William Wier — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8541 (County Court Certificate No. 134)

200 Acres on the Waters of Weirs Creek, Henderson County, Kentucky
Heir of Bezaleel Wier, Deceased, in Addition to Bezaleel Wier's Former Claim

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the August 1801 Henderson County Court, Bezaleel Wier claimed 200 acres "in addition to his former claim" on account of settling the same, beginning on two dogwoods in his former line and running westwardly and northwardly for complement. On satisfactory proof the court found that he had a right to a settlement of 200 acres and ordered a certificate to issue (copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, clerk; Certificate No. 134). On 14 December 1806 Deputy Surveyor Asel Wier surveyed the 200 acres for "William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased," as a 179-pole square beginning at the two dogwoods, with Turner Wier and R. Wier as chain carriers and Silas McBee as marker. The survey was received on 3 December 1807, the $35.61 state price was paid on 27 December 1808 in the name of Bazaleel Wier, and Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to William Wier, heir to Bezaleel Wier, deceased, on 13 February 1809. It was 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 Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceas'd, 200 acres of land in addition to the said Bez. Wier's former claim, [by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County,] lying on the waters of Wiers Creek. Beginning at two dogwoods in his former line; running West with said line 179 poles to a black oak; thence North 179 poles to a white oak and black gum; thence East 179 poles to a post oak; thence South 179 poles to the beginning. Survey'd December 14, 1806.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	134 (Henderson County Court settlement certificate, "in addition to his former claim"; the number is given on the receipt and patent)
Survey Grant Register Number	8541
Original Claimant	Bezaleel Wier
Surveyed For / Patentee	William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased (indexed by Jillson as "Weir, Wm."); no assignment
Acreage	200 acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Waters of Weirs Creek ("Wiers Creek")
County in Survey	Henderson County
Certificate Date	August County Court, 1801
Survey Date	14 December 1806
Received by Land Office	3 December 1807
Recording	Survey: Book 9, page 183. Patent: Grant Book 7, page 412 [?]
Patent / Grant Issued	13 February 1809, signed by Governor Charles Scott; delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810
State Price Notation	$35.61, paid in full in the name of Bazaleel Wier, 27 December 1808
Deputy Surveyor	Asel Wier, D.S.
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.
Chain Carriers	Turner Wier and R. Wier

Marker	Silas McBee
Adjoining	Bezaleel Wier's former claim (south line)

Chronology

August 1801	Henderson County Court finds that Bezaleel Wier has a right to a settlement of 200 acres in addition to his former claim, beginning on two dogwoods in his former line (Certificate No. 134; copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, clerk)
14 December 1806	200 acres surveyed for William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased, by Asel Wier, D.S., for Edmund Talbot, S.H.C.
3 December 1807	Plat and certificate received; survey recorded Book 9, page 183
27 December 1808	$35.61 paid in full in the name of Bazaleel Wier
13 February 1809	Grant No. 8541 issued to William Wier, heir to Bezaleel Wier, deceased, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; Grant Book 7, page 412 [?]
3 January 1810	Patent delivered to Y. Ewing (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

William Wier	Heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased; surveyed for; patentee
Bezaleel Wier	Original claimant; settled the land; deceased by December 1806; adjoining owner of the former claim ("Bazaleel" on the receipt)
Turner Wier	Chain carrier
R. Wier	Chain carrier
Silas McBee	Marker
Asel Wier	Deputy surveyor
Edmund Talbot	Surveyor of Henderson County
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of the Henderson County Court
Y. Ewing	Received the patent (margin delivery note)
George Madison	Auditor

Charles Scott	Governor
J. Bledsoe	Secretary

Land Description

A 200-acre square, 179 poles on a side, on the waters of Weirs Creek in Henderson County (later Hopkins County), Kentucky, lying north of and adjoining Bezaleel Wier's former claim, whose line forms its south side.

Research Notes

Heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased. This survey of 14 December 1806 is the earliest record in the collection that names William Wier as "heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased." The assignments of 23 May 1807 (KLG 8552) and 26 May 1807 (KLG 8545) use the same words. Bezaleel Weir had therefore died by December 1806. Family research gives his death as 1806 and identifies him as a son of William Weir (d. 1825, Sumner County, Tennessee) (David A. Ralls, "Willis Ralls of Hopkins County, Kentucky," family tree, Ancestry). The record does not say which William Wier was the heir. Unlike 8552 and 8545, no assignment was needed: the certificate was Bezaleel's own.

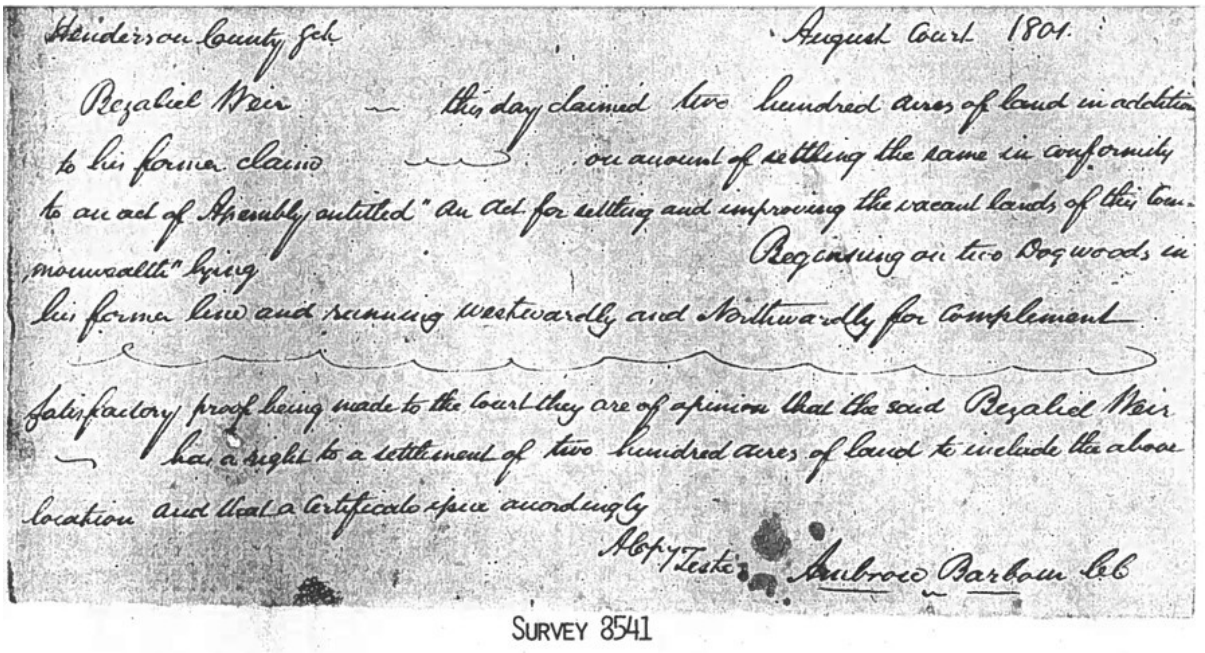
Which former claim? The tract begins at two dogwoods "in his former line" and runs west with that line 179 poles to a black oak, then north, so it lies north of the former claim. Bezaleel Weir held two earlier tracts. North of his Rose Creek tract, KLG 8535, lies KLG 8546, which begins at 8535's northwest corner and covers the same 179-pole square; the two surveys could not both stand there. His 1798 claim, KLG 1243, has a black oak at its northwest corner. Plotted from that black oak, this tract lies directly north of 1243, and its west line runs along the 210-pole course of KLG 8552 that ends at "a black oak in Bezaleel Wier's line." The beginning "two dogwoods" are not among 1243's recorded corner trees, and the record does not name the former claim, so this placement is the best fit rather than a stated tie.

The receipt. The receipt of 27 December 1808 is in the name of Bazaleel Wier, though he had died by the time of the survey, for "thirty five dollars and sixty one cents" ($35.61) on certificate No. 134 for 200 acres in Henderson County. Bezaleel Weir's other 200-acre tracts, KLG 8535 and KLG 1243, were each paid at $70.93 the same day. The record does not explain the difference. The left margin reads "171 – 8541."

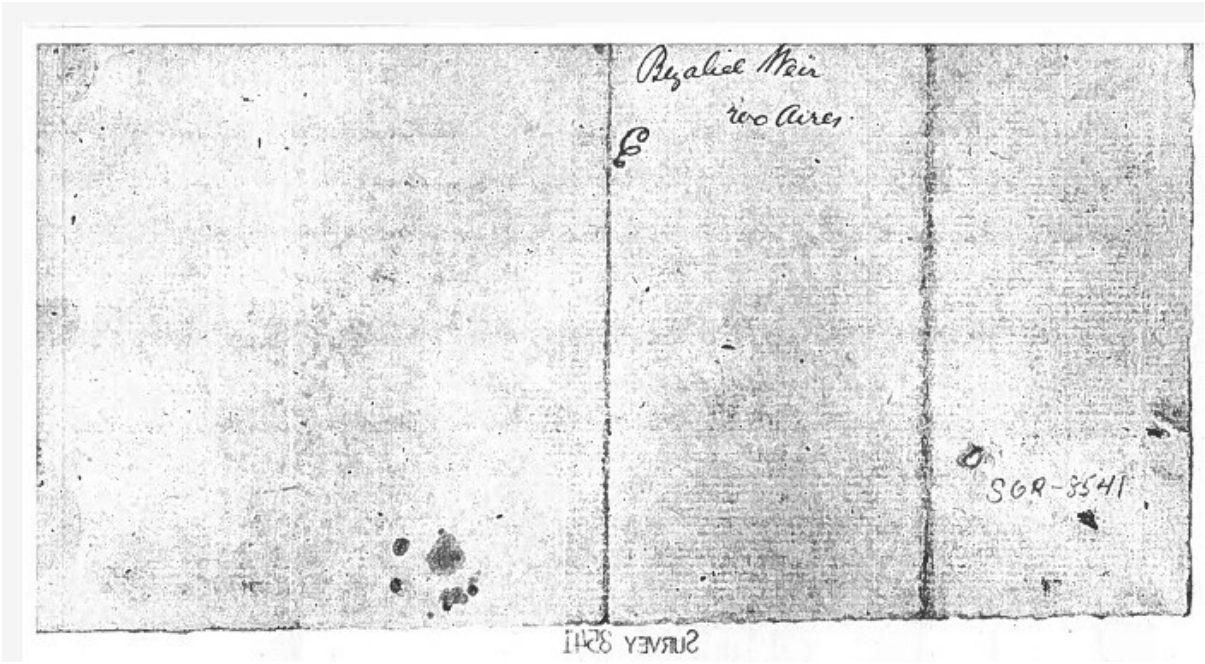
A Weir survey crew. Asel Wier surveyed this tract six days before Sarah Branson's KLG 8545, with Turner Wier and R. Wier carrying the chain and Silas McBee as marker.

Recording. The back of the survey is endorsed "R B 9 P 183," "Wm. Wier's Platt & Cer. 200 as.," "Rec'd 3 Dec 1807, No 8541," and "Grant issued 13th February 1809." The patent page is numbered 412 [?] at the top, between KLG 8545 (Grant Book 7, page 411) and KLG 8552 (page 413). Its margin records delivery to Y. Ewing on 3 January 1810.

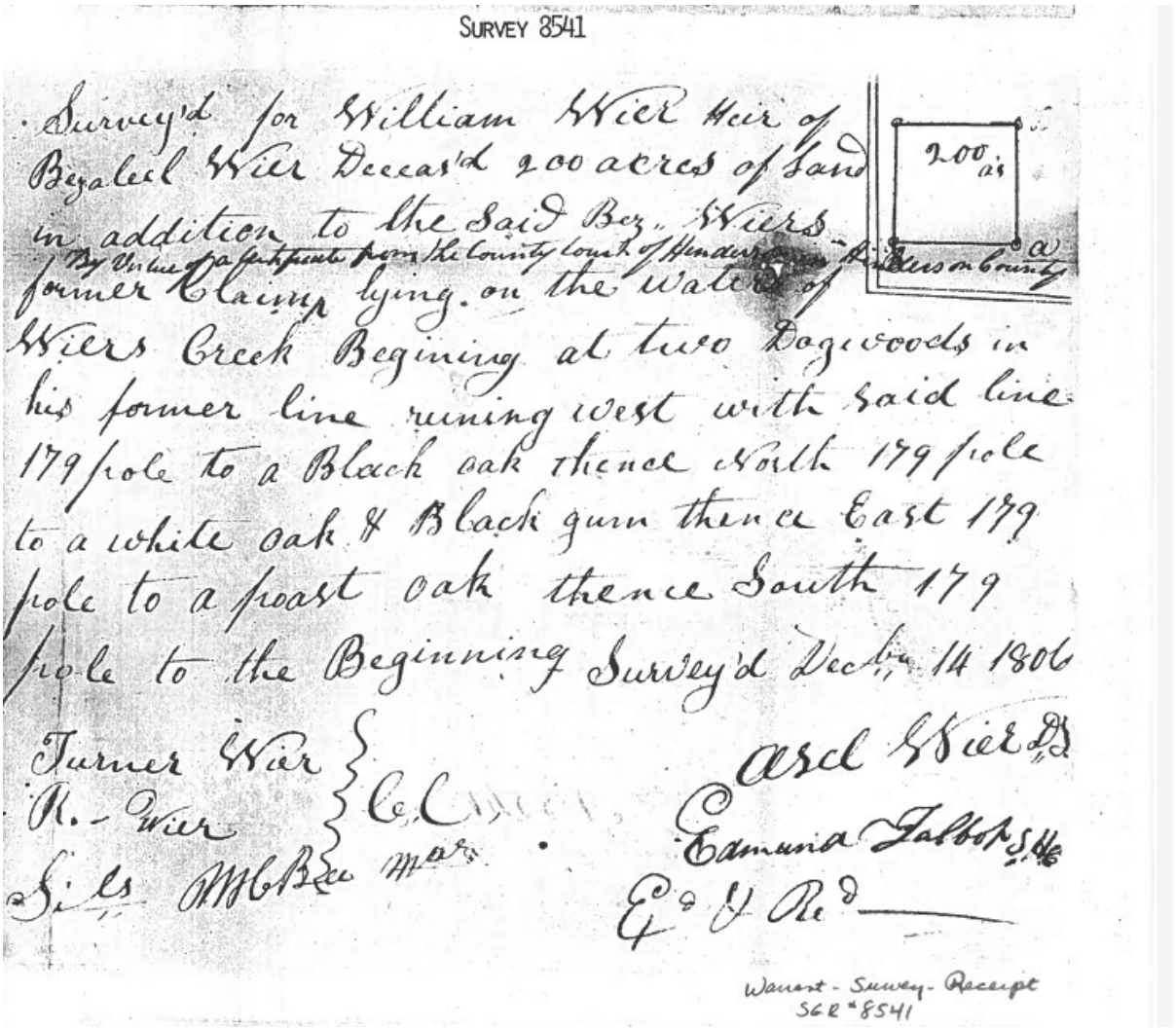
Images / Appendix



Appendix Image 1. Henderson County Court Certificate No. 134 — Front (August 1801).



Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back (endorsed "Bezaliel Weir 200 Acres").



SURVEY 8541

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Turner Wier
R. Wier
Sils MBBee Mar

Ascl Wier D.S.
Edmund Talbot S.H.C.
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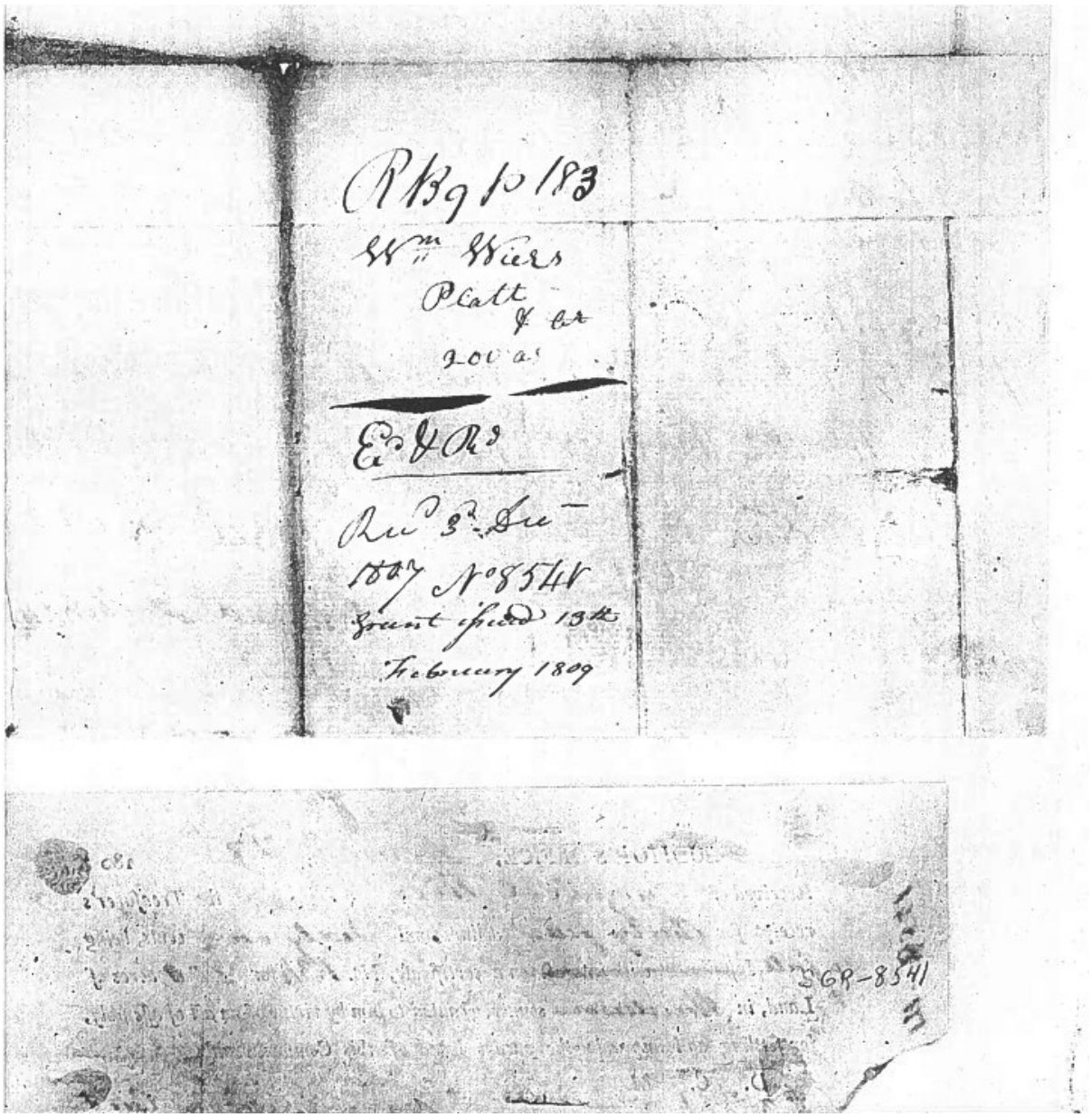
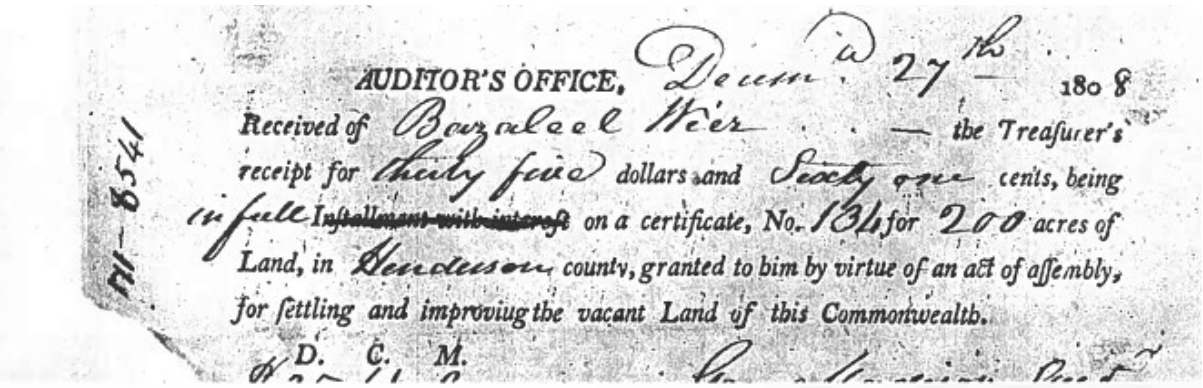
Warrant - Survey - Receipt
SGR #8541

Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 8541 — Front (14 December 1806).



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 8541 — Back (recorded Book 9, page 183; received 3 December 1807; grant issued 13 February 1809), with the back of the receipt below.



AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Decem^r 27th 1808

Received of Bazaleel Weir — the Treasurer's receipt for thirty five dollars and Sixty one cents, being in full ~~Installment with interest~~ on a certificate, No. 134 for 200 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.

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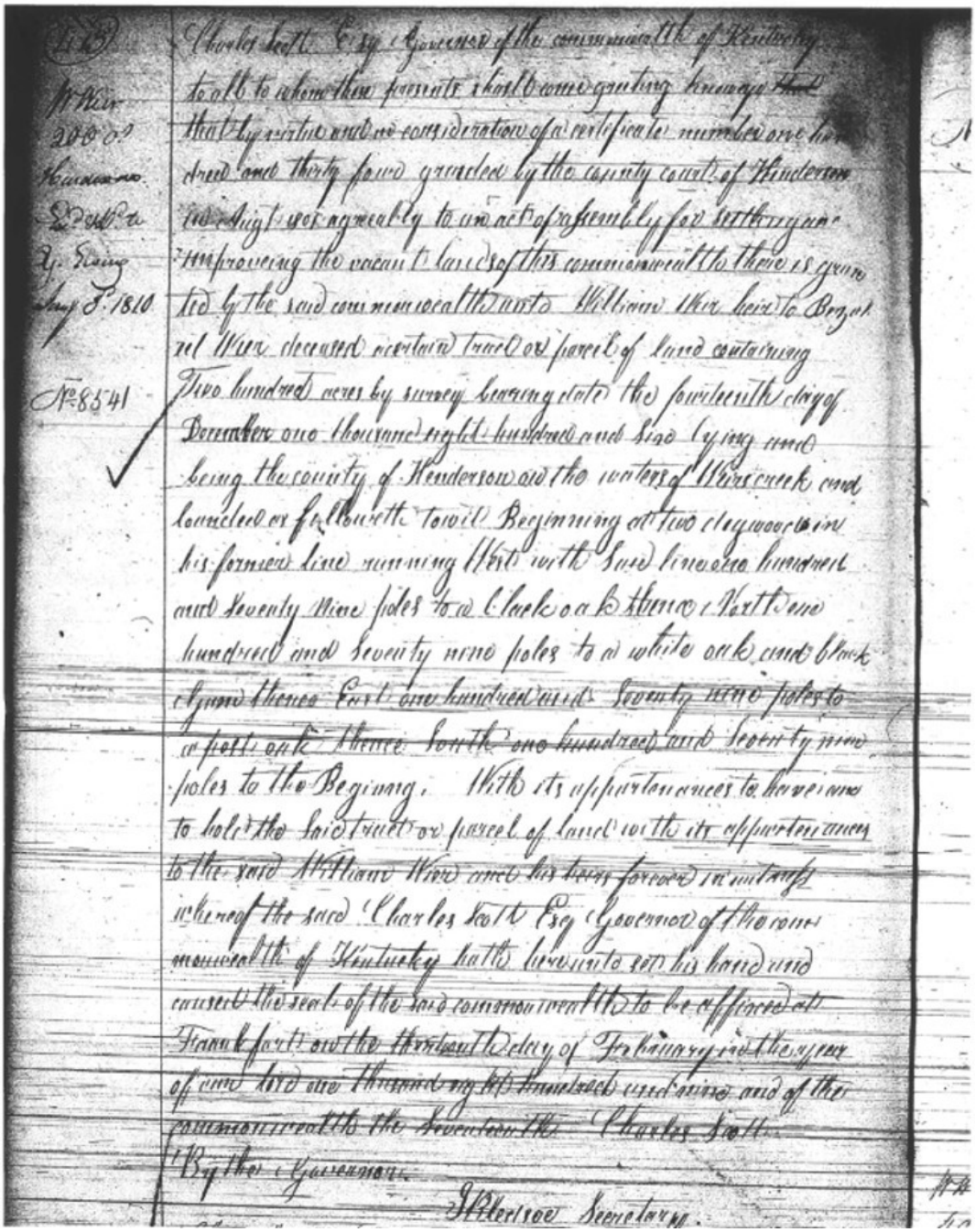
Appendix Image 5. Auditor's Office Receipt (27 December 1808).



Appendix Image 6. Grant/Patent No. 8541 (Grant Book 7, page 412 [?]; margin: delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810).