William Stuart — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 2890 (Commissioners' Certificate No. 3729)

200 Acres on a Branch of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 19 October 1798 the commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certified that William Stuart was entitled to 200 acres of second-rate land on the waters of Tradewater, for having improved it, beginning at a white oak and running a southwardly course as the law directs (Certificate No. 3729). On 21 June 1800 Deputy Surveyor Will Ward surveyed the tract for Stuart, for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot, with Will Owen and Simon Kuykendall as chain carriers. The survey was received at the Land Office on 26 August 1800 and recorded in Book 3, page 338. Stuart paid the $80.34 state price in full on 7 July 1806, and the endorsements on the certificate and survey record that Grant No. 2890 issued the same day. The patent itself is not among the images; the patent image filed with this record belongs to Stuart's other tract, KLG 2568 (see Research Notes).

Survey Description

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

Surveyed for William Stuart 200 acres of land by virtue of the Commissioners' Certificate No. 3729, in Henderson County, on a branch of Tradewater. Beginning at a white oak;

thence South 178.8 poles to a hickory and white oak; thence East 178.8 poles to a white oak in the [edge] of the flats; thence North 178.8 poles to a stake; thence West 178.8 poles to the beginning. Surveyed June 21st 1800. Chain carriers: Will Owen and Simon Kuykindal. Will Ward, D.S., for Edm'd Talbot, S.H.C.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	3729 (Commissioners' certificate); Survey Grant Register No. 2890
Original Claimant / Patentee	William Stuart (written "William Stewart" on the Auditor's receipt; indexed by Jillson as "Stewart, Wm")
Acreage	200 acres, second rate
Watercourse	A branch of Tradewater
County in Survey	Henderson County (Hopkins County after 1 May 1807)
Certificate Date	19 October 1798
Survey Date	21 June 1800
Received by Land Office (Plat Certificate)	26 August 1800
Recording Reference	Survey: Book 3, page 338. Patent: grant book and page not shown in the images.
Patent / Grant Issued	7 July 1806 (endorsements on the certificate and survey); the patent itself is not among the images
State Price Notation	$80.34, in full of the state price, 7 July 1806
Deputy Surveyor	Will Ward
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot
Chain Carriers	Will Owen; Simon Kuykendall
Commissioners	Richard Young; Robert Mosby; James Brown

Chronology

19 October 1798	Commissioners Richard Young, Robert Mosby and James Brown certify William Stuart's claim to 200 acres on the waters of Tradewater (Certificate No. 3729)
21 June 1800	Tract surveyed for William Stuart by Will Ward, D.S.;

	chain carriers Will Owen and Simon Kuykendall
26 August 1800	Survey received; recorded in Book 3, page 338 (endorsement on back of certificate)
7 July 1806	"William Stewart" pays $80.34, in full of the state price on Certificate No. 3729; receipt signed for Auditor George Madison by John Handley. Grant No. 2890 issued the same day (endorsements on the certificate and survey).

Persons Named in the Record

William Stuart	Claimant and patentee (written "Stewart" on the receipt)
Richard Young	Commissioner
Robert Mosby	Commissioner
James Brown	Commissioner
Will Ward	Deputy Surveyor
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor of Henderson County
Will Owen	Chain carrier
Simon Kuykendall	Chain carrier (written "Kuykindal"); assignee of Edmund Jones's certificate in 1799 (KLG 3395)
George Madison	Auditor
John Handley	Signed the Auditor's receipt for Madison, 7 July 1806

Land Description

A 200-acre square, 178.8 poles on each side, on a branch of Tradewater in Henderson County, Kentucky. The survey names no adjoiners. In the researcher's plat reconstruction it lies against the east line of James Wilson's KLG 3395, its beginning corner 20 poles south of 3395's, and the "white oak in Stuart's line" called for in William Owen's KLG 5341 falls on its north line.

Research Notes

The patent image belongs to KLG 2568. The patent filed with this record grants 200 acres to "William Stewart, assignee of James Jones," under Certificate No. 3763, by survey of 1 October 1799, with different courses (N 75 W, N 15 E, S 75 E, S 15 W), signed by Governor Charles Scott on 25 July 1809. That is Stuart's other tract, KLG 2568. Yet the clerk wrote "No. 2890" in its margin, with "Wm Stuart, 200 Acres, Henderson County, Ex'd & D'd to

John Handley, July 25th 1809." The register number in the margin and the grant in the text do not agree. The patent for Certificate No. 3729, issued 7 July 1806, is not among the images.

Three certificates in two days: the same three commissioners certified William Stuart's own claim (No. 3729) on 19 October 1798, and the claims of James Jones (No. 3763) and Edmund Jones (No. 3815) on 20 October. Stuart was patentee of James Jones's tract as his assignee (KLG 2568). Edmund Jones's certificate was assigned on 24 October 1798, apparently to Stuart (the endorsement is faded), and Stuart assigned it to Simon Kuykendall in 1799 (KLG 3395).

Simon Kuykendall carried chain here, on Stuart's KLG 2568 (1 October 1799), and was the assignee for whom KLG 3395 was surveyed (2 October 1799).

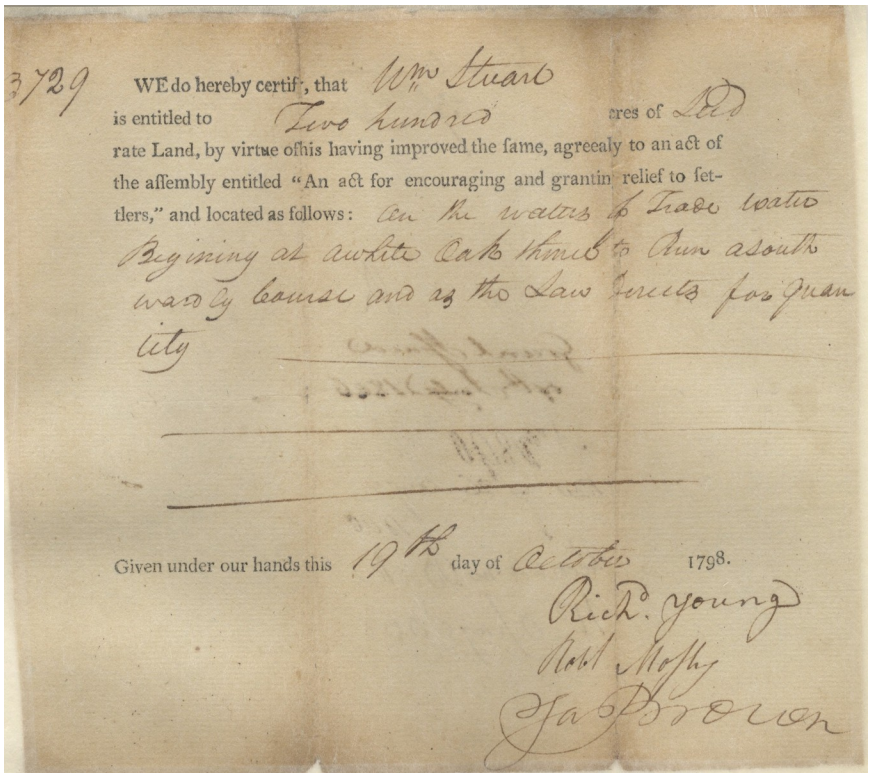
Will Owen in 1800: the chain carriers were "Will Owen" and "Simon Kuykindal." Together with KLG 3395 (2 October 1799), this is one of the two earliest records in the collection that place William Owen at work on these surveys. Whether the Will Owen here is the William Owen of the later Owens Creek surveys is not stated in the record.

Six years to the patent: the survey reached Frankfort two months after it was made, but the state price was not paid until 7 July 1806, and the grant issued that same day. KLG 2568 was likewise paid for and granted on the same day, 25 July 1809. John Handley signed the 1806 receipt here and took delivery of the 1809 patent. The receipt spells the name "Stewart" and cites the act "for settling and improving the vacant lands," while the certificate cites the act "for encouraging and granting relief to settlers."

Stuart or Stewart: the certificate, the survey and the endorsements on both spell the name "Stuart." The Auditor's receipt of 1806 and the 1809 patent for KLG 2568 spell it "Stewart," and Jillson indexes this grant under "Stewart, Wm," probably following the recorded patent, which is not among the images. The certificate number, acreage and land are the same throughout, so these are spellings of one name. This report uses "Stuart," the spelling of his own certificate and survey.

Corrections to the earlier transcription: the grant issued 7 July 1806, not 9 July; the survey was recorded in Book 3, page 338, not page 308; the second commissioner signs "Robt Mosby," not Mosley; the second chain carrier is Simon Kuykendall (written "Kuykindal"), not Kirkendall; and the third corner is "a white oak in the [edge] of the flats."

Images / Appendix

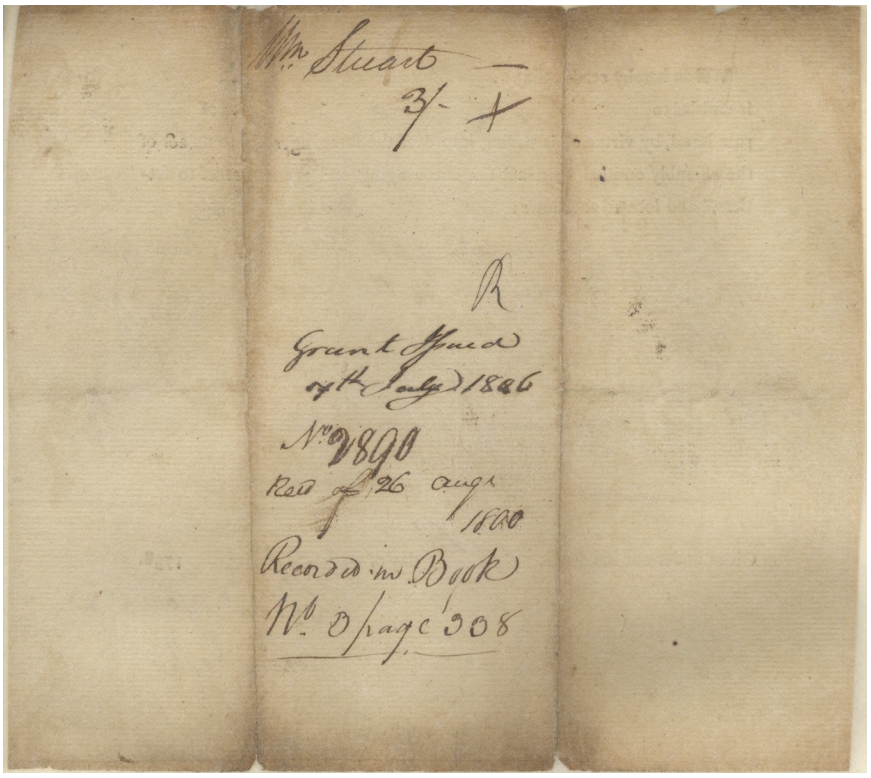


3729 WE do hereby certify, that Wm Stuart
is entitled to Two hundred acres of Land
rate Land, by virtue of his having improved the same, agreeably to an act of
the assembly entitled "An act for encouraging and granting relief to set-
tlers," and located as follows: On the waters of Trade water
Begining at a white Oak thence to Run a south
wardly course and as the Law directs for quan
tity

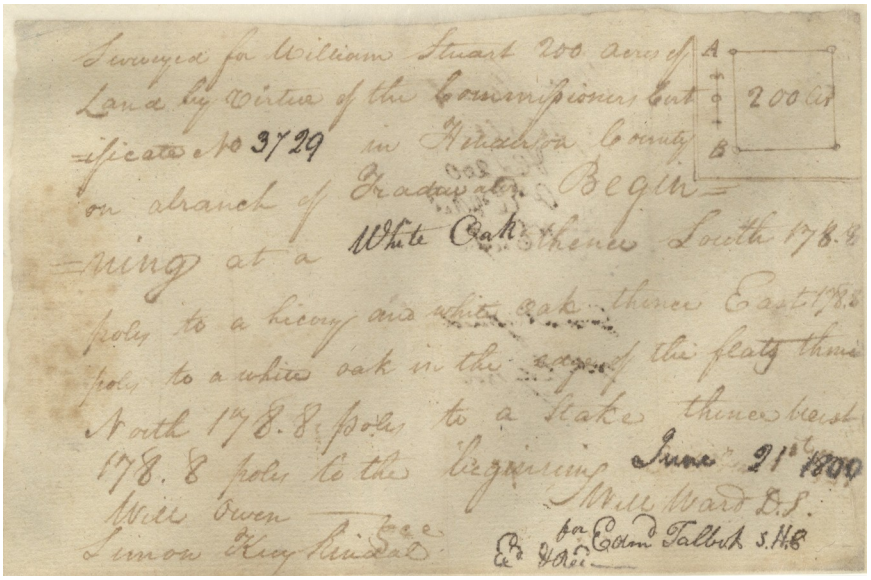
Given under our hands this 19th day of October 1798.

Richd. Young
Robt Mosby
Ja Brown

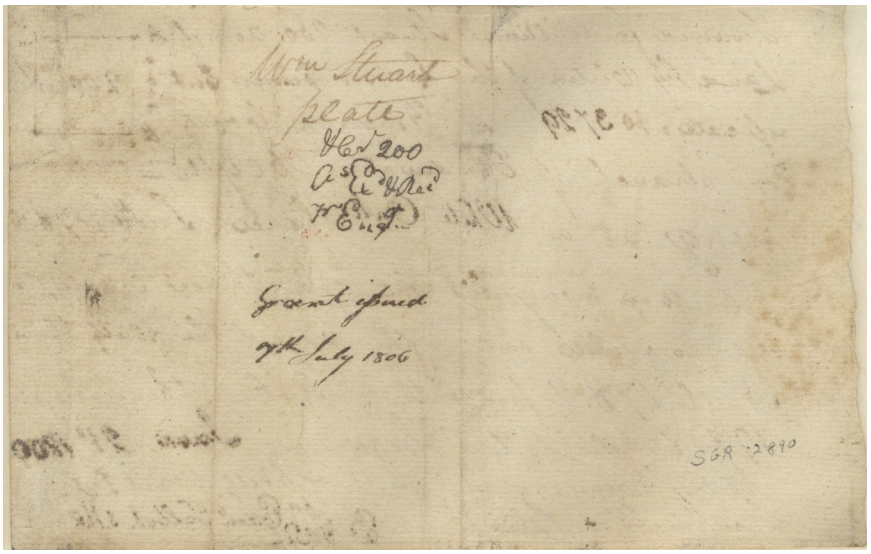
Appendix Image 1. Commissioners' Certificate No. 3729 for William Stuart, 19 October 1798 — Front.



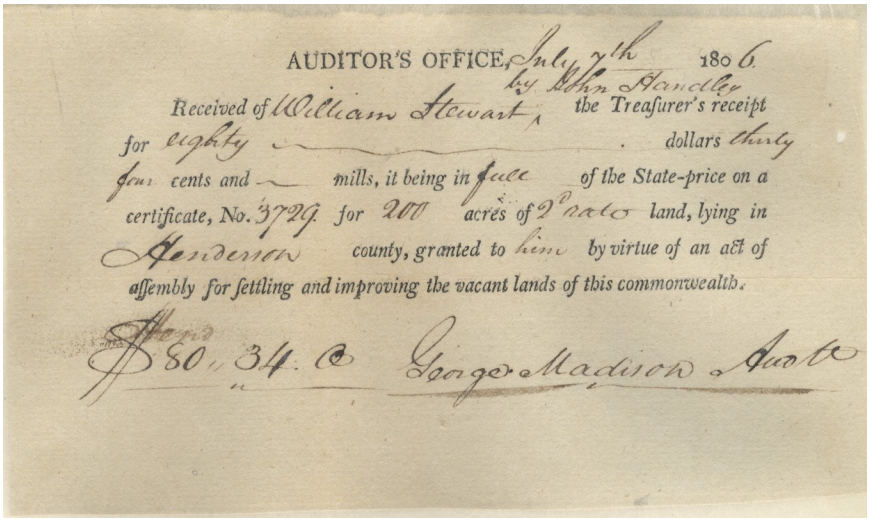
Appendix Image 2. Commissioners' certificate — back ("Grant issued 7th July 1806, No. 2890, Rec'd 26 Aug 1800, Recorded in Book No. 3, page 338").



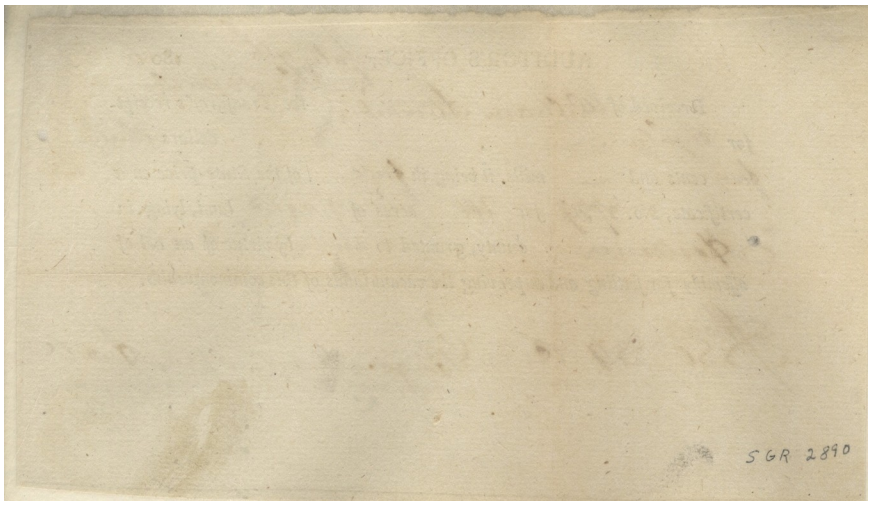
Appendix Image 3. Survey for William Stuart, 21 June 1800, with plat — front.



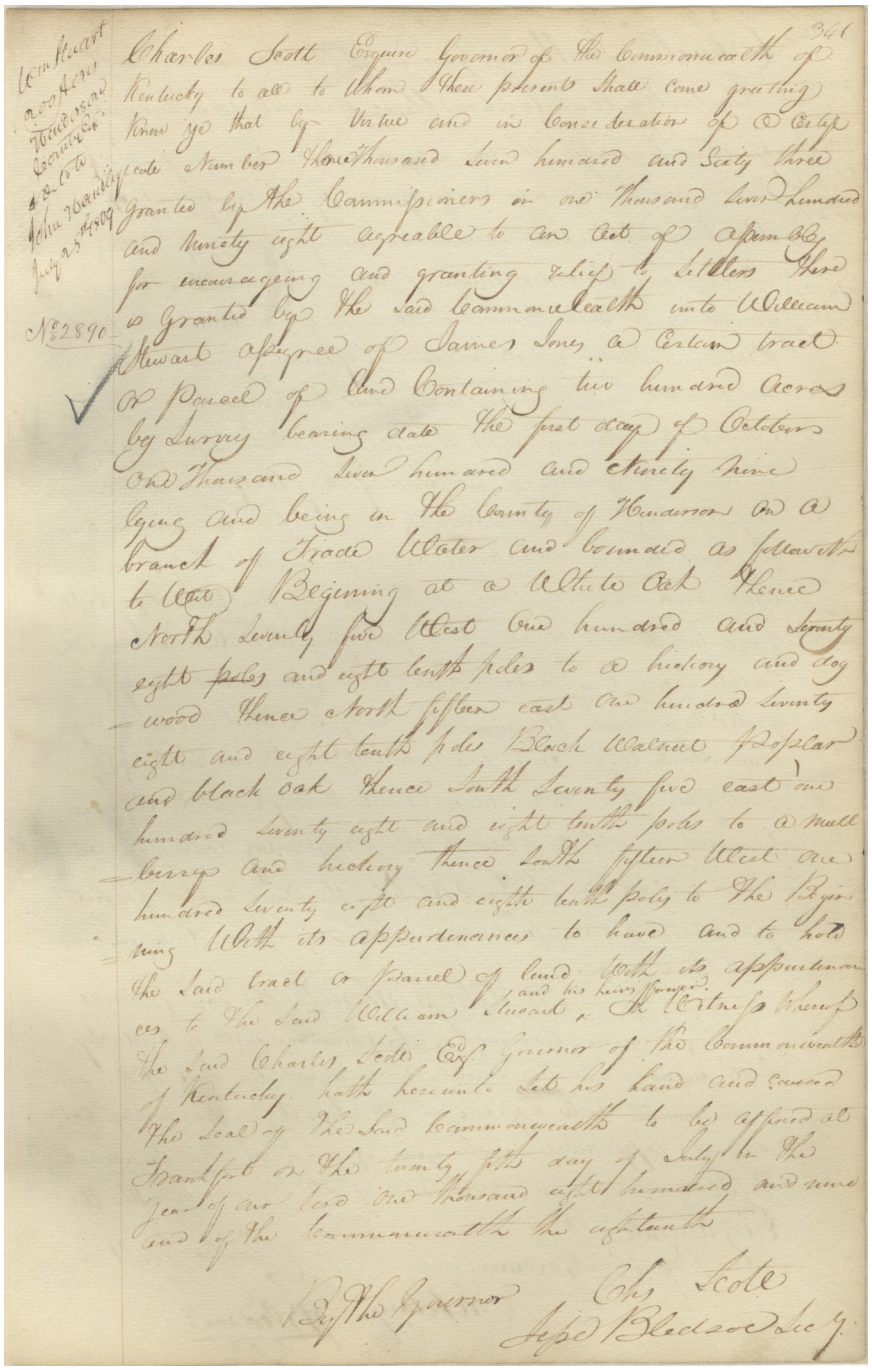
Appendix Image 4. Survey — back ("Grant issued 7th July 1806"; archivist's note "SGR 2890").



Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office receipt, 7 July 1806 — front.



Appendix Image 6. Auditor's Office receipt — back (archivist's note "SGR 2890").



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Wm Stewart
200 Acres
Henderson
County Ex
& Ct to
John Handley
July 25th 1809

No 2890

Charles Scott Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come greeting know ye that by virtue and in consideration of a Certificate Number three thousand seven hundred and sixty three granted by the Commissioners in one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight agreable to an Act of assembly for encouraging and granting relief to settlers there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto William Stewart assignee of James Jones a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred acres by survey bearing date the first day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine lying and being in the County of Henderson on a branch of Trade Water and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a white oak thence North seventy five west one hundred and seventy eight poles and eight tenth poles to a hickory and dog wood thence North fifteen east one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth poles Black Walnut, Poplar and black oak thence South seventy five east one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth poles to a mull berry and hickory thence South fifteen west one hundred seventy eight and eight tenth 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 Stewart and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said 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 twenty fifth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and nine and of the Commonwealth the eighteenth

By the Governor Chs Scott
Jesse Bledsoe Sec'y

Appendix Image 7. Patent filed with this record: Grant to William Stewart, assignee of James Jones, Certificate No. 3763, 25 July 1809, marked "No. 2890" in the margin. This is the patent for KLG 2568, not for Certificate No. 3729; see Research Notes.