William Owen — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8126 (County Certificate No. 640)

270 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky

Assignee of Joseph Henderson

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the February 1805 court, Joseph Henderson claimed 270 acres in Henderson County on the waters of Tradewater on account of settling the land, and the court found him entitled to a settlement of 270 acres including his improvement. Deputy Surveyor Wilie Sugg surveyed the tract for Henderson on 14 February 1807, with Samuel Whitesides and Moses French as chain carriers and William Whitesides as marker. The survey begins at a corner of Samuel and William Whitesides and runs with the lines of Samuel Whitesides, Calvin Merry and William Owen to John Robertson's corner. On 11 September 1807 Henderson assigned the plat and certificate to William Owen, witnessed by Samuel Whitesides. Owen paid the $48.96 balance on 28 November 1808, and Governor Charles Scott issued Grant No. 8126 to him on 7 December 1808.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the patent, which is clearer than the faded survey. Distances are in poles.

Beginning at a poplar; running N 51 E 180 poles to a hickory and white oak in Samuel Whitesides' line, also corner to William Whitesides; thence with Samuel Whitesides' line S 57 E 200 poles to the corner poplar and black oak; thence with a line of Calvin Merry's S 33 W 60 poles to the corner black gum and hickory; thence with another of said lines S 57 E 60 poles to William Owings' corner, hickory and dogwood; thence with his line S 33 W 120 poles to John Robertson's corner, white oak; thence N 55 W 314 poles to the beginning. With N 55 W as written, the courses close to within about 3 poles. The researcher's DeedMapper entry uses N 57 W, the bearing of the matching line in KLG 4999.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	640
Survey Grant Register Number	8126
Original Claimant	Joseph Henderson
Assignee / Surveyed For	William Owen, assignee of Joseph Henderson (the survey was made for Henderson)
Acreage	270 Acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Waters of Tradewater
County in Survey	Henderson County, Kentucky
Certificate Date	February Court 1805, Henderson County
Survey Date	14 February 1807
Survey Received	28 November 1807 (endorsement partly illegible in these images)
Recording	Survey: Book 8, page 486 (reading uncertain). Patent: Grant Book 5, pages 313–314.
Patent / Grant Issued	7 December 1808, signed by Governor Charles Scott; delivered to [S.?] Hopkins the same day
State Price Notation	$48.96, in full with interest, per Auditor's receipt of 28 November 1808
Deputy Surveyor	Wilie Sugg, D.S.
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.

Chain Carriers / Marker	Samuel Whitesides and Moses French, chain carriers; William Whitesides, marker
Commissioners	Not named in certificate

Chronology

February Court 1805	Henderson County Court finds Joseph Henderson entitled to a settlement of 270 acres on the waters of Tradewater, including his improvement (copy attested by Am. Barbour, C.H.C.)
14 February 1807	Tract surveyed for Joseph Henderson by Deputy Surveyor Wilie Sugg; chain carriers Samuel Whitesides and Moses French, marker William Whitesides
11 September 1807	Joseph Henderson assigns the plat and certificate to William Owen, for value received; witness Samuel Whitesides
28 November 1807	Survey received (endorsement on back of survey; day and month partly illegible in these images)
28 November 1808	"William Owen, ass[ignee] of Jos. Henderson" pays $48.96, in full with interest, on Certificate No. 640; receipt signed by George Madison, Auditor
7 December 1808	Patent issued to William Owen, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; delivered to [S.?] Hopkins the same day (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

Joseph Henderson	Original claimant; assignor to William Owen, 11 September 1807
William Owen	Assignee and patentee; adjoining landowner (written "Owens" in the certificate and "Owings" in the patent)
Samuel Whitesides	Chain carrier; witness to the assignment; adjoining landowner
William Whitesides	Marker; adjoining landowner
Moses French	Chain carrier
Wilie Sugg	Deputy Surveyor (D.S.)
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor of Henderson County (S.H.C.)

Calvin Merry	Adjoining landowner (written "Mary"/"Merys")
John Robertson	Adjoining landowner (his corner, a white oak, is the start of KLG 4999)
Am[brose] Barbour	Clerk of the Henderson County Court; attested the certificate
George Madison	Auditor
[S.?] Hopkins	Received the patent (margin delivery note)
Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary

Land Description

270 acres on the waters of Tradewater, Henderson County (later Hopkins County), Kentucky.

Research Notes

Where Owen's tracts meet the Whitesides: this record ties William Owen's land directly to the Whitesides surveys. Its second corner is on Samuel Whitesides' line and is also a corner of William Whitesides (KLG 8147 and 8148), and it runs along Calvin Merry's line and Owen's own line to John Robertson's corner, where KLG 4999 begins.

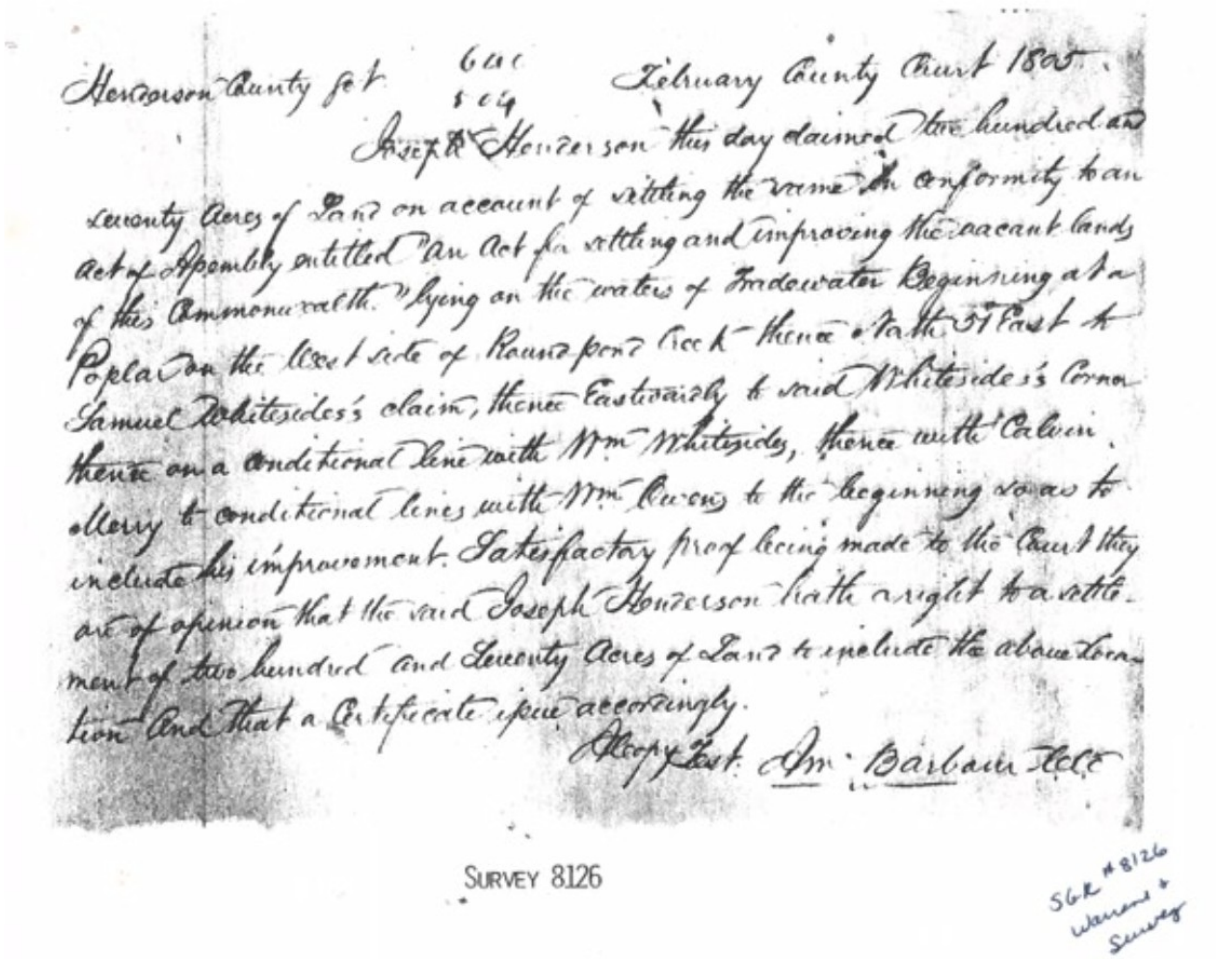
Joseph Henderson, the original claimant here, was a chain carrier on William Owen's KLG 4998 and 4999 (24 March 1805), a month after the court allowed him this settlement claim.

The last course: the survey and patent give N 55 W 314 poles. The researcher's DeedMapper reconstruction uses N 57 W, the bearing of 4999's matching first course, so that 4999's north edge runs along 8126's closing line. With N 55 W the courses close to within about 3 poles; with N 57 W, to about 9 poles.

The patent was delivered to "[S.?] Hopkins" the day it issued; the first initial is unclear. Other patents in this cluster (KLG 4998, 4999 and 5352) were delivered to "Gen[era]l Hopkins."

Image quality: the images of this record are lower in resolution than most in the collection, and the bottom of the survey is cut off. Readings marked with a question mark should be checked against a better copy.

Images / Appendix



Henderson County Sct. 640 / 804 February County Court 1805.

Joseph Henderson this day claimed two hundred and seventy Acres of Land on account of settling the same in conformity to an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth" lying on the waters of Tradewater Beginning at a Poplar on the West side of Round pond Creek thence North 51 East to Samuel Whitesides's claim, thence Eastwardly to said Whitesides's Corner thence on a conditional line with Wm Whitesides, thence with Calvin Merry to conditional lines with Wm Owens to the beginning so as to include his improvement. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that the said Joseph Henderson hath a right to a settlement of two hundred and Seventy Acres of Land to include the above Location And that a Certificate issue accordingly.

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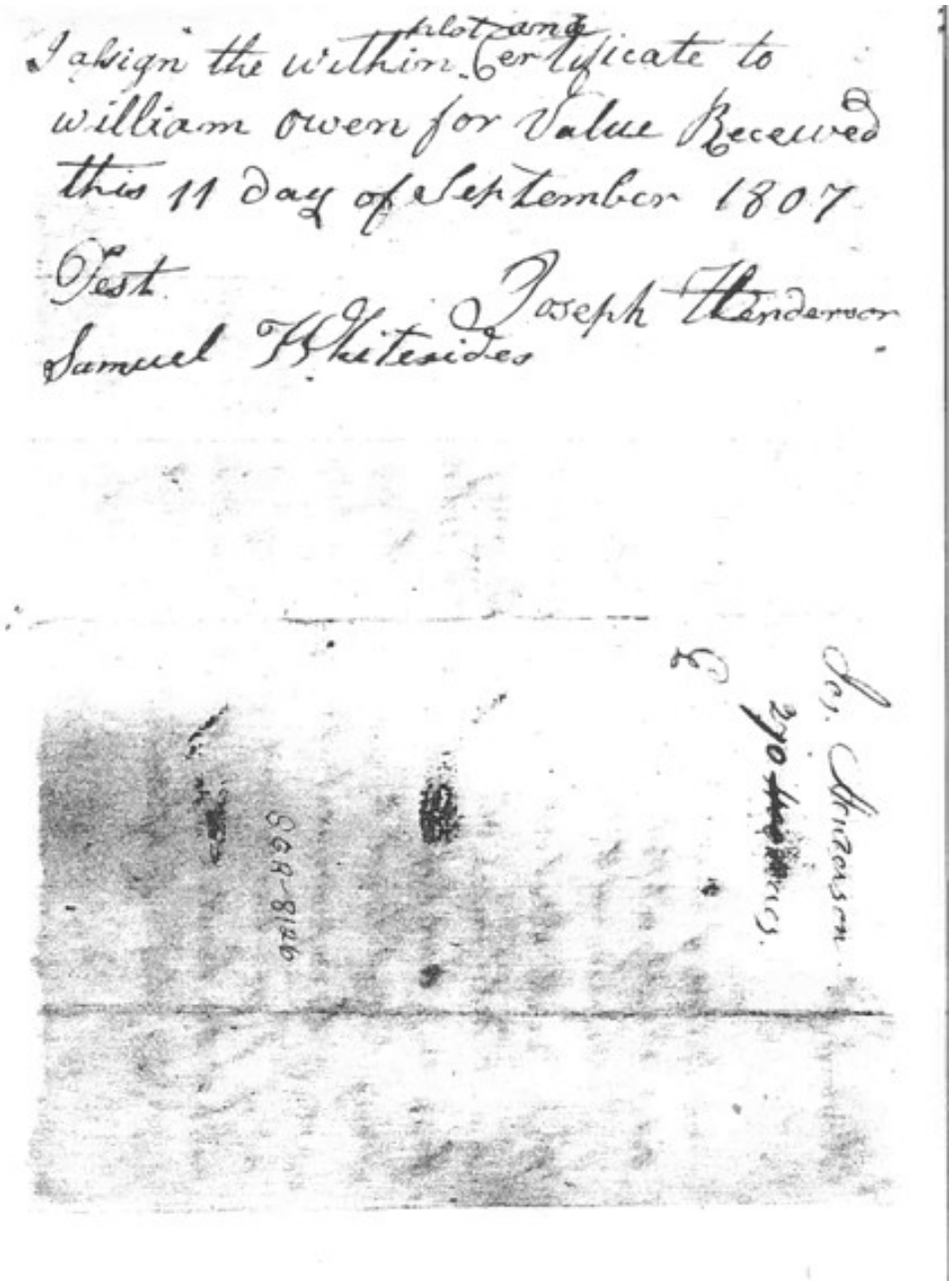
SGR #8126 Warrant & Survey

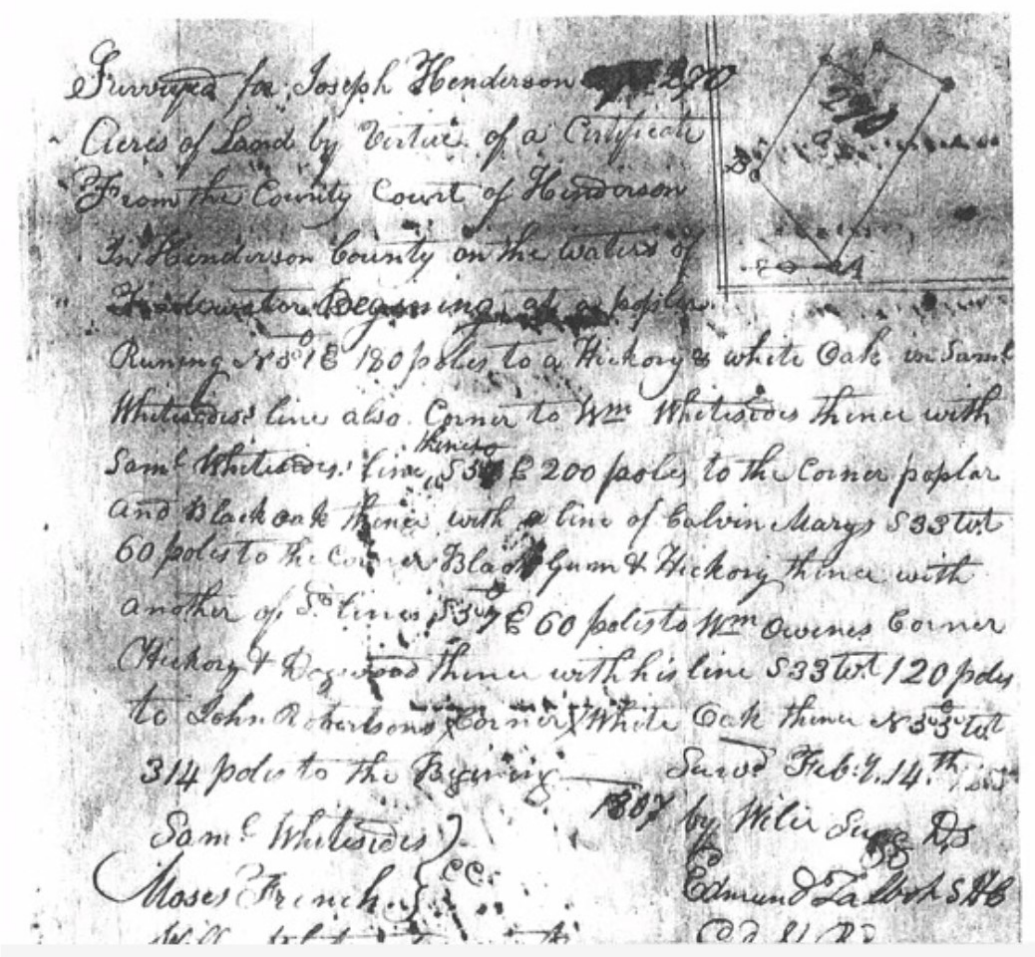
Appendix Image 1. Certificate No. 640 — Front (Henderson County Court, February 1805).



I assign the within plot and Certificate to
william owen for Value Received
this 11 day of September 1807
Test
Samuel Whitesides
Joseph Henderson

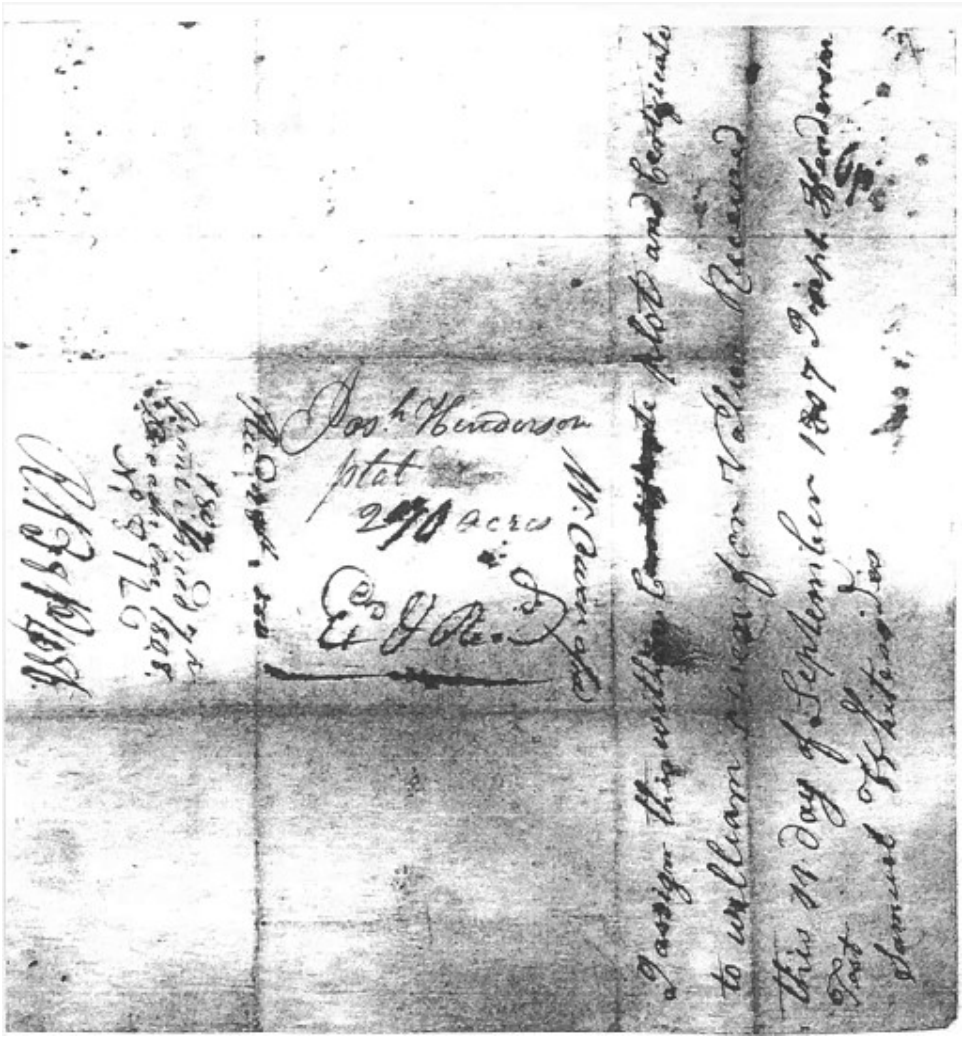
Jos. Anderson
270 [illegible]

Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back (assignment Henderson to Owen, 11 September 1807).

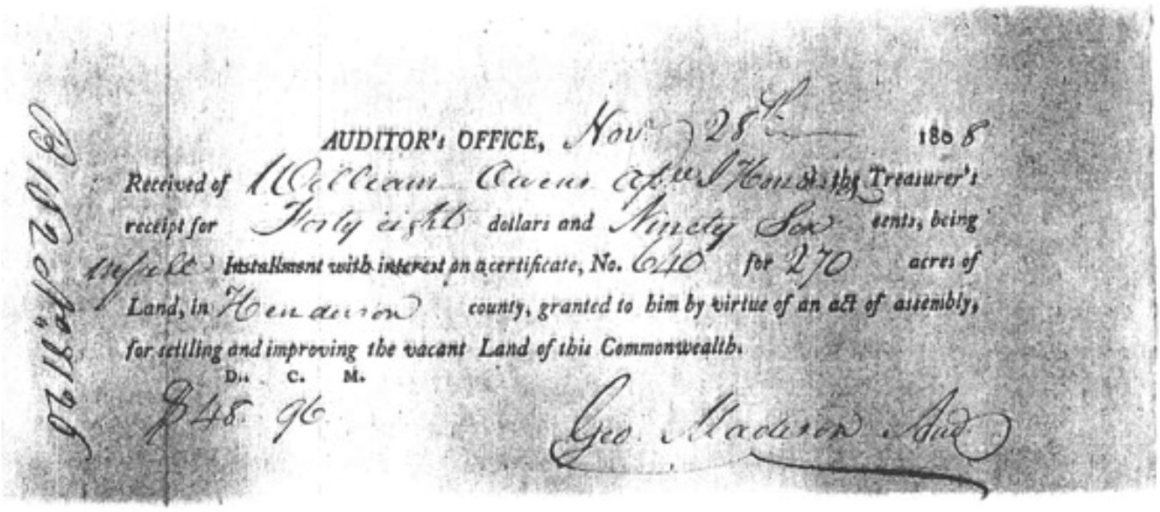


Surveyed for Joseph Henderson [illegible] 270
Acres of Land by Virtue of a Certificate
From the County Court of Henderson
In Henderson County on the waters of
Freedwater Beginning at a poplar
Runing N 5° 1 E 180 poles to a Hickory & white Oak in Saml
Whitesides line also Corner to Wm Whitesides thence with
Saml Whitesides line thence S 5° E 200 poles to the Corner poplar
and Black oak thence with a line of Calvin Marys S 33 W.t
60 poles to the Corner Black Gum & Hickory thence with
another of S.d lines S 5° 7 E 60 poles to Wm Owenes Corner
Hickory & Dogwood thence with his line S 33 W.t 120 poles
to John Robertsons Corner White Oak thence N 5° 5 W.t
314 poles to the Beginning Surv.d Feb:y 14th 1807 by Wilie Sugg D.S
Saml Whitesides } CC
Moses French } Edmund Talbot S.H.C

Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 8126 — Front.



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 8126 — Back (assignment; grant issued 7 December 1808).



AUDITOR's OFFICE, Nov. 28th 1808

Received of William Owens Ap.ce I Hon.d the Treasurer's receipt for Forty eight dollars and Ninety Six cents, being in full Installment with interest on a certificate, No. 640 for 270 acres of Land, in Henderson county, granted to him by virtue of an act of assembly, for settling and improving the vacant Land of this Commonwealth.

D. C. M.

$48 96

Geo. Madison Aud.

B 182 No. 8126

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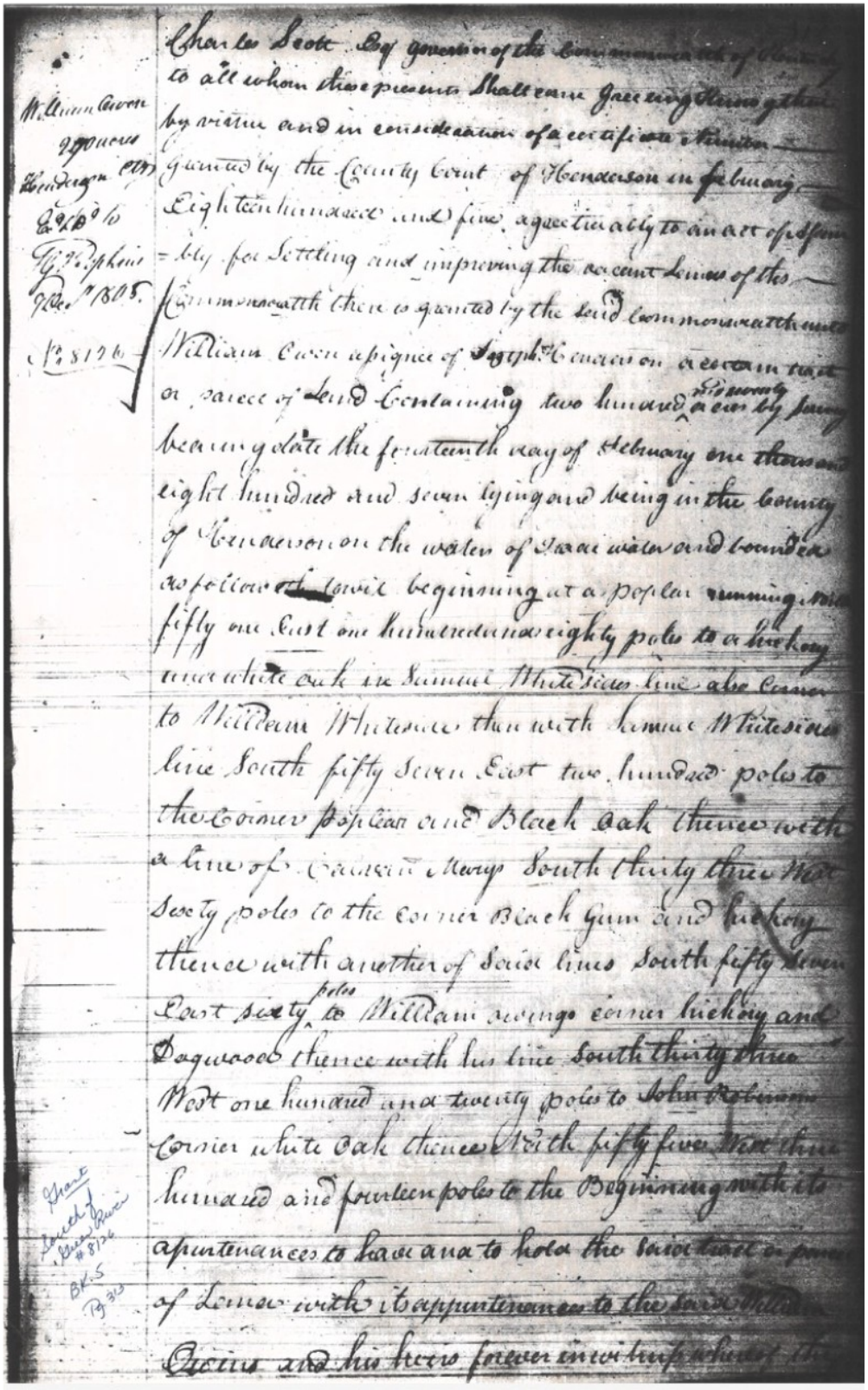
Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt, 28 November 1808.



Charles Scott Esq governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
to all whom these presents shall come greeting Knowing that
by virtue and in consideration of a certificate Number
granted by the County Court of Henderson in February
Eighteen hundred and five agreeable to an act of Assem-
-bly for settling and improving the vacant Lands of the
Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto
William Owen assignee of Joseph Henderson a certain tract
or parcel of land containing two hundred and twenty acres by survey
bearing date the fourteenth day of February one thousand
eight hundred and seven lying and being in the County
of Henderson on the waters of Trade water and bounded
as follows to wit beginning at a poplar running North
fifty one East one hundred and eighty poles to a hickory
and white oak in Samuel Whiteside's line also corner
to William Whiteside then with Samuel Whiteside's
line South fifty seven East two hundred poles to
the corner poplar and Black oak thence with
a line of Calvin Mays South thirty three West
sixty poles to the corner Black Gum and hickory
thence with another of said lines South fifty seven
East sixty poles to William Owings corner hickory and
Dogwood thence with his line South thirty three
West one hundred and twenty poles to John Robinson's
corner white oak thence North fifty five West three
hundred and fourteen poles to the Beginning with its
apurtenances to have and to hold the said tract or parcel
of Land with its appurtenances to the said William
Owens and his heirs forever in witness whereof the

William Owen
270 acres
Henderson Cty
Ex Ld 6
Tg Dephens
9 Dec 1805
No 8126

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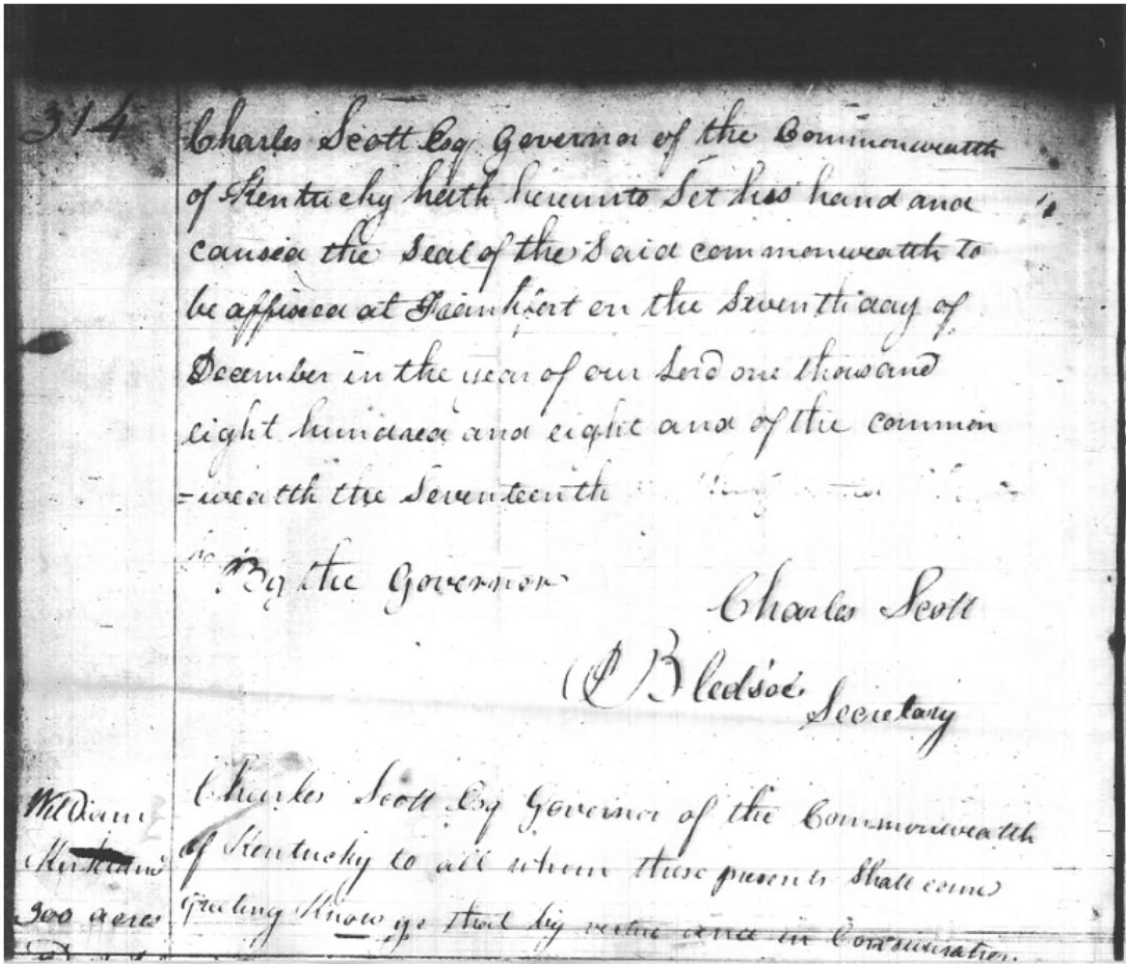
Appendix Image 6. Patent (Page 1).



314 Charles Scott Esq 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 Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight and of the common-wealth the Seventeenth

By the Governor

Charles Scott

P Bledsoe Secretary

William Kirkland 300 acres

Charles Scott Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to all whom these presents Shall come Greeting Know ye that by vertue and in Consideration

Appendix Image 7. Patent (Page 2).