# William Owen — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 4998 (County Certificate No. not stated)

200 Acres on a Branch of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky
Original Claimant and Patentee, in Addition to His Former Settlement

*Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary*

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## Abstract

At the January 1802 term of the Henderson County Court, William Owen claimed 200 acres of land in addition to his former settlement, on account of settling and improving the same, under an act of the General Assembly for settling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth. The land lay in Henderson County on a branch of Tradewater. The tract was surveyed on 24 March 1805 by Deputy Surveyor Willie Sugg for Edmund Talbot, Surveyor of Henderson County, adjoining Calvin Merry's line, with Joseph Henderson and William Whitesides serving as chain carriers and William Owen himself serving as marker. The plat and certificate were received and recorded on 29 December 1806, and after payment of the state purchase price of $40.00 on 14 August 1807, the Commonwealth issued Land Patent Grant No. 4998 to William Owen on 15 August 1807 under Governor Christopher Greenup.

## Survey Description

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

Surveyed for William Owen, 200 acres of land by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County on a branch of Tradewater. Beginning at a white oak; running North 57 West 200 poles to a hickory and dogwood; thence North 33 East 160 poles to a hickory and dogwood in Calvin Merry's line; thence with said line South 57 East 200 poles to the corner, a black oak; thence South 33 West 160 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 24 March 1805.

## Record Summary

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| **Certificate Number** | Not stated (left blank in the patent and the Auditor's receipt) |
| **Survey Grant Register Number** | 4998 |
| **Original Claimant** | William Owen |
| **Assignee / Surveyed For** | Not applicable — William Owen was both original claimant and patentee; no assignment occurred |
| **Acreage** | 200 Acres |
| **Land Quality** | Not stated |
| **Watercourse** | Tradewater (a branch of Tradewater) |
| **County in Survey** | Henderson County, Kentucky |
| **Certificate Date** | January 1802 (Henderson County Court) |
| **Survey Date** | 24 March 1805 |
| **Received by Land Office** | 29 December 1806 |
| **Recording Reference** | Survey: Book 5, Page 269. Patent: Grant Book 3, Page 260. |
| **Patent / Grant Issued** | 15 August 1807 |
| **State Price Notation** | $40.00 |
| **Deputy Surveyor** | Willie Sugg |
| **County Surveyor** | Edmund Talbot (S.H.C.) |
| **Chain Carriers** | Joseph Henderson; William Whitesides |
| **Commissioners** | Not named; certified by Ambrose Barbour, Deputy County Clerk |

## Chronology

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| **January 1802** | Henderson County Court grants William Owen a |

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| | certificate for 200 acres, in addition to his former settlement |
| **24 March 1805** | Survey completed (SGR No. 4998) |
| **29 December 1806** | Plat and certificate received and recorded (Book 5, Page 269) |
| **14 August 1807** | State purchase price paid |
| **15 August 1807** | Patent issued to William Owen |

## Persons Named in the Record

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| **William Owen** | Original claimant, marker on survey, and patentee |
| **Calvin Merry** | Adjoining landowner referenced in survey |
| **Joseph Henderson** | Chain carrier |
| **William Whitesides** | Chain carrier |
| **Willie Sugg** | Deputy Surveyor |
| **Edmund Talbot** | Surveyor of Henderson County (S.H.C.) |
| **Ambrose Barbour** | Deputy County Clerk, certifying officer |
| **George Madison** | Auditor |
| **Christopher Greenup** | Governor |
| **A. W. Grayson** | Secretary |

## Land Description

A 200-acre tract on a branch of Tradewater, in Henderson County, Kentucky, adjoining the line of Calvin Merry.

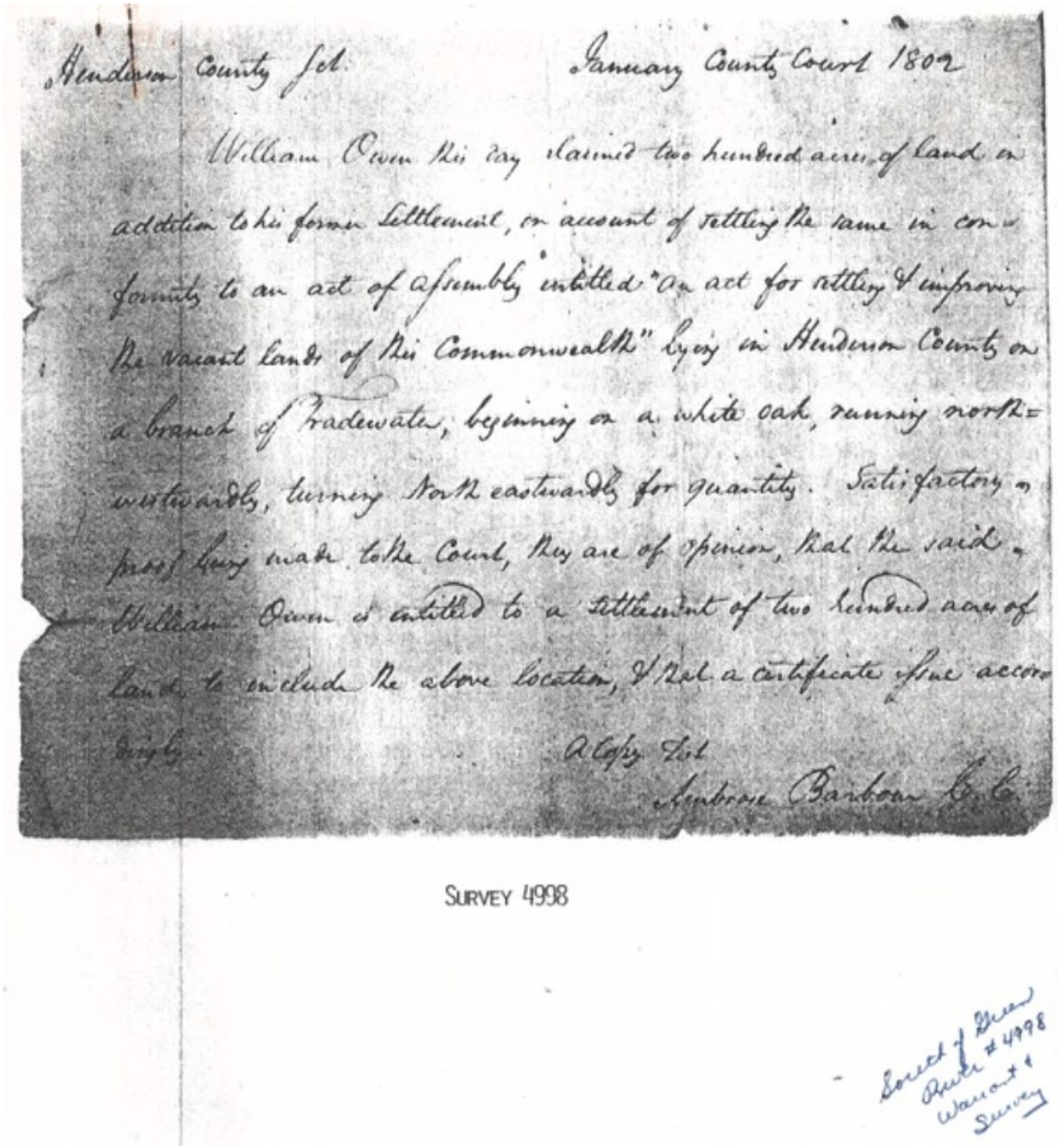
## Research Notes

This record involves no chain of assignment: William Owen was the original claimant named in the January 1802 county court certificate and remained the sole patentee when Patent Grant No. 4998 was issued on 15 August 1807. No certificate number appears in the record: the patent reads "a certificate No. [blank] granted by the County Court," the Auditor's receipt also leaves the number blank, and the county court certificate does not state one. An earlier transcription had read the number as 218. A margin note on the patent records its delivery to Gen[era]l Hopkins on 22 August 1807.

The county court certificate explicitly describes this 200-acre claim as being "in addition to his former settlement," indicating William Owen already held land in Henderson County at the time of this 1802 claim. Given that this tract lies on a branch of Tradewater and involves both Joseph Henderson and William Whitesides as chain carriers — the same two men prominently connected to Owen's 270-acre Tradewater Creek tract documented in KLG No. 8126 (where Owen was assignee of Joseph Henderson) — this record likely represents an adjoining or nearby addition to that same Tradewater neighborhood holding, rather than an unrelated tract. This is a different transaction from the Livingston Creek tract in Christian County documented in KLG No. 1558, which involved no such "addition to former settlement" language and lay in a separate county entirely.

The adjoining landowner referenced in the survey is Calvin Merry, not a member of the Owen family as an earlier transcription of this record had suggested; the surveyor's diplomatic hand renders the name as "Marry" and the modernized reading as "Merry." This correction removes what had appeared to be a family connection between William Owen and an adjoining claimant of the same surname. Similarly, this survey's Deputy Surveyor and County Surveyor are correctly identified as Willie Sugg and Edmund Talbot, respectively — the same two surveying officials responsible for the William Whitesides (Patent No. 8148) and Samuel Whitesides (Patent No. 8147) surveys, both dated 22 March. If those surveys were made in 1805, they fell two days before this Owen survey and belong to the same surveying campaign by Sugg and Talbot; their year should be confirmed against the original surveys. This survey was made on 24 March 1805, the same day as William Owen's KLG No. 4999.

# Images / Appendix



Henderson County Sct. January County Court 1802

William Owen this day claimed two hundred acres of land in addition to his former settlement, on account of settling the same in conformity to an act of assembly entitled "An act for settling & improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth" lying in Henderson County on a branch of Tradewater, beginning on a white oak, running northwestwardly, turning North eastwardly for quantity. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court, they are of opinion, that the said William Owen is entitled to a settlement of two hundred acres of land, to include the above location, & that a certificate issue accordingly.

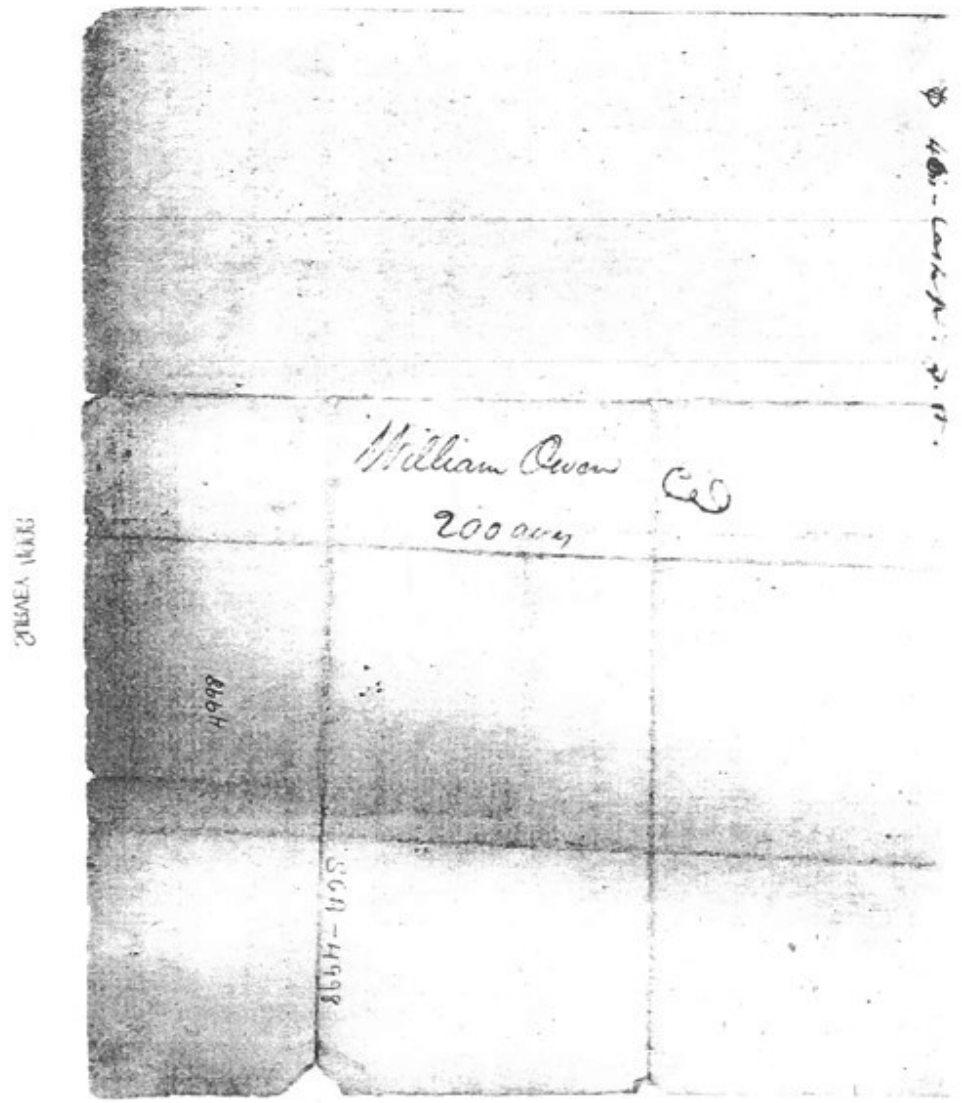
A Copy Test

Ambrose Barbour C.C.

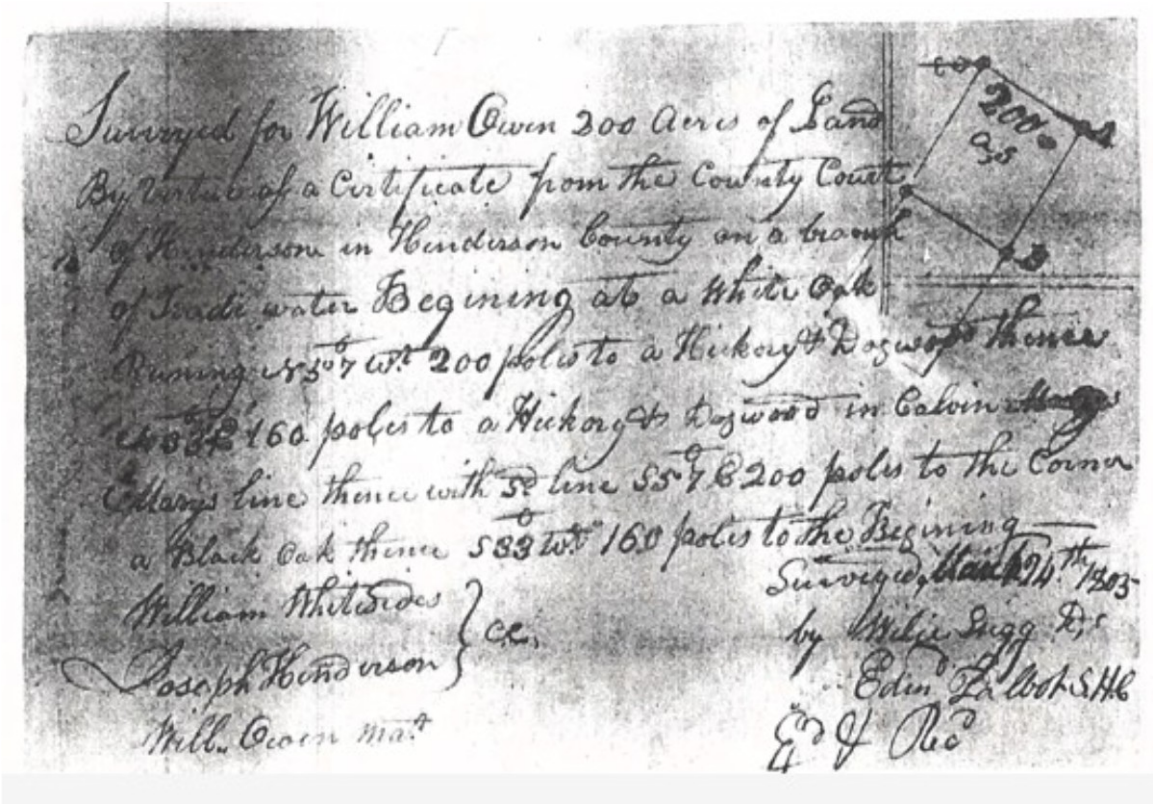
SURVEY 4998

South of Green River #4998 Warrant & Survey

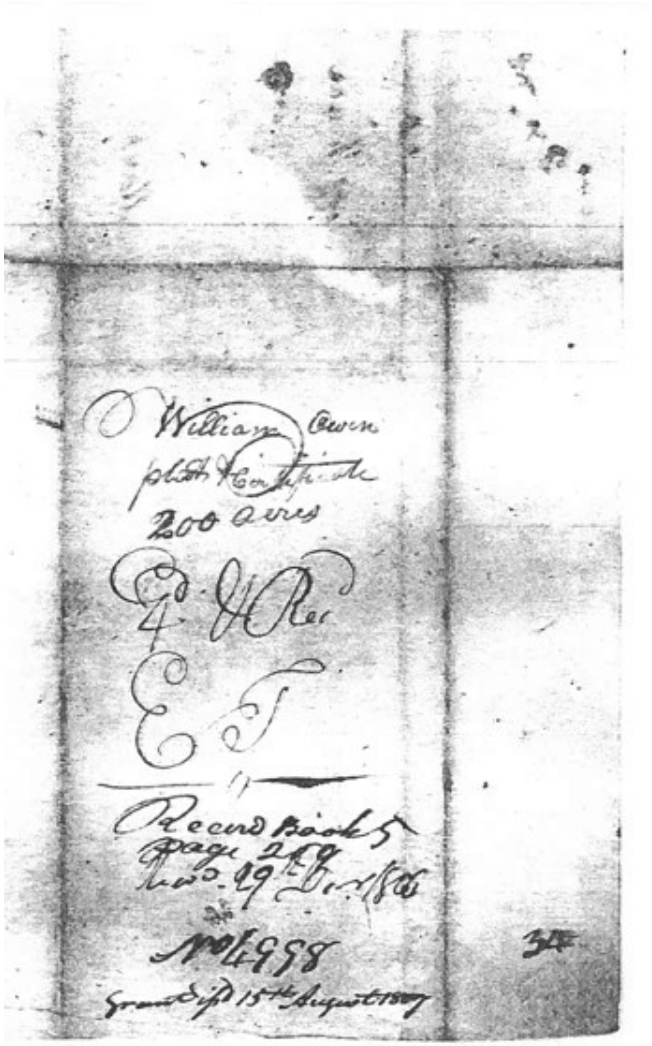
*Appendix Image 1. Warrant – Henderson County Court Certificate, January Term 1802.*



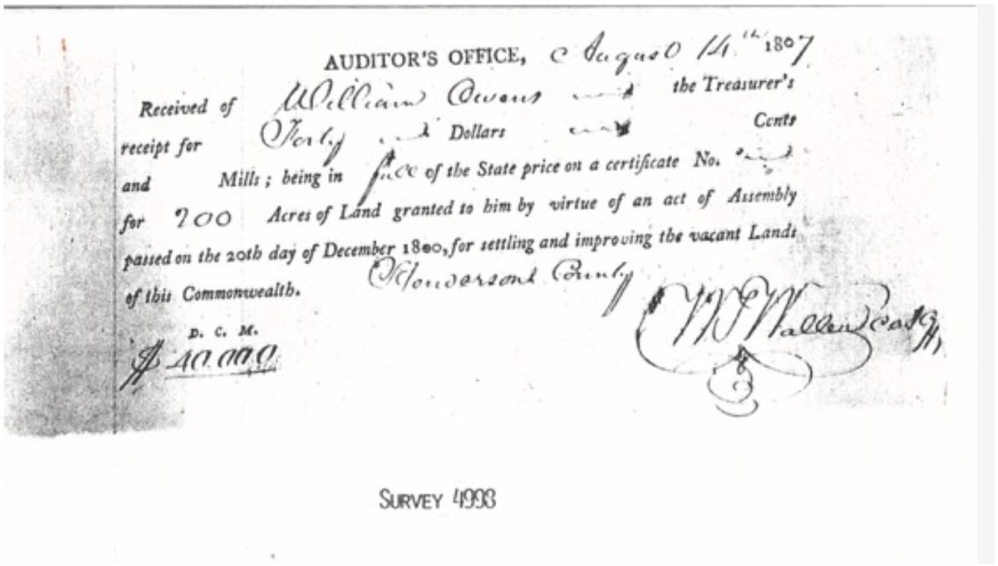

*Appendix Image 2. Warrant – Certificate exterior / folded image.*




*Appendix Image 3. Surveyor's Record SGR No. 4998.*




*Appendix Image 4. Reverse of Survey SGR No. 4998.*


AUDITOR'S OFFICE, August 15th 1807

Received of William Owens the Treasurer's receipt for Forty one Dollars Cents and Mills; being in full of the State price on a certificate No. for 700 Acres of Land granted to him by virtue of an act of Assembly passed on the 20th day of December 1800, for settling and improving the vacant Lands of this Commonwealth.

Henderson County

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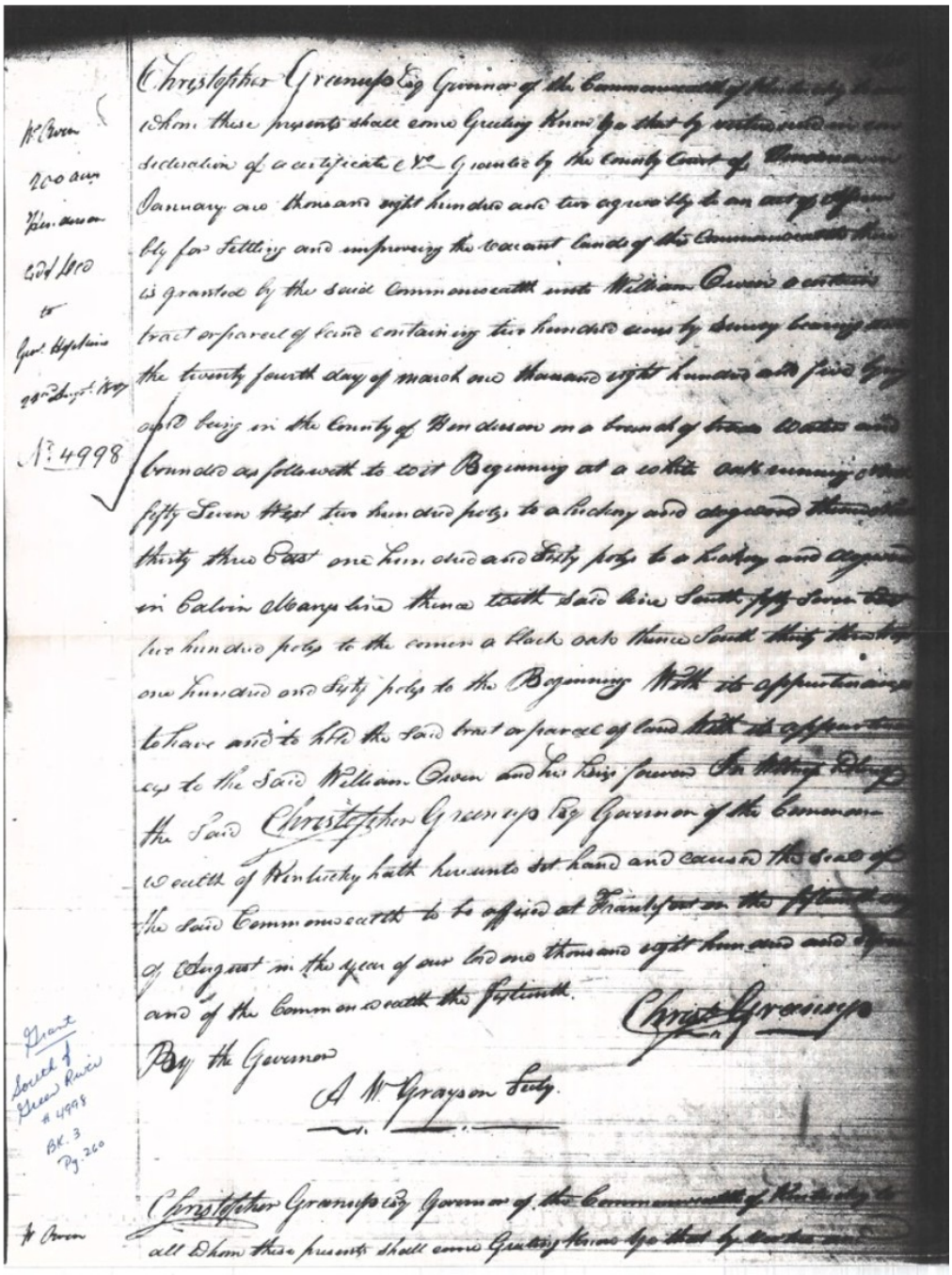
SURVEY 4993

*Appendix Image 5. Auditors Receipt.*



Christopher Greenup Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to all whom these presents shall come Greeting Know Ye that by virtue and in consideration of a certificate No. Granted by the County Court of Henderson in January one thousand eight hundred and two agreeably to an act of Assembly for settling and improving the vacant lands of the Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto William Owen a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres by survey bearing date the twenty fourth day of march one thousand eight hundred and five lying and being in the County of Henderson on a branch of trade Water and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a white oak running North fifty Seven West two hundred poles to a hickory and dogwood thence North thirty three East one hundred and Sixty poles to a hickory and dogwood in Calvin Marys line thence with said line South fifty Seven East two hundred poles to the corner a black oak thence South thirty three West one hundred and Sixty 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 William Owen and his heirs forever In Witness Whereof the said Christopher Greenup Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set hand and caused the seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the fifteenth day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and seven and of the Commonwealth the fifteenth.

Christ Greenup

By the Governor

A W Grayson Secty.

Christopher Greenup Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to all whom these presents shall come Greeting Know Ye that by virtue and

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*Appendix Image 6. Patent.*