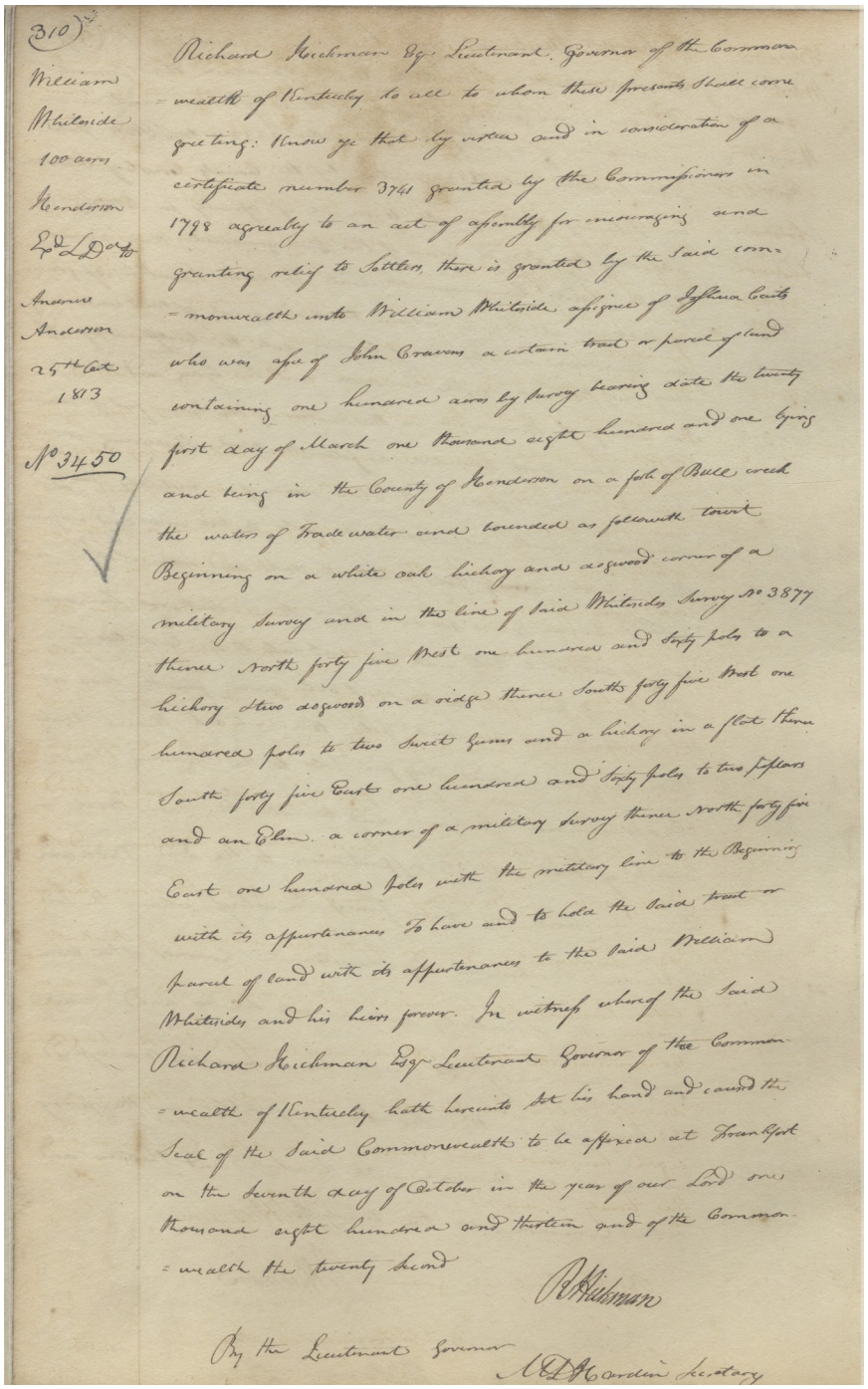

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William Whiteside 100 acres Henderson Exd LDd to Andrew Anderson 25th Oct 1813

No 3450

Richard Hickman Esqr Lieutenant Governor of the Common=wealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know ye that by virtue and in consideration of a certificate number 3741 granted by the Commissioners in 1798 agreeably to an act of assembly for encouraging and granting relief to Settlers, there is granted by the said com=monwealth unto William Whiteside assignee of Joshua Caits who was asse of John Cravens a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres by survey bearing date the twenty first day of March one thousand eight hundred and one lying and being in the County of Henderson on a fork of Bull creek the waters of Tradewater and bounded as followeth towit Beginning on a white oak hickory and dogwood corner of a military survey and in the line of said Whitesides survey No 3877 thence North forty five West one hundred and sixty poles to a hickory & two dogwoods on a ridge thence South forty five West one hundred poles to two sweet gums and a hickory in a flat thence South forty five East one hundred and sixty poles to two pipstars and an Elm. a corner of a military survey thence North forty five East one hundred poles with the military line to the Beginning with its appurtenances To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said William Whitesides and his heirs forever. In witness whereof the said Richard Hickman Esqr Lieutenant Governor of the Common=wealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and of the Common=wealth the twenty second

R Hickman

By the Lieutenant Governor

M D Hardin Secretary

Appendix Image 9. Grant/Patent No. 3450.