

246 Looking Glass One Augar of Iron Hook 1/4 0 9 10
 One pound & Quarter Steel 1/10 0 4 10 1/2
 One hoe 6/ One pair Silver Steels 1/4 0 7 4
 One ff Saddle Bags & One water }
 pale and two Piggons 5/- } 0 3 0
 Two Auk 6 3 One Iron pot 3/ two wooden bowls 8 0 4 2
 One Meal Tub One Forker & One Cann 0 6 0
 Three Selling Chairs 7/6 One Coat 3/- 1 17 6
 55 14 5 1/2

Robert Rankins
 Nathan Stevenson
 Simon Fielder
 Richard Stevenson

Mason County Set April Court 1797
 The Inventory and Appraisement
 of the Estate of John Crab Deceased
 was returned and Ordered to be
 Recorded Teste T. Marshall, Ck

In Obedience to an Order of the worshipfull the
 County Court of Mason County and in Conformity with
 an Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky Entitled
 an Act to ascertain the Boundaries of Land and
 for other purposes. We John Guttridge John Wilson
 and Joseph Doniphan Commissioners named in

247 the Said Order met on the 26 day of May 1797 at the
 spot where Thomas Maxwells Improvement is said to have
 been made to receive Testimony respecting the same. —
 Whereupon Alexander McCannan came before the said
 Commissioners and being sworn depose and saith that about
 the first of March one thousand seven hundred and
 Seventy Six in Company with William McCannell
 David Perry and two Francis McCannells he assisted
 in making an improvement at or near this spot for Thomas
 Maxwell his Recollection of the ground on the spring —
 is just below and the Chops Remaining on the trees around
 satisfy him with respect to the intenty of the place
 they Erected here at this place a Cabin of sixteen feet
 square and betted a number of trees about it which
 was their common practice where they made improvements
 Question first by Commissioners

Was said Thomas Maxwell
 in Company with you when this improvement was made,
 Answer, No.

Question the second, why was said Maxwell entitled
 to this as his Improvement, — David Perry and myself
 agreed to make an Improvement for said Maxwell for
 work he had done for us —

Question the third, — was the improvement at this place
 made for the said Maxwell and no other person

Answer yes.

Question the fourth are you interested in the state of the
 Preemption so as to be gainer or looser thereby

Answer no,

Alex^r his
mark McClelland

John Kenton another witness being sworn deposeseth and sayeth that he was in company with William McCounell when he came to make said Maxwells survey and assisted in making the same who was informed by said McCounell that he assisted in making this improvement and further sayeth not.

John Kenton

Samuel Logan one other witness being sworn deposeseth and sayeth that in the month of ~~December~~ one thousand seven hundred and eighty five to the best of his knowledge, he was employed by William McCounell to carry chain for him in surveying said Maxwells preemption and that the improvement at this place (as he believes) was about three high and that said McCounell informed him that it was the improvement he was to make the survey on and as well as he recollects said McCounell said that he assisted in making it.

Same Logan

Benjamin Reeves another witness being sworn deposeseth and sayeth that in clearing the ground at this place he removed and destroyed the remains of a Cabin which had the appearance of having been ~~built~~ a considerable time before and took the precaution to drive a stake as near the

Centre of said Cabin as he could as he expected the identity of the spot might come in question it being called Maxwells improvement and further this deponent sayeth not Benjamin Reeves

Josiah Records being called upon as a witness in said matter deposeseth and sayeth that a few days before Alexander McClellen another witness (sworn on this occasion) came to Kentucky last he had been requested by Austine Reeves to let him know when said McClellen arrived as the persons interested wished to get his deposition respecting said Maxwells preemption. This deponent accordingly spoke to the said McClellen on the subject and in the course of their conversation said McClellen gave him an exact description of this place by mentioning the situation of the branches the spring and side of the branch or drain the improvement was made on and further this deponent sayeth not.

Josiah Records

The above depositions of Alexander McClellen John Kenton Samuel Logan Benjamin Reeves and Josiah Records were sworn to & subscribed before us the day and year first above written.

John Wilson }
John Gutridge } Commissioners
Jos. Sniffham }