William R. Weir — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 9645 (County Court Certificate No. 220)

200 Acres on a Branch of the Crab Orchard Fork, Hopkins 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 February County Court of 1802, William R. Weir claimed before the Henderson County Court 200 acres of land in addition to his former settlement, on account of settling the same, under the act "for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth," lying on a branch of the Crab Orchard Fork and beginning on a dogwood, as the law directs for quantity. The court found that he had a right to a settlement of 200 acres to include the location and ordered a certificate to issue (No. 220; copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, Clk.). On 16 October 1808 Deputy Surveyor Asel Wier, for John Gordon, Surveyor of Hopkins County, surveyed the 200 acres for William R. Wier in Hopkins County on a branch of the Crab Orchard Fork, beginning on a dogwood and white oak in Thomas Cooper's line and running south 70 east to a corner of Cooper's survey. S. McBee and Thomas Cooper carried the chain, and William R. Wier was marker. The plat was received on 27 December 1808 and recorded in Book 10, page 314. The same day, 27 December 1808, the Auditor received of William R. Weir the Treasurer's receipt for $35.71, in full, the installment with interest on Certificate No. 220.

The patent to William R. Weir issued on 1 August 1809 under Governor Charles Scott, according to the survey endorsement, and was examined and delivered to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810.

Survey Description

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

Survey'd for William R. Wier two hundred acres of land in addition to his former settlement by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, lying in Hopkins County on a branch of the Crab Orchard Fork. Beginning on a dogwood and white oak in Thomas Cooper's line; running South 70 East 179 poles to a post [?] oak and hickory, corner of said Cooper's survey; thence North 20 East 179 poles to a hickory and two white oaks; thence North 70 West 179 poles to a black oak and hickory; thence South 20 West 179 poles to the beginning. Survey'd October the 16th 1808.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	220 (Henderson County Court certificate, for settling the land; number per the receipt and patent)
Survey Grant Register Number	9645
Original Claimant	William R. Weir
Assignment	None; William R. Weir was claimant and patentee
Surveyed For / Patentee	William R. Wier (indexed by Jillson as "Weir, Wm. R.")
Acreage	200 acres, in addition to his former settlement
Watercourse	A branch of the Crab Orchard Fork
County in Survey	Hopkins County (certificate from Henderson County)
Adjoining	Thomas Cooper (KLG 8549)
Certificate Date	February County Court, 1802
Survey Date	16 October 1808
Received by Land Office	27 December 1808
Recording	Survey: Book 10, page 314. Patent: page 447 per a modern note [grant book not clearly named]
Patent / Grant Issued	1 August 1809 (survey endorsement), signed by Governor Charles Scott; delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810
State Price Notation	$35.71, in full (installment with interest), received of

	William R. Weir, 27 December 1808
Deputy Surveyor / Chain Carriers	Asel Wier, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C.; S. McBee and Thomas Cooper, chain carriers; William R. Wier, marker
Certifying Clerk	Ambrose Barbour, Clerk of the Henderson County Court

Chronology

February County Court 1802	Henderson County Court finds William R. Weir entitled to 200 acres in addition to his former settlement, on a branch of the Crab Orchard Fork (Certificate No. 220)
16 October 1808	200 acres surveyed for William R. Wier by Asel Wier, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C.; chain carriers S. McBee and Thomas Cooper; William R. Wier, marker
27 December 1808	Plat received; recorded Book 10, page 314; $35.71 paid in full by William R. Weir
1 August 1809	Grant No. 9645 issued to William R. Weir (survey endorsement)
3 January 1810	Patent delivered to Y. Ewing

Persons Named in the Record

William R. Weir	Original claimant; settled the land; surveyed for; marker; patentee ("Wier" on the survey)
Thomas Cooper	Adjoining landowner; chain carrier
Silas McBee	Chain carrier ("S. McBee")
Asel Wier	Deputy surveyor
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins County (S.H.C.)
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of the Henderson County Court
George Madison	Auditor
Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary
Y. Ewing	Received the patent (margin delivery note)

Land Description

A 200-acre tract on a branch of the Crab Orchard Fork in Hopkins County, Kentucky, a square of 179 poles on each side, with its south line along Thomas Cooper's line and its southeast corner at a corner of Cooper's survey (KLG 8549).

Research Notes

On Thomas Cooper's line. The survey begins "on a dogwood and white oak in Thomas Cooper's line" and runs south 70 east 179 poles "to a post [?] oak and hickory, corner of said Cooper's survey," then turns north 20 east. Thomas Cooper's KLG 8549 has a corner of "a hickory, post oak and ash," reached by its south 70 east line in the 1819 correction and the 1820 survey. This survey's first course appears to run along that line to that corner, which places this tract on the north side of Cooper's survey. The record does not explain why the beginning is a dogwood and white oak "in" Cooper's line rather than his hickory corner.

A bearing that anticipates the 1819 correction. Asel Wier made both surveys. In Cooper's 1807 survey he recorded the line from the hickory to the hickory, post oak and ash as south 45 east; in this 1808 survey he ran "with" Cooper's line south 70 east. In 1819 he certified that Cooper's courses should have been north 20 east, south 70 east, south 20 west and north 70 west, and Cooper's 1820 survey and 1824 patent use those bearings. This survey is consistent with the corrected bearings eleven years before the correction.

The certificate. The certificate is a copy, attested by Ambrose Barbour, Clk., of the Henderson County Court's order at the February County Court of 1802; it does not show the certificate number. The receipt and the patent call it No. 220. The claim is for 200 acres "in addition to his former settlement on account of settling the same," under "An Act for settling and improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth," beginning on a dogwood. The receipt cites an act of December 1800, with the printed title of the 1795 act for settlers south of Green River struck out.

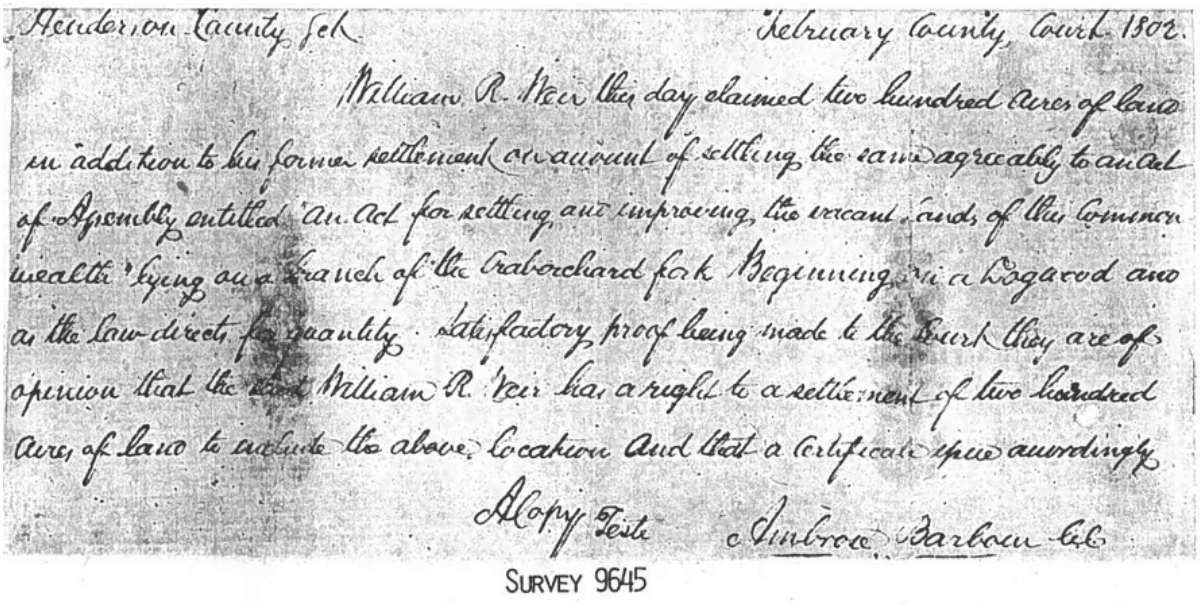
Received and recorded. The back of the survey is endorsed "E. & Recd B 10 P 314," "No 9645," "William R. Wier, Platt & Cert, 200 acres," "Exd & Recd," "Recd 27 Decr 1808" and "Grant issd 1st August 1809." Silas McBee's KLG 9644, also surveyed by Asel Wier in 1808, is endorsed "E. & R. in B 10 P 313." The plat was received the same day the state price was paid, 27 December 1808.

The patent page. The patent page in this file begins with the closing lines of the grant recorded before this one, dated at Frankfort "the first day of August" 1809 and signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; this grant follows below it. The closing lines of this grant, with its own date, are not among the images. The second patent image is an enlarged view of the head of the same page. The date of 1 August 1809 is taken from the survey endorsement. The margin reads "Wm. R. Weir, 200 a., Hopkins, Exd & Dd to Y. Ewing Jany 3d 1810, No 9645," and a modern note reads "Grant SGR #9645, Bk [?], Pg 447."

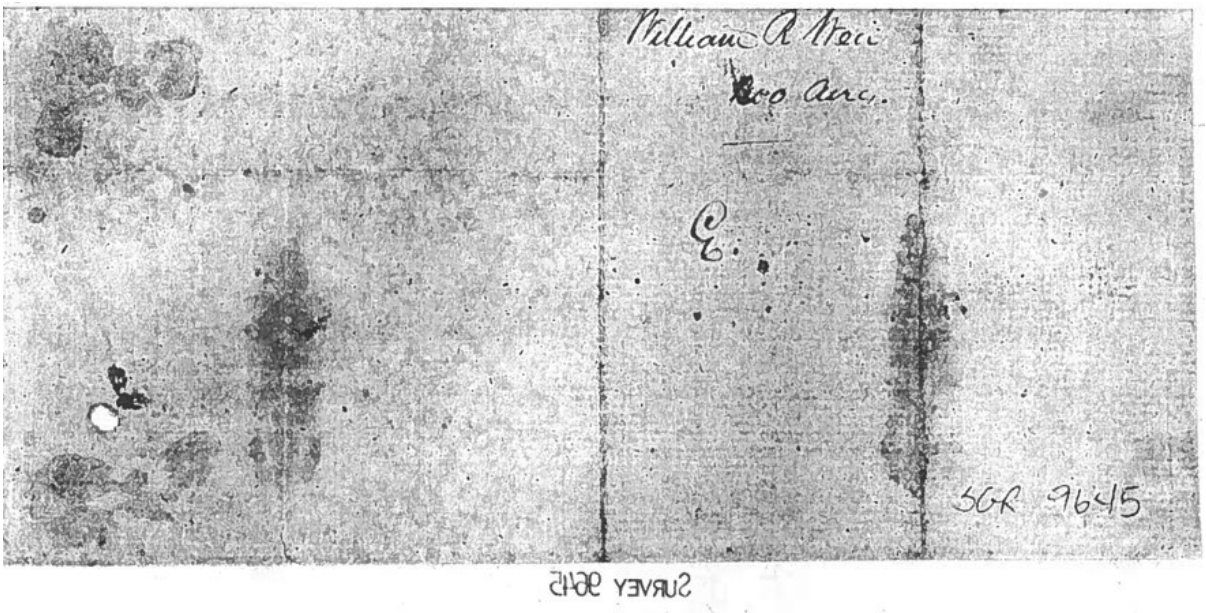
Readings. The second corner on the survey is written as a "Bast[?] oak and Hickory"; the patent reads "post oak and hickory." On the survey "North" is inserted above the third

course. The survey is signed "Asel Wier D.S." and "John Gordon S.H.C." Plotted, the survey closes as a square of 179 poles and holds about 200 acres.

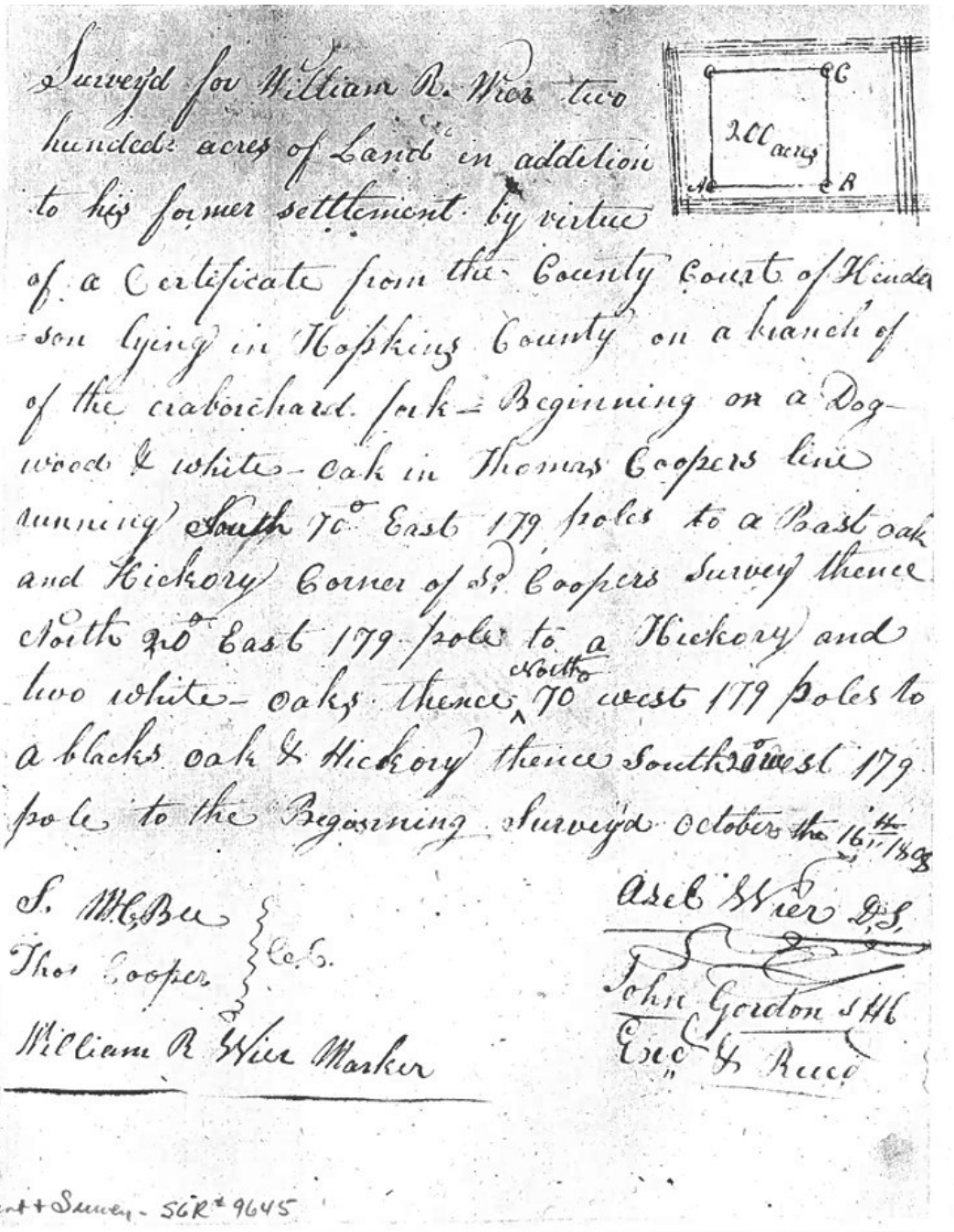
Images / Appendix



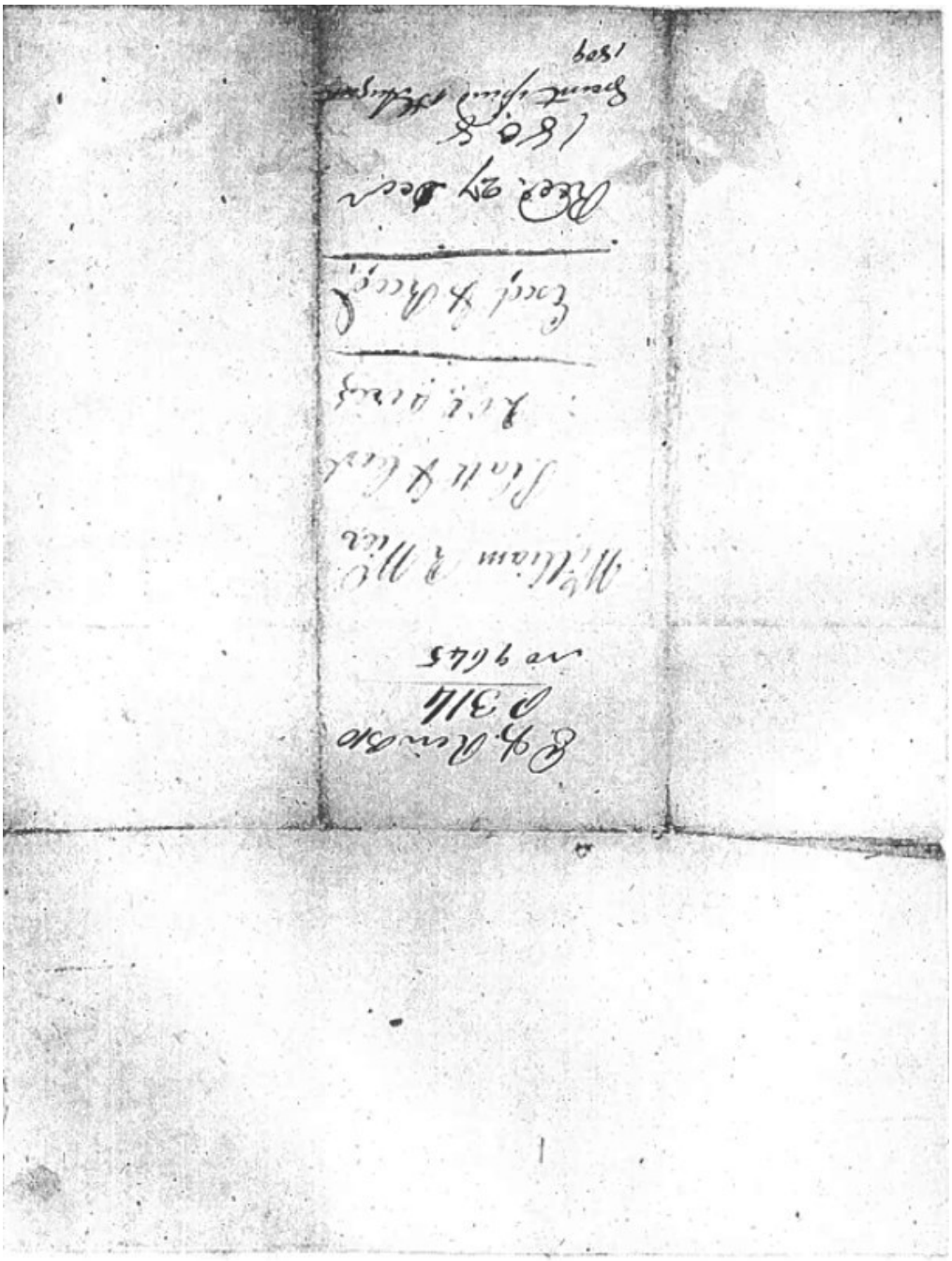
Appendix Image 1. Henderson County Court Certificate, February Court 1802 — Front (copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, Clk.).



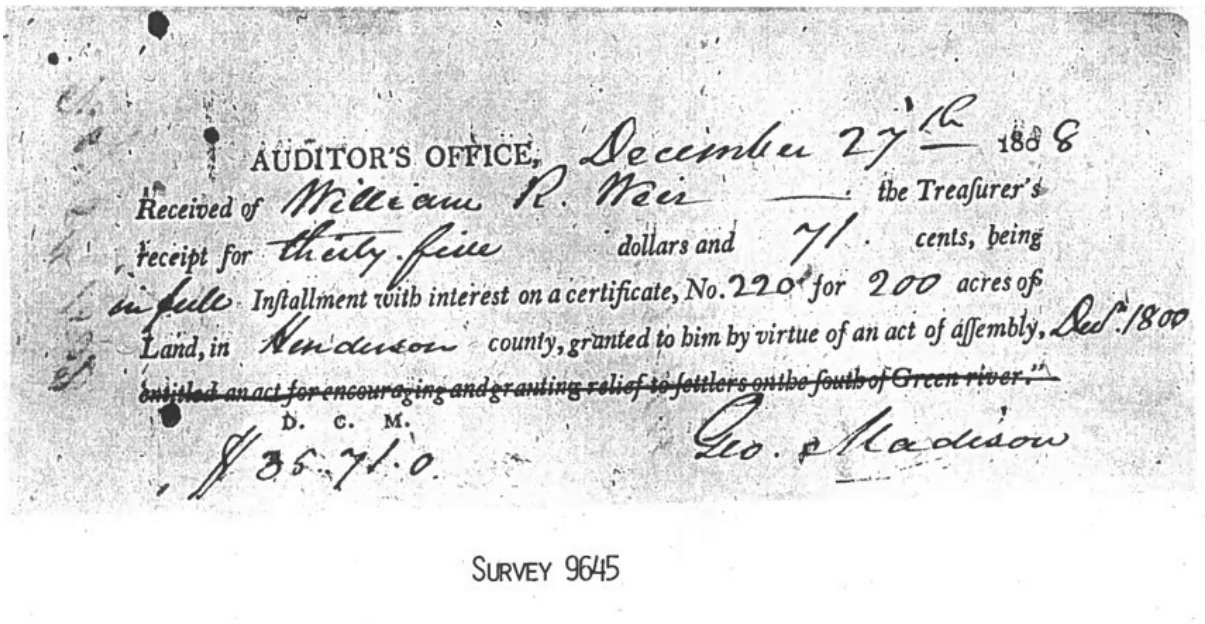
Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back.



Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 9645 — Front (16 October 1808).



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 9645 — Back (received 27 December 1808; recorded Book 10, page 314; grant issued 1 August 1809).



AUDITOR'S OFFICE, December 27th 1808

Received of William R. Weir the Treasurer's receipt for thirty five dollars and 71. cents, being in full Installment with interest on a certificate, No. 220 for 200 acres of Land, in Henderson county, granted to him by virtue of an act of assembly, Dec. 1800 ~~entitled an act for encouraging and granting relief to settlers on the south of Green river.~~"

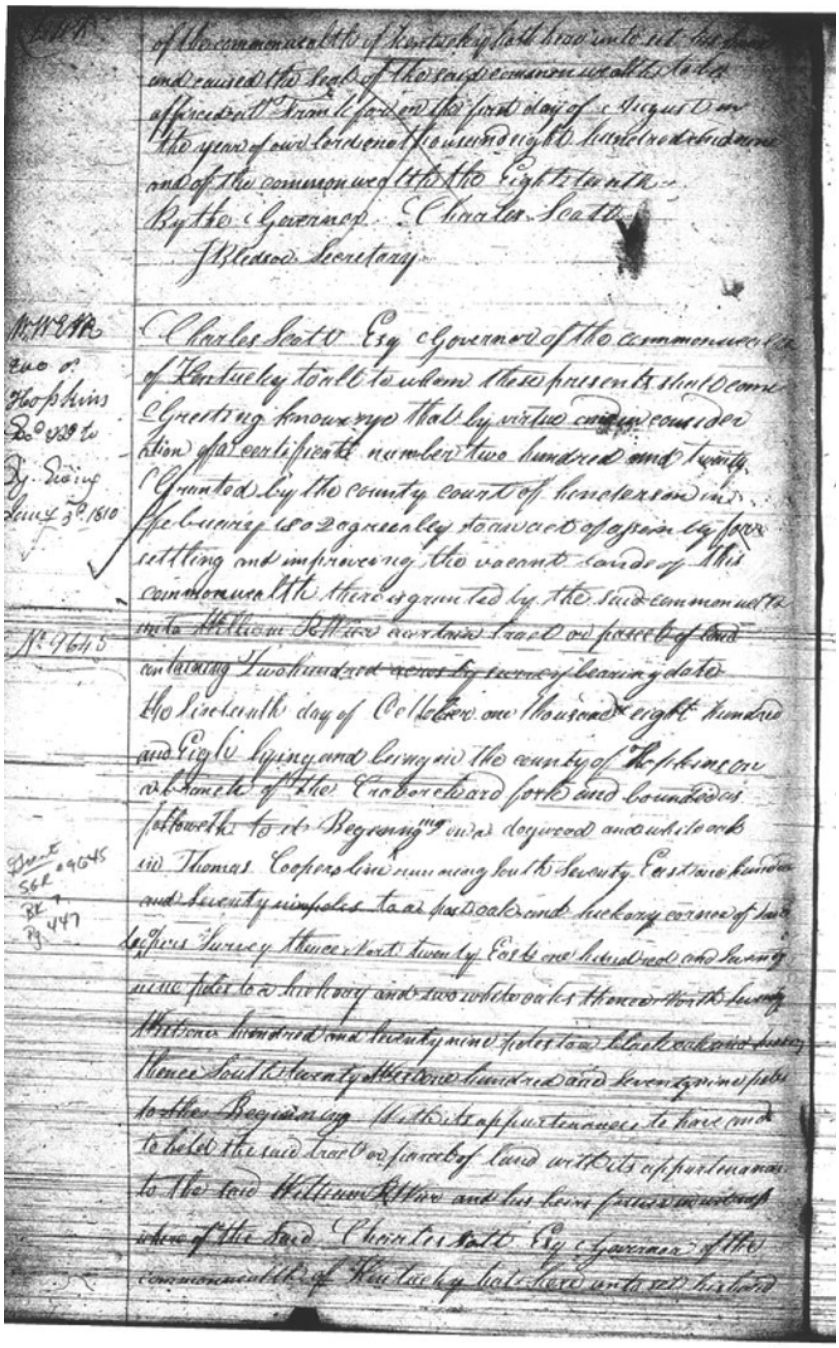
D. C. M.

$35.71.0

Geo. Madison

SURVEY 9645

Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt (27 December 1808).



of the commonwealth of Kentucky Said draw into net this grant
and caused the Seal of the said commonwealth to be
affixed at Frankfort on the first day of August in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen
and of the commonwealth the Eighteenth
By the Governor Charles Scott
J. Bledsoe Secretary

No. 9645
Duo of Hopkins
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Y. Ewing
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Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth
of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come
Greeting know ye that by virtue and in consider
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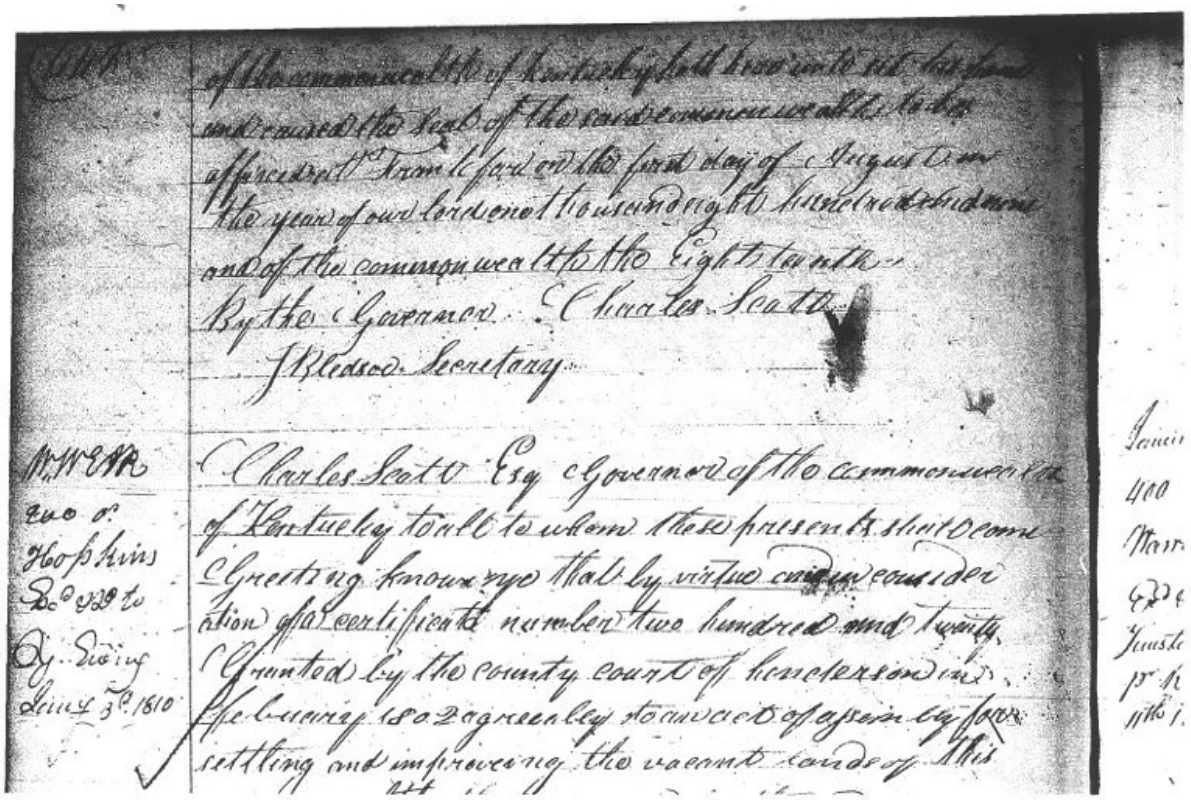
Granted by the county court of Henderson in
the county 1802 agreeably to an act of assembly for
settling and improving the vacant lands of this
commonwealth there is granted by the said commonwealth
unto William Rittee a certain tract or parcel of land
containing Two hundred acres by survey bearing date
the Sixteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred
and Eight lying and being in the county of Hopkins on
the waters of the Tanbor cheard fork and bounded as
followeth to wit Beginning on a dogwood and white oak
in Thomas Coopers line running south seventy East two hundred
and seventy nine poles to a post oak and hickory corner of the
Heirs Survey thence North twenty East one hundred and seventy
nine poles to a hickory and two white oaks thence North seventy
West one hundred and seventy nine poles to a black oak and hickory
thence South twenty West one hundred and seventy nine poles
to the Beginning with the appurtenances to have and
to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances
to the said William Rittee and his heirs forever in behalf
of the said Charles Scott Esq Governor of the
commonwealth of Kentucky hath hereunto set his hand

Appendix Image 6. Grant/Patent No. 9645 — Page 447 (margin: delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810; the closing lines at the top belong to the preceding grant).



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