William Whitesides — Kentucky Land Grant — Patent No. 8148 (County Certificate No. 531)

254 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater, Henderson County, Kentucky
Original Claimant and Patentee, under County Court Certificate No. 531

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

At the January 1804 term of the Henderson County Court, William Whitesides claimed 400 acres on the waters of Tradewater on account of settling the land, beginning at a black oak and running northwardly and at right angles to include his improvement, and the Court found him entitled to a settlement of 400 acres and ordered Certificate No. 531 to issue. Deputy Surveyor Wilie Sugg surveyed 254 acres for him on 22 March 1805 for County Surveyor Edmund Talbot, the same day he surveyed Samuel Whitesides' KLG 8147, with Moses French and Joseph Henderson as chain carriers and William Whitesides as his own marker. The tract ran with the lines of William French and Samuel Whitesides. The survey was received on 28 November 1807 and recorded in Book 8, page 496. Two hundred acres of the certificate had been paid in full by installments; the balance on the other 54 acres, $7.84 with interest, was paid through W. R. Wier on 27 November 1821. Governor John Adair issued Grant No. 8148 to Whitesides on 29 November 1821, and the patent was examined and delivered to W. R. Wier on 18 December 1821.

Survey Description

Complete metes-and-bounds description transcribed for mapping. All distances are in poles.

Surveyed for William Whitesides, 254 acres of land by virtue of a certificate from the County Court of Henderson, in Henderson County on the waters of Tradewater. Beginning at a black oak; running North 10 East 135 poles to a black oak and hickory in William French's line; thence with his line South 80 East 200 poles to his corner black oak and dogwood; thence with another of said lines North 30 East 200 poles to French's beginning corner, a white oak; thence North 85 East 80 poles to a hickory and dogwood corner to Samuel Whitesides' survey; thence with his line South 30 West 252.9 poles to another of his corners, two post oaks, hickory and dogwood; thence with another of his lines South 57 East 50 poles to a hickory and white oak; thence South 51 West 170 poles to a poplar and elm; thence North 4 West 100 poles to two Spanish oaks; thence South 80 West 170 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 22 March 1805.his lines South 57 East 50 poles to a hickory and white oak; thence South 51 West 170 poles to a poplar and elm; thence North 4 West 100 poles to two Spanish oaks; thence South 80 West 170 poles to the beginning. Surveyed 22 March 1805.

Record Summary

Certificate Number	County Court Certificate No. 531
Survey Grant Register Number	8148
Original Claimant	William Whitesides
Assignee / Surveyed For	Not applicable — William Whitesides was both original claimant and patentee; no assignment occurred
Acreage	400 Acres claimed by County Court Certificate; 254 Acres by Survey and Patent
Land Quality	Not stated
Watercourse	Tradewater (waters of Tradewater)
County in Survey	Henderson County, Kentucky
Certificate Date	January 1804 (Henderson County Court)
Survey Date	22 March 1805
Received by Land Office	28 November 1807
Recording Reference	Survey: Book 8, page 496. Patent: pages 260–261 (grant book not shown in the images).
Patent / Grant Issued	29 November 1821, Frankfort, Kentucky; examined and delivered to W. R. Wier, 18 December 1821

State Price Notation	$7.84, balance in full with interest on 54 acres, part of 400; the other 200 acres paid in full by installments
Deputy Surveyor	Wilie Sugg
County Surveyor	Edmund Talbot
Chain Carriers	Moses French; Joseph Henderson
Marker	William Whitesides
Commissioners	Not named; certified by Ambrose Barbour, Clerk of Henderson County Court

Chronology

January 1804	Henderson County Court grants Certificate No. 531 to William Whitesides for 400 acres
22 March 1805	Survey completed (SGR No. 8148), describing 254 acres; chain carriers Moses French and Joseph Henderson
28 November 1807	Survey received; recorded Book 8, page 496 (endorsement on back of survey)
Before 1821	200 acres of the 400-acre certificate paid in full by installments (Auditor's note)
27 November 1821	"Wm Whitesides (by W R Wier)" pays $7.84, balance in full with interest, on 54 acres, part of 400, on Certificate No. 531
29 November 1821	Land Patent No. 8148 issued to William Whitesides
18 December 1821	Patent examined and delivered to W. R. Wier (margin note)

Persons Named in the Record

William Whitesides	Original claimant, marker on survey, and patentee
Samuel Whitesides	Adjoining landowner referenced in survey
William French	Adjoining landowner referenced in survey
Moses French	Chain carrier
Joseph Henderson	Chain carrier

Wilie Sugg	Deputy Surveyor
Edmund Talbot	County Surveyor
Ambrose Barbour	Clerk of Henderson County Court, certifying officer
W. R. Wier	Paid the 1821 balance for Whitesides; received the patent, 18 December 1821
Thos. Page	Clerk for the Auditor (P. Clay); signed both receipts
P. Clay	Auditor
John Adair	Governor
J. Cabell Breckinridge	Secretary

Land Description

A 254-acre tract on the waters of Tradewater, in Henderson County, Kentucky, adjoining the lines of William French and Samuel Whitesides.

Research Notes

This record involves no chain of assignment: William Whitesides was the original claimant named in County Court Certificate No. 531 in January 1804 and remained the sole patentee when Grant No. 8148 was issued on 29 November 1821, nearly eighteen years after the certificate and more than sixteen years after the survey, the longest delay in this cluster.

The certificate allowed 400 acres, but the survey took only 254. The Auditor's two receipts account for the difference in payment: a note signed by Thomas Page says that 200 acres of the 400 "has been paid on in full" by installments, and the receipt of 27 November 1821 is for the balance "on 54 p[ar]t [of] 400 acres." Together they make the 254 acres patented. The 1821 receipt names the "Anderson County Court," a clerk's slip for Henderson.

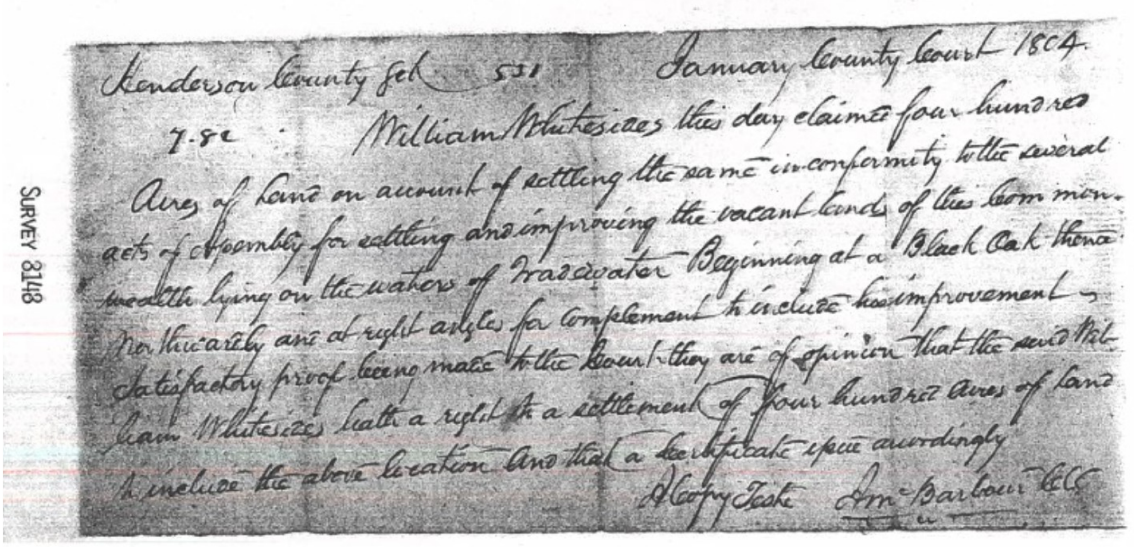
The 1821 receipt was "Received of Wm Whitesides (by W R Wier)," and the patent margin reads "Ex[amine]d & D[elivere]d to W. R. Wier, Decr 18, 1821." W. R. Wier paid the last of the state price for Whitesides and received the patent.

Same day as Samuel Whitesides: this survey and Samuel Whitesides' KLG 8147 were both made on 22 March 1805 by Wilie Sugg, and both were received on 28 November 1807 and recorded in Book 8, page 496. 8148 runs with Samuel Whitesides' line S 30 W 252.9 poles, a full side of his square, and then 50 poles along his S 57 E line to a hickory and white oak. KLG 8126 (William Owen) runs N 51 E 180 poles from a poplar to that same hickory and white oak, "also corner to William Whitesides"; 8148 runs S 51 W 170 poles from it, the same line in reverse.

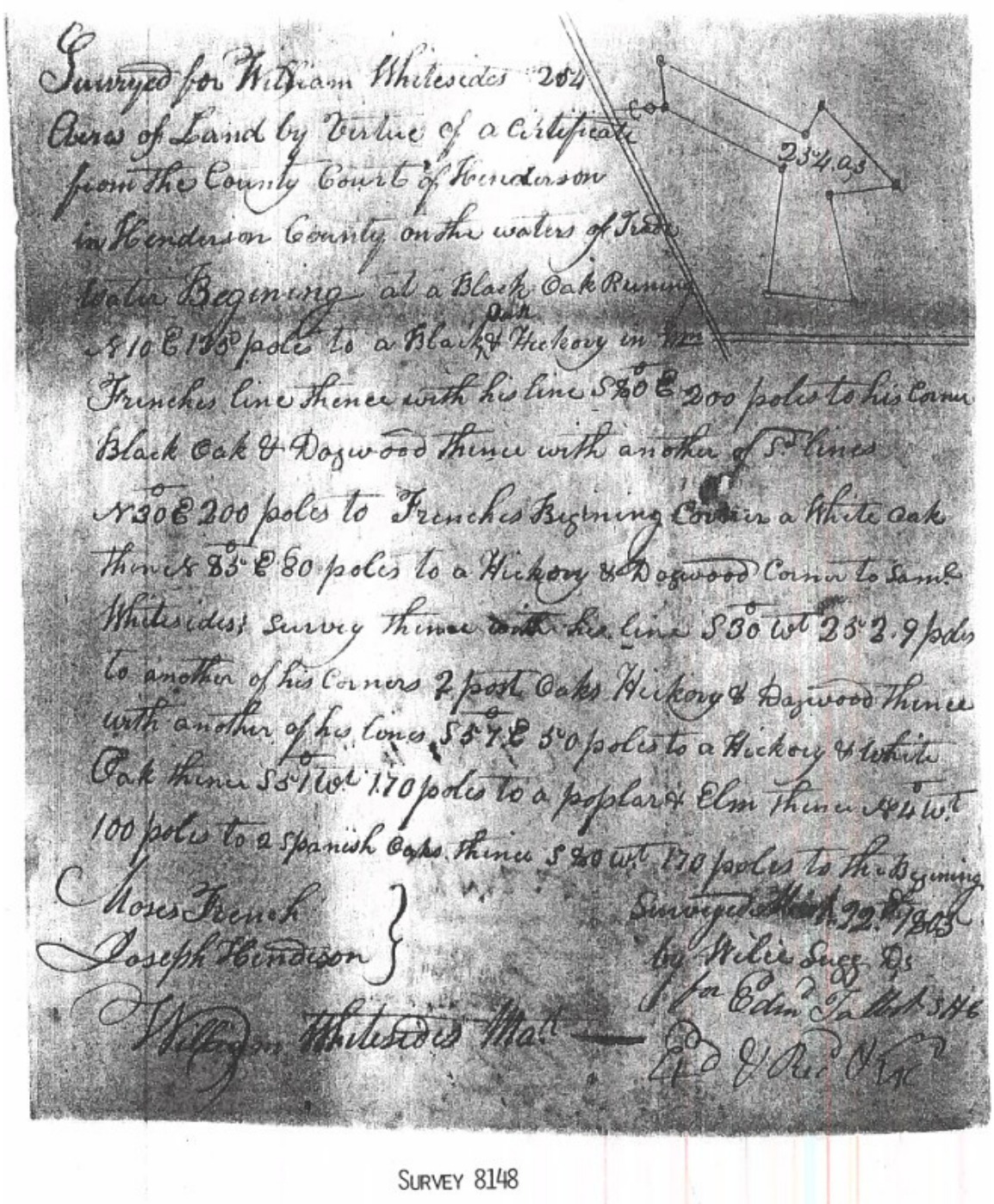
Closure: the survey and the patent agree on every course, but as written the courses leave a gap of about 10 poles at the beginning and enclose about 291 acres rather than 254. One course was probably miscopied.

Corrections to the earlier transcription: the chain carriers were Moses French and Joseph Henderson, not Thomas French; the first course is 135 poles, not 134; the survey was recorded in Book 8, page 496, not Book 18; and the deputy surveyor signed "Wilie Sugg."

Images / Appendix



Appendix Image 1. Certificate No. 531 — Front (Henderson County Court, January 1804).



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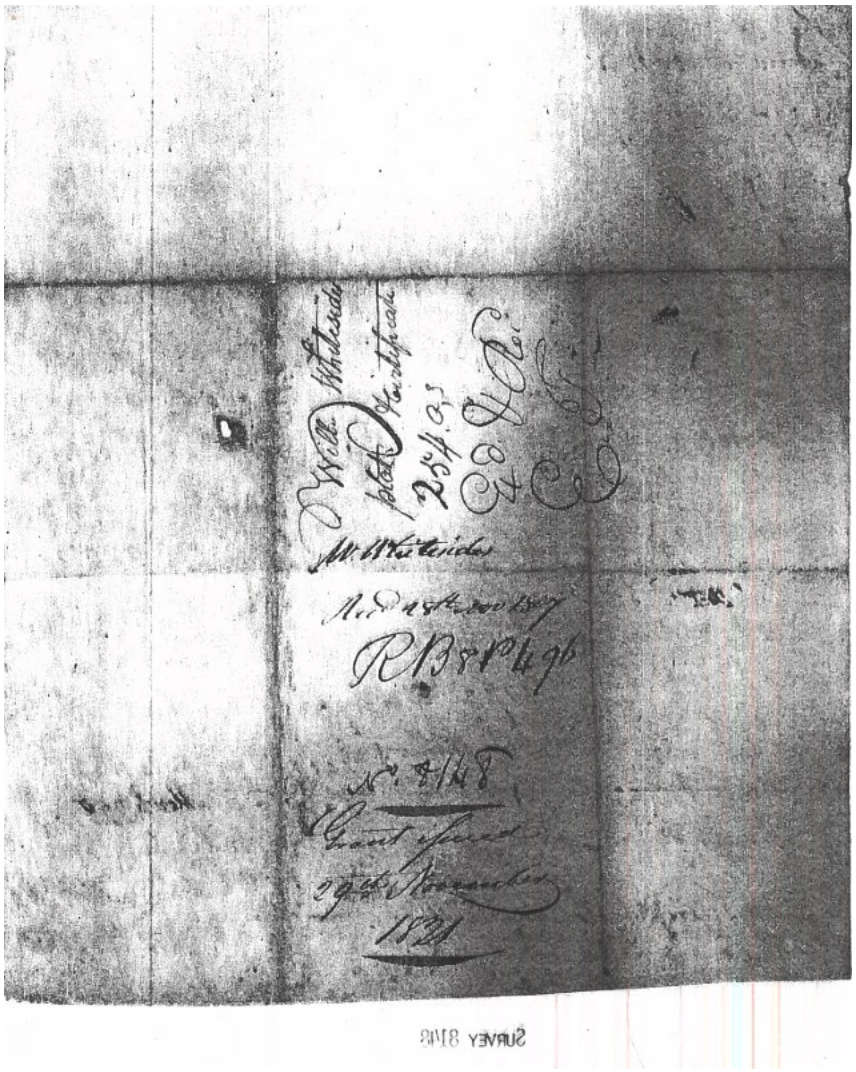
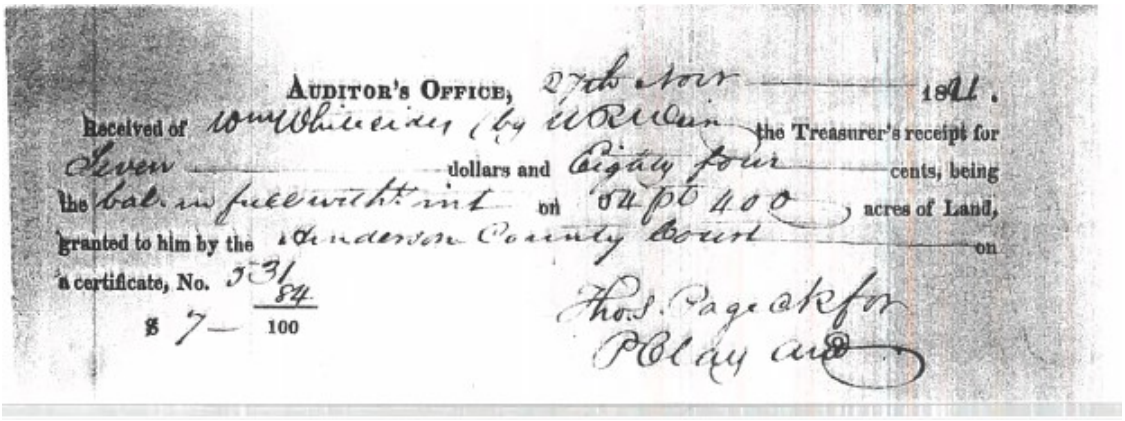
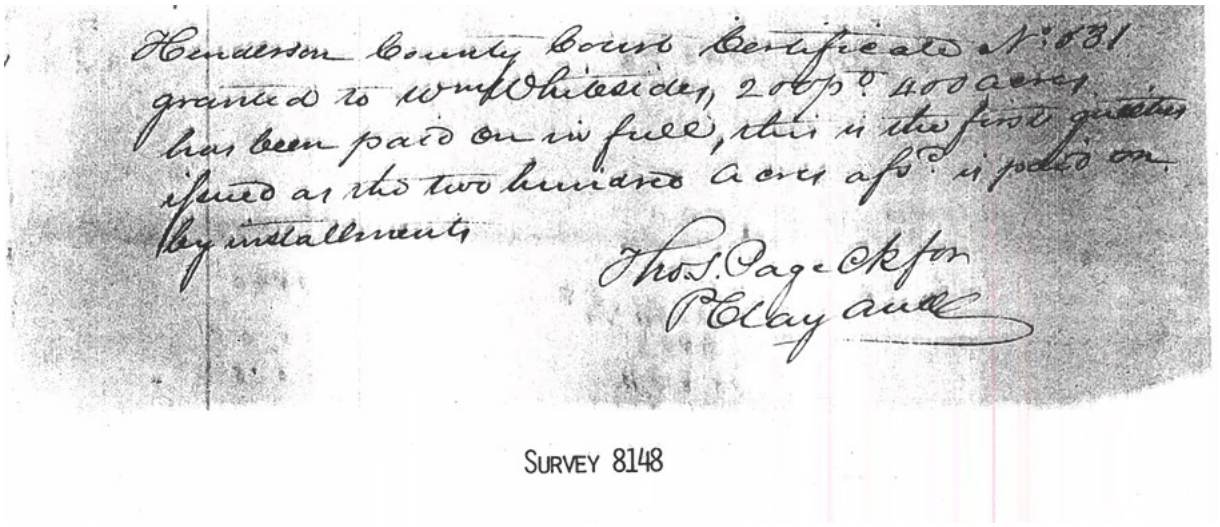
Appendix Image 2. Survey — Front, with plat (22 March 1805).



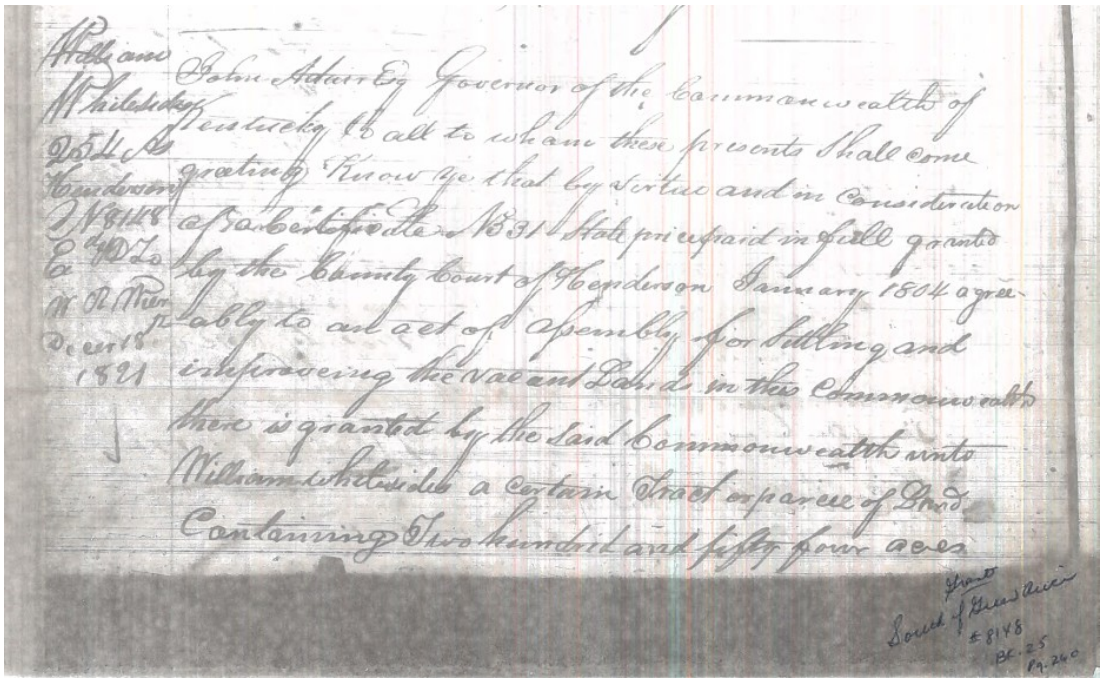
Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (received 28 Nov 1807, recorded Book 8, page 496; grant issued 29 Nov 1821).



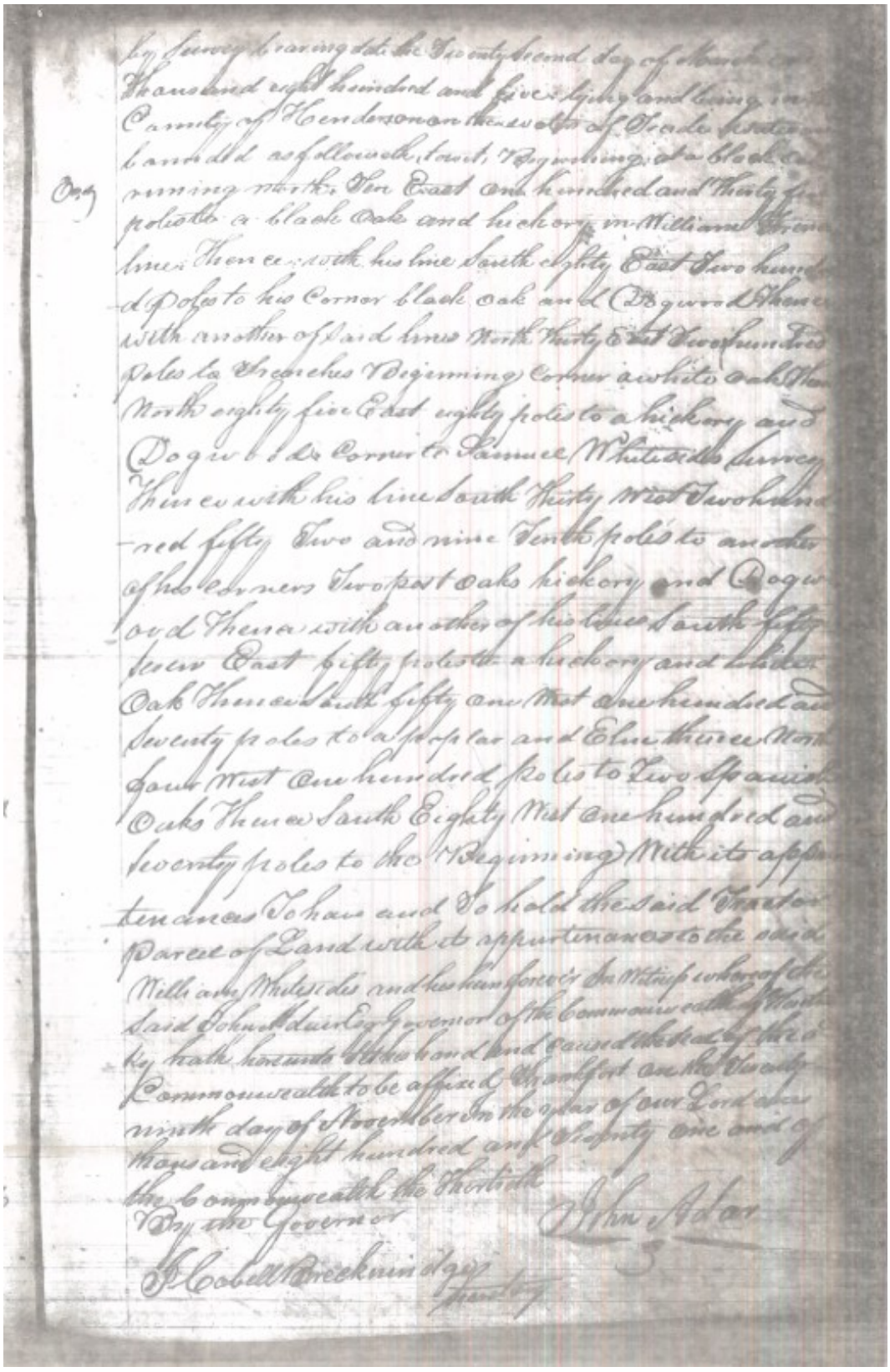
Appendix Image 4. Auditor's Office receipt, 27 November 1821 ($7.84 on 54 acres, part of 400).



Appendix Image 5. Auditor's note: 200 acres of Certificate No. 531 paid in full by installments.



Appendix Image 6. Patent (Page 1), with margin note of delivery to W. R. Wier.



Appendix Image 7. Patent (Page 2).