

Memorandum the above depositions were taken and an Elm a shel barked hickory and white Oak were fresh marked with six notches each in presence of John Mackie & William Worthington and the Publick Paper containing the legal notification of the time and place for these proceedings also was produced to us

John Wilson
John Gutridge
Jos Doniphan

* Mason County Sit May Court 1797
~~These depositions for~~
~~Establishing same title for same was~~
~~Returned by the Commissioners and~~
~~Ordered to be returned~~

Teste Geo. Marshall J. C. C.

The Deposition of Alexander McClelland of Lawrence
age taken ~~the twenty~~ fifth day of May one Thousand
Seven Hundred and ninety Seven at an improvement
on the waters of Clarks Run in the County of Mason
made for John McClelland Senr.) agreeable to an
act of the General Assembly of Kentucky entitled
an act to Ascertain the Boundaries of Land and
for other Purposes and agreeable to an Order of
the County Court of Mason County, This deponent
Swearth and Saith that he in Company with

Francis McClelland in the month of August one
Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five made
an improvement ^{for said John McClelland} at the spot now shewn by build-
ing a Cabin and deadening ~~some~~ number of trees
around it and that in the year one Thousand
Seven hundred and Eighty as well as this deponent
remembers he laid in a Claim and obtained a
Certificate for the same from the Commissioners of
pointed to settle and adjust the Claims to lands
in Kentucky.

Questⁿ 1st by John Mackie. Are you related to the
said John McClelland -

Ans. He was my father, but ~~he~~ is now dead.

Questⁿ 2nd Did your father the said John McClelland
employ to make to make this improvement for him.

Ans. Yes.

Questⁿ 3rd Was said John McClelland ever in Kentucky.

Ans. no.

Questⁿ 4th Do you consider yourself as interested in the fate
of this Claim of said John McClelland so as to be
gainer or loser thereby

Ans. No.

Questⁿ 5th Did your father the said John McClelland
die without a will.

Ans. I believe he did.

Questⁿ 6th Have you Received no emolument or advantage

from the sale of this land other than the Compensation made you for making the improvement.
 Ans: My Father the said John McClelland gave me a tract of Land on Robinsons Run in Pennsylvania for the money advanced in procuring his warrant and my Expence and trouble in attending to his Claim and other money he owed me

Quest: by the Commissioners. What was the Situation of the title to the tract of Land given you by your father when you received it.

Ans: It was held by an Improvement belonging to Josiah Records & I paid the office fees and took out a Patent in my own name.

Quest: 2nd How did your father get Josiah Records improvement right.

Ans: In Exchange for five Hundred Acres of his Preemption here.

Sworn to before Joseph Doniphan — a Justice of Peace for the said County of Mason & subscribed by the said deponent in presence of and attested by John Pickett and John Gutridge two of the Commissioners appointed for the purpose.

John Pickett
 John Gutridge

Alexander ^{his} McClelland
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We Certify that one beech two blue ashes and a scaly bark hickory trees were marked

with six Chops on each before Joseph Doniphan James Pollock and Tapha Pollock

John Pickett

John Gutridge

Mason County Sit 25th of May 1797

This Deposition to Establish McClellands Preemption was returned by the Commissioners to be recorded.

Teste Tho. Marshall Clerk

The Deposition of Richard Masterson taken before us Commissioners appointed by the Court of Mason for perpetuating of John Fitzgeralds improvement on the north fork of Licking on the south side thereof.

This Deponent being first sworn deposeth and saith that some time in the month of May seventeen hundred and seventy six that he the ~~said~~ deponent in company with John Watson and John Fitzgeralds made a Cabin and deded some trees which babb was made by the Company and allotted to John Fitzgerald and his claim laid before the Commissioners and this deponent