William Weir — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8552 (County Certificate No. 1)

282 Acres on the Waters of Weirs Creek, Hopkins County, Kentucky
Assignee of Arthur Slaton, by Part of a Henderson County Certificate

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the November 1800 Henderson County Court, Arthur Slaton claimed 400 acres on account of settling the same, lying on the waters of Weirs Creek, beginning in a line of Bezaleel Wier's and at Fayette Posey's most northeast corner, running westward and northward "as near according to law as the interfering claims will admit." On satisfactory proof the court found that Slaton had a right to a settlement of 400 acres and ordered a certificate to issue (Certificate No. 1; copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, clerk). On 23 May 1807 Slaton assigned the certificate "unto William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased," without recourse, with George Ashby as witness. On 18 November 1807 Deputy Surveyor Asel Wier surveyed 282 acres, part of the certificate, for William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton, on the waters of Weirs Creek in Hopkins County, for John Gordon, Surveyor of Hopkins County. Silas McBee and Turner Wier carried the chain and Russel Wier was marker. The survey was received on 3 December 1807, the $59.01 state price was paid on 27 December 1808, and Governor Charles Scott signed the patent to William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton, 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.

Surveyed for William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton, 282 acres of land by virtue of part of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, lying on the waters of Wiers Creek in Hopkins County. Beginning in a line of Bezaleel Wier's and at Fayette Posey's most north east corner; beginning at a hickory and elm corner of Fayette Posey; running West with Posey's line 152 poles to a hickory and dogwood corner of said Posey's survey; thence North 45 East 400 poles to two elms in Thomas Cooper's line; thence South 45 East 60 poles to two white oaks; thence South 210 poles [to] a black oak in Bezaleel Wier's line; thence West with said B. Wier's line 179 poles to a hickory corner of a survey made for Hannah McBee; thence South 30 poles to the beginning. November 18th 1807.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	1 (Henderson County Court, November 1800; settlement certificate for 400 acres, of which this survey is part)
Survey Grant Register Number	8552
Original Claimant	Arthur Slaton
Surveyed For / Patentee	Surveyed for and patented to William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton (indexed by Jillson as "Weir, Wm."); the assignment names him "heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased"
Acreage	282 acres, "by virtue of part of a certificate" for 400 acres
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Waters of Weirs Creek ("Wiers Creek")
County in Survey	Hopkins County (certificate issued by Henderson County)
Certificate Date	November 1800 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Date	18 November 1807
Received by Land Office	3 December 1807
Recording	Survey: Book 9, page 190. Patent: Grant Book 7, page 413 (archivist's margin note).
Patent / Grant Issued	13 February 1809, signed by Governor Charles Scott; delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810
State Price Notation	$59.01, paid in full, per Auditor's Office receipt dated

	27 December 1808, received of "Wm. Wier, assignee [of] A. Slaton" on Certificate No. 1 "for 282 pt. of 400 acres"
Deputy Surveyor	Asel Wier, D.S.
County Surveyor	John Gordon, S.H.C. (Surveyor, Hopkins County)
Chain Carriers	Silas McBee and Turner Wier (marker: Russel Wier)
Commissioners	None; county court certificate attested by Ambrose Barbour, C.C.

Chronology

November 1800	Henderson County Court finds that Arthur Slaton has a right to a settlement of 400 acres on the waters of Weirs Creek, beginning in a line of Bezaleel Wier's and at Fayette Posey's most northeast corner (Certificate No. 1; copy attested by Ambrose Barbour, C.C.)
23 May 1807	Arthur Slaton assigns the certificate "unto William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased," without recourse; test. George Ashby
18 November 1807	282 acres surveyed for William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton, by Asel Wier, D.S., for John Gordon, S.H.C.
3 December 1807	Plat and certificate received; survey recorded Book 9, page 190
27 December 1808	$59.01 paid in full on Certificate No. 1 for 282 acres, part of 400
13 February 1809	Grant No. 8552 issued to William Wier, assignee of Arthur Slaton, signed by Governor Charles Scott and Secretary J. Bledsoe; Grant Book 7, page 413
3 January 1810	Patent delivered to Y. Ewing (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

William Wier	Assignee of Arthur Slaton, named in the assignment as "heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased"; surveyed for; patentee ("Weir, Wm." in Jillson's index)
Arthur Slaton	Original claimant; settled the land; assignor to Wier
George Ashby	Witness to the assignment

Bezaleel Wier	Adjoining landowner; named as deceased in the 1807 assignment
Fayette Posey	Adjoining landowner; this survey begins at his most northeast corner
Thomas Cooper	Adjoining landowner
Hannah McBee	Adjoining landowner
Silas McBee	Chain carrier
Turner Wier	Chain carrier
Russel Wier	Marker
Asel Wier	Deputy surveyor
John Gordon	Surveyor of Hopkins 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 282-acre tract on the waters of Weirs Creek in Hopkins County, Kentucky, beginning at Fayette Posey's most northeast corner (the northeast corner of KLG 8542) and adjoining the lands of Fayette Posey, Thomas Cooper, Bezaleel Wier and Hannah McBee.

Research Notes

Heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased. Slaton's assignment of 23 May 1807 was made "unto William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased." This is documentary evidence that Bezaleel Wier had died by May 1807, two years before his own patent, KLG 8535, was issued in his name. The survey, receipt and patent call William Wier only "assignee of Arthur Slaton." Family research identifies Bezaleel Weir (1777–1806) 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.

"Bezaleel Wier's line." The survey runs south 210 poles to "a black oak in Bezaleel Wier's line," then west "with said B. Wier's line" 179 poles to Hannah McBee's hickory. The black oak is the northwest corner of Bezaleel Weir's KLG 1243 and the northeast corner of Hannah McBee's KLG 1241, both surveyed on 7 November 1798; the 179-pole course is 1241's north line. Three days after Slaton's assignment, Sarah Branson assigned

the certificate behind KLG 8545 in the same words, to "William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased."

Confirming 8542's 152 poles. This survey begins at Fayette Posey's northeast corner, the hickory and elm, and runs "West with Posey's line 152 poles" to his hickory and dogwood corner. That is the fourth course of Posey's survey, KLG 8542, which the 8542 survey gives as 159 poles and its patent as 152. This survey, made by the same deputy eight months later, supports the patent's 152.

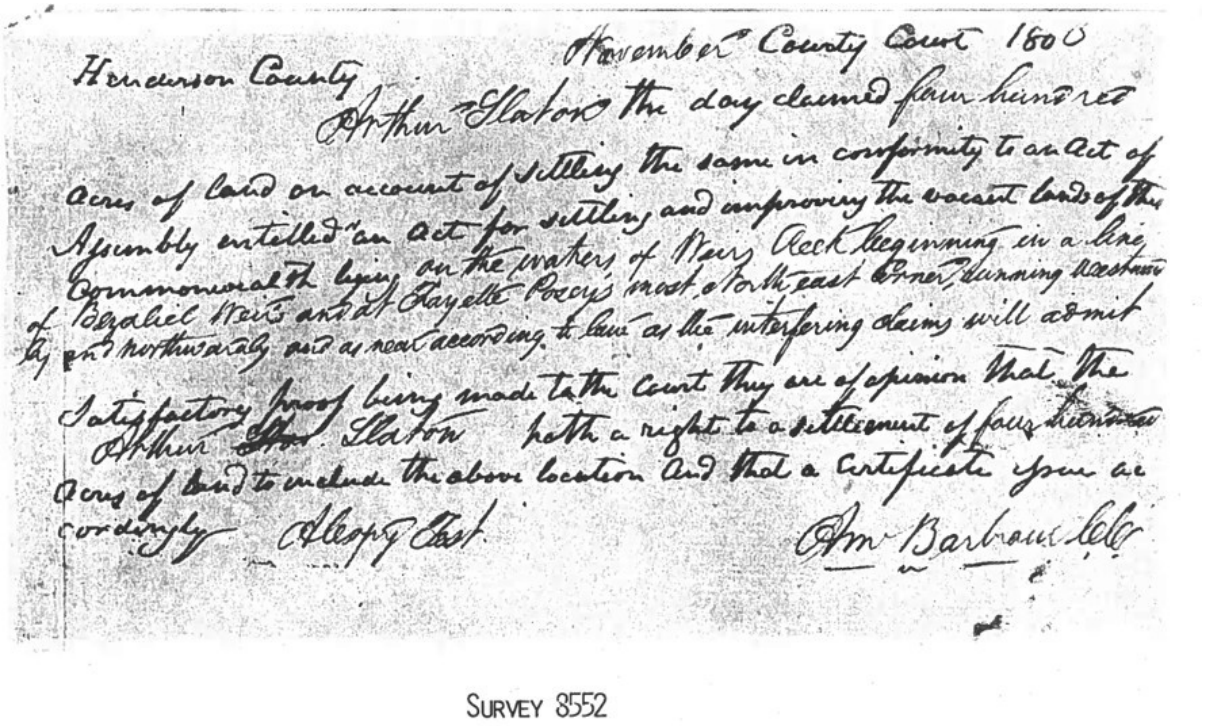
Posey's corner in 1800. Slaton's certificate of November 1800 already refers to "Fayette Posey's most northeast corner," though Posey's own certificate dates from September 1805 and his survey from March 1807. Posey's settlement evidently had recognized bounds by 1800. The certificate also anticipates "interfering claims."

Part of a certificate. The certificate was for 400 acres; the survey, receipt ("for 282 pt. of 400 acres") and patent all describe 282 acres as part of it. Plotted, the survey closes within about 6 poles and holds about 285 acres. Where the remaining 118 acres were laid, if anywhere, is not shown in this file.

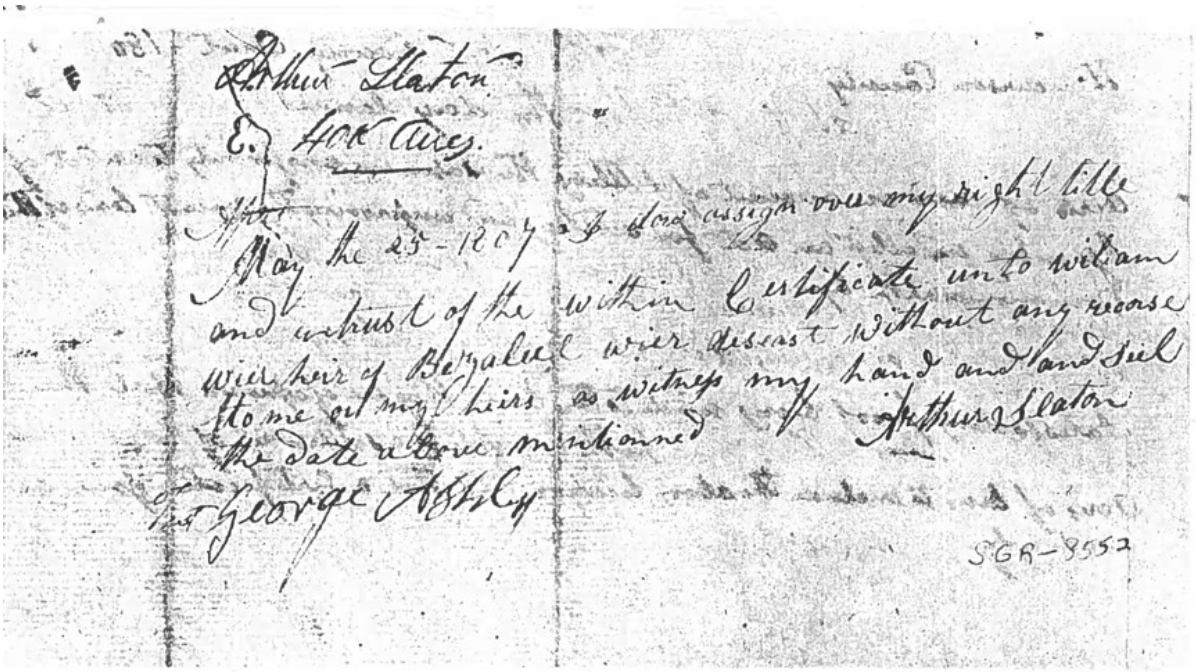
The same day as 8558. Asel Wier surveyed this tract on 18 November 1807, the same day as Russell Wier's KLG 8558, both for John Gordon of Hopkins County. Both were received on 3 December 1807. The receipt's margin reads "B 171 No 8552," the grant number, and a modern archivist's note on the patent gives Grant Book 7, page 413.

Spelling. The record writes the surname "Wier" and Posey's name both "Posey" and "Poesy"; Jillson indexes the grant as "Weir, Wm." This report uses Weir in its headings and the record's spelling in quotations and transcriptions.

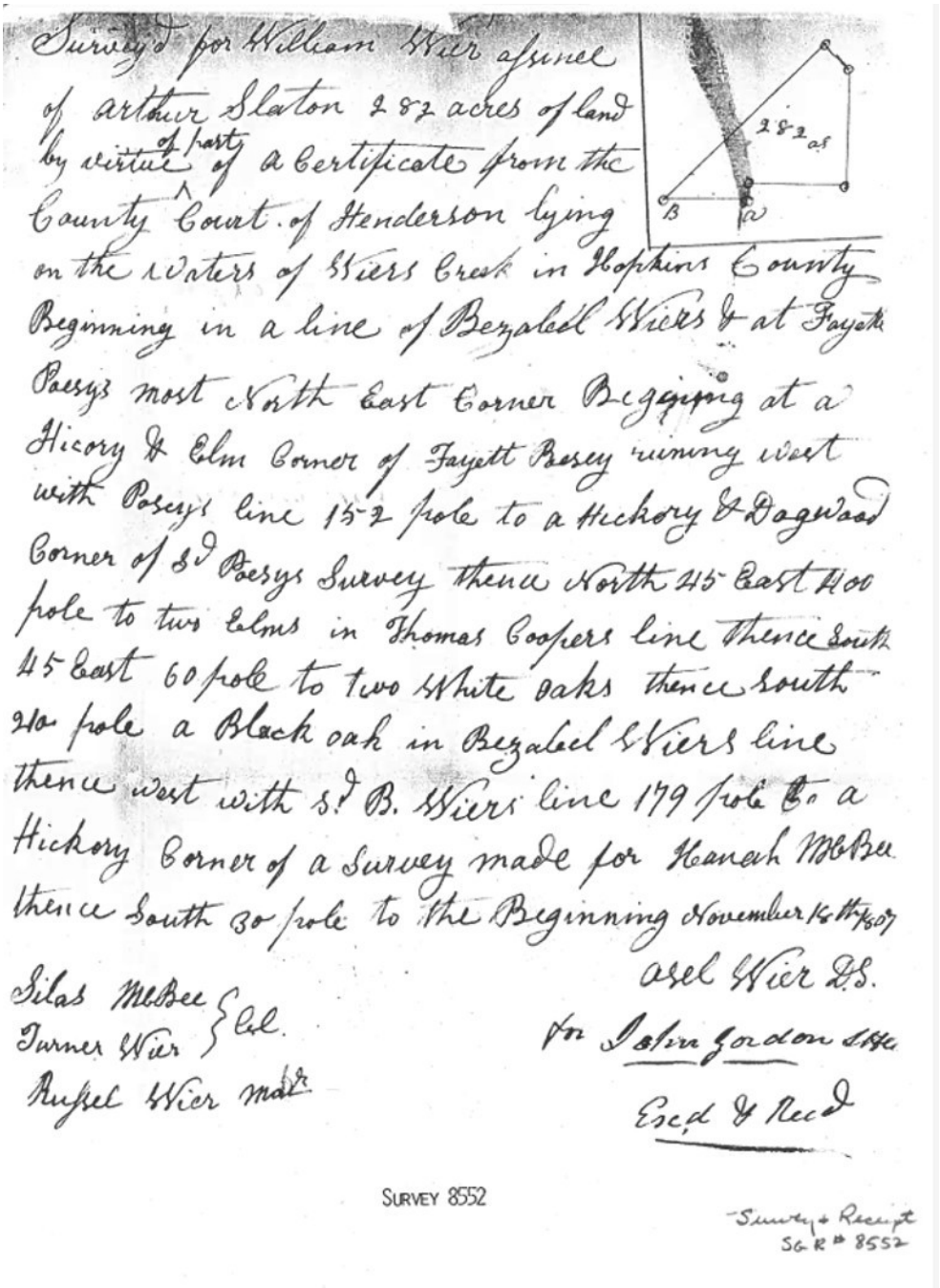
Images / Appendix



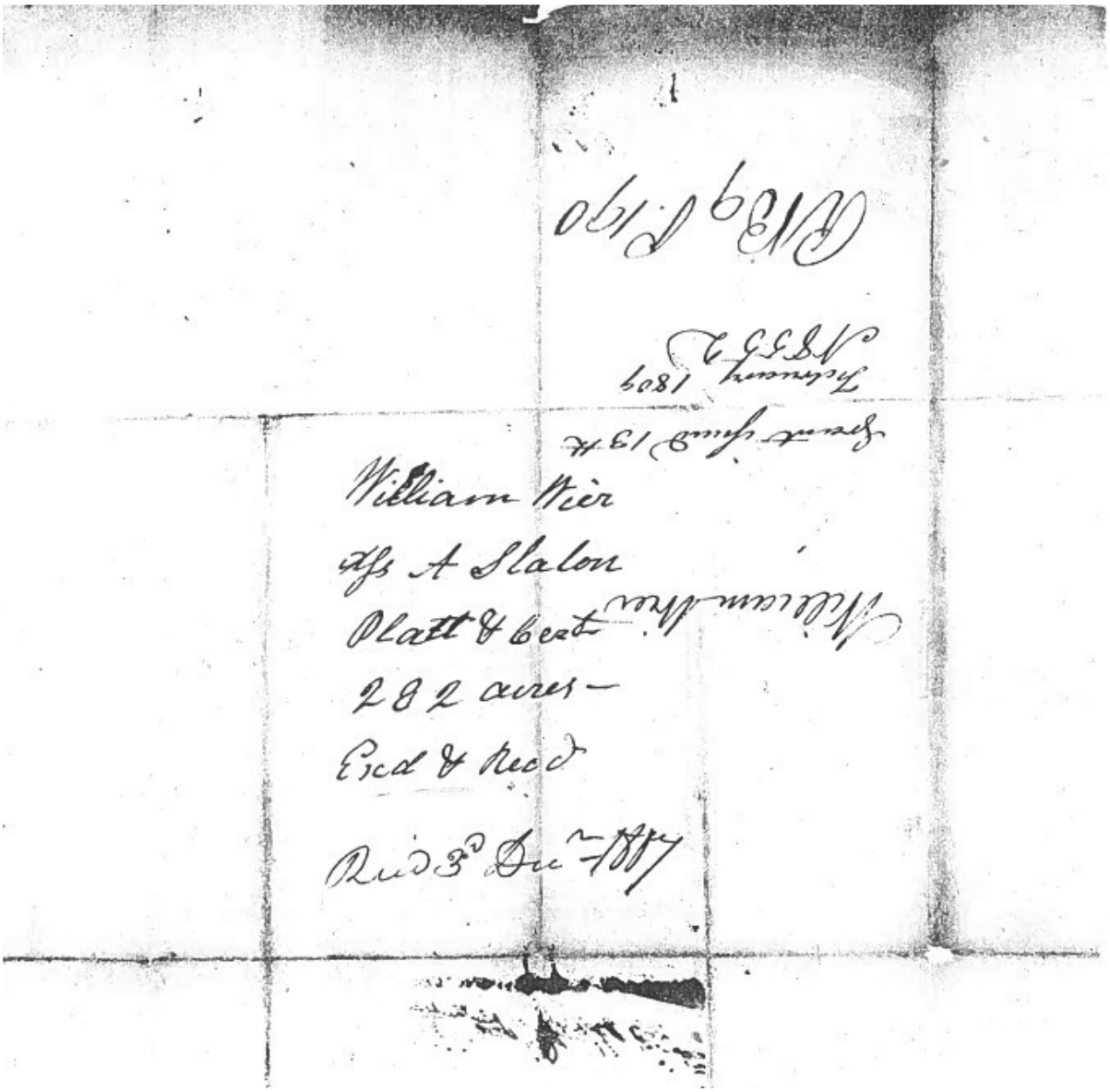
Appendix Image 1. Henderson County Court Certificate No. 1 — Front (November 1800).



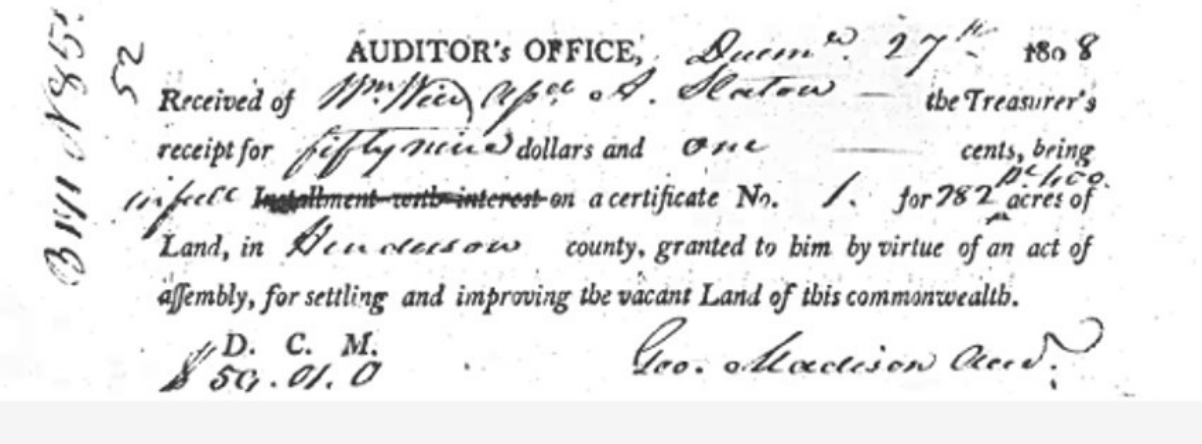
Appendix Image 2. Certificate — Back (Arthur Slaton to William Wier, heir of Bezaleel Wier, deceased, 23 May 1807).



Appendix Image 3. Survey No. 8552 — Front (18 November 1807).



Appendix Image 4. Survey No. 8552 — Back (received 3 December 1807; recorded Book 9, page 190; grant issued 13 February 1809).



AUDITOR's OFFICE, Decem^r. 27th 1808

Received of Wm. Weir Ap^ce. A. Slaton — the Treasurer's receipt for fifty nine dollars and one — cents, being in full ~~Installment with interest~~ on a certificate No. 1. for 782 p^c 100 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.
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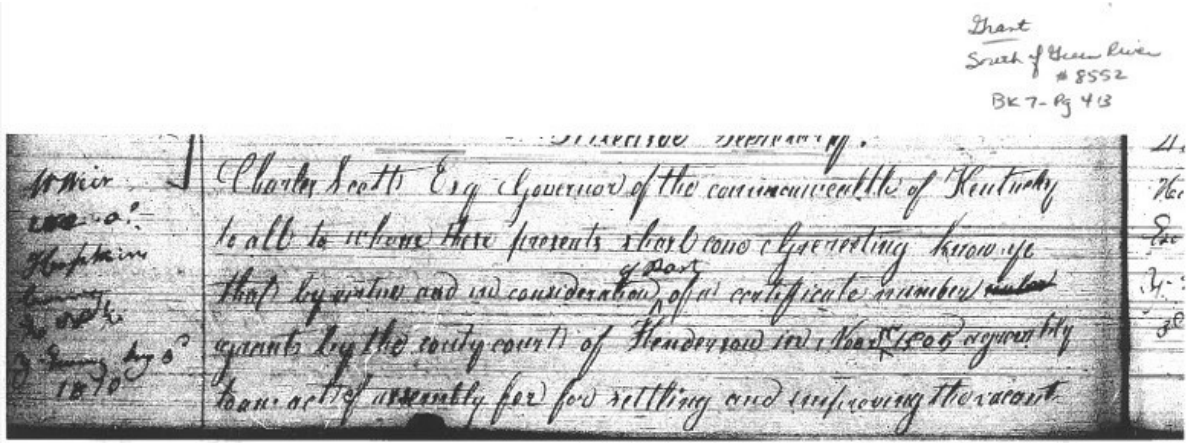
Geo. Madison Aud.

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



Grant
South of Green River
#8552
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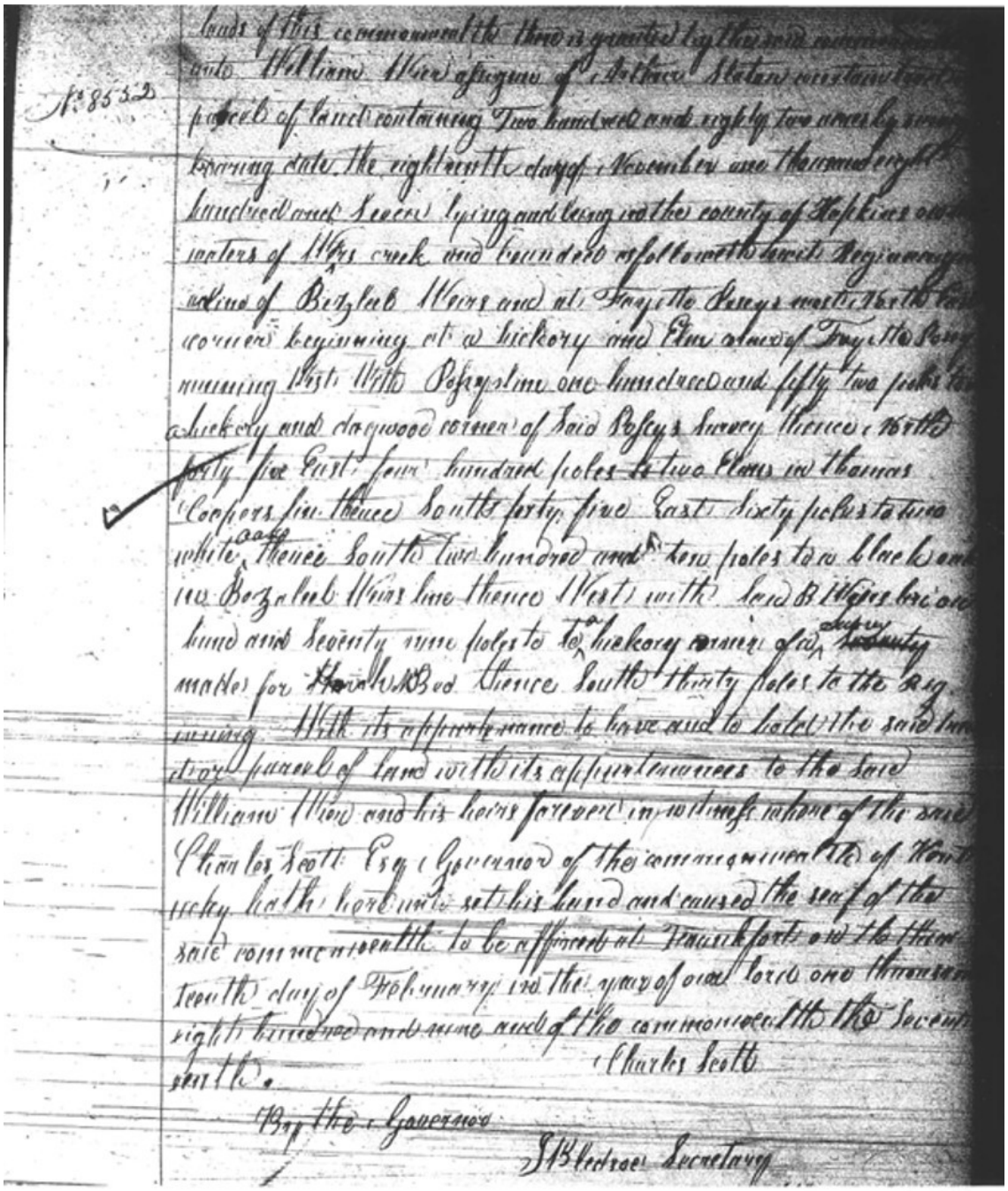
Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth of Kentucky to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting know ye that by virtue and in consideration of part of a certificate number ~~[illegible]~~ granted by the county court of Henderson in Novr 1805 agreeably to an act of assembly for for settling and improving the vacant

Appendix Image 6. Grant/Patent No. 8552 — Page 1 (Grant Book 7, page 413; margin: delivered to Y. Ewing, 3 January 1810).

No. 8552



lands of this commonwealth there is granted by the said commonwealth
unto William Weir assignee of Arthur Slaton certain tract
parcel of land containing Two hundred and eighty two acres by survey
bearing date the eighteenth day of November one thousand eight
hundred and Seven lying and being in the county of Hopkins on the
waters of Weirs creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning
a line of Bezaleel Weirs and at Fayette Poseys west North East
corner beginning at a hickory and Elm corner of Fayette Posey
running West with Posey line one hundred and fifty two poles to
a hickory and dogwood corner of Said Poseys Survey thence North
forty five East four hundred poles to two Elms in thomas
Coopers line thence South forty five East Sixty poles to two
white oaks thence South two hundred and ten poles to a black oak
in Bezaleel Weirs line thence West with Said B Weirs line one
hund and Seventy nine poles to a hickory corner of a Survey
made for Hawk Bed thence South thirty poles to the Beg-
inning With its appurtenance to have and to hold the said tract
or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said
William Weir and his heirs forever in witness whereof the said
Charles Scott Esq Governor of the commonwealth of Kent-
ucky hath hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the
said commonwealth to be affixed at Frankfort on the thir-
teenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand
eight hundred and nine and of the commonwealth the Seventeenth.

Charles Scott

By the Governor

J Bledsoe Secretary

Appendix Image 7. Grant/Patent No. 8552 — Page 2.