

TN.019 INFORMATION REGARDING "THE FIFTH SURVEY DISTRICT OF
TENNESSEE, 1816-1823, GRANTS (NUMBERS) 1601-2548,
VOLUME "C."

Entered in April of 1998 by Robert R. Hill of Brandon, Fl.

Source: Copied from a booklet by Diane E. Pederson.

This includes Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Granger,
Jefferson, Knox & Sevier Counties.

Record group 50 contains early land records of the state of Tennessee. Some of the early survey and entry taker's book are copies of Records of the Secretary of State's Office in North Carolina. JOHN OVERTON, in response to legislative direction, hired clerks to copy the records by hand for the Tennessee land files.

The state of North Carolina paid its soldiers in warrants, the acreage, depending on rank and length of service.

From 1784 to 1799, more than 5300 were issued but less than 500 were rendered by their original owners or their heirs. Since the warrants were transferable, the intentions of the North Carolina legislature were negated when these were warrants fell into the hands of land speculators.

In the case of the Indian commission of the Hiwassee District and the Chickasaw Purchases, land sale commissioners were appointed to issue fair sale as in the case of auction to keep individuals from conspiring in their bidding to under value lands.

Pre-emptors of occupants had petitioned the legislature for rights to land they occupied. A law in 1819 allowed occupants on the land prior to 6th February 1796, to file an entry for 640 acres or lease to protect their improvements. In 1825, Tennessee passed the graduation principal in which persons on unsold land could pay an entry fee, protecting the occupants from an outsider with money.

A lottery was held in 1819 for claimants whose names were written in the Locator's book as follows: " owner's name, assignee of whom, number of warrant, number of acres and the number of the location draws."

Entry books primarily will provide information as to when an individual was planning to settle in a district or county. However, it should be noted that even if the individual was in the entry book, he could have mostly paid an entry fee, sold the land and moved on. The entry also indicate when

school land was given to the various educational institutions and the price of the land. [copied as is.. makes no sense to me. Discussion about school lands not completed in article].

The plat and survey books, while more descriptive of a plat, of land applied for or owned, are isolated and fragmentary. It would be very difficult to determine the actual location of an actual parcel of land because individual plats are unrelated to the surrounding plats of land. Unfortunately, plat maps exist only for the Ocoee District.

While some grants are included in this record group, they are duplicatons of the complete land grant files.

The Commissioner's Docket merely shows the dissipation of applications, some of which are in conflict from abuses in land speculation or fraud, according to some sources.

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The Commissioner's Minutes shows the action of the Board. Again, records are fragmentary.

One of the more fascinating books is the pre-emption book for Davidson county and the Mero District. It settled land claims in the Mero District in 1790 and shows in the survey description of each plot of land.

The Legislature repealed all laws authorizing the grant of land by Chapter 416 of the 1903 Act. This was modified by Chapter 459 in 1905. After April 14th, 1903, the land office ceased to functio and the records of the land office were turned over to the Secretary of State, who ultimately passed them on to the Archives. Unfortunately, some are mere tattered parts of the original records which were received by P. E. Cox of the Archives.

Within each series of records, the records are arranged according to the following priority: North Carolina Grants, Counties, these volumes whose geographical boundaries and are not distinct are placed at the end of series. In chronological order. Below are a few examples:

#1805

John Boyd enters 30 acres in Granger Count, north of the bug road leading from Ben's station , Jonathan Humpower, Thomas Henderson and Mackness Moore. Part of warrant N0. 60 for 300 acres, issued 9 July 1794 to THOMAS SINGLETARY. Entered 27 November 1816 John Boyd.

My Note: Suspect John Boyd may have originated in Chatham Co., NC.

#1806

Tidence Lane enters 40 acres in Jefferson County on the Bent Creek near William White including improvement where John Britian lives, Certificate MN. 750 for 40 acres issued by the Registrar of East Tennessee . Bemember (sic?) 1816 to JAMES P. TAYLOR..

Entered 30 November 1811 Tidence Lane.

#1807

John Britian enters 27 acres in Jefferson County on Bent Creek, adjacent Hodges' old line below the old mill place and John Day's. Part of certificate NO. 802 for 228 acres , issued by the Commissioner of West Tennessee 26 December 1814 to CHARLES MCCLUNG.

Entered 4 December 1817 by John Britian.

Withdrawn 6 February 1817 by John Britian.

#1808

Alexander McClanahan enters 10 acres in Jefferson County on Holsyon River adjacent Edgar, including improvement where McClanahan lives. Part of certificate NO. 802 for 228 acres issued 26 December 1814 to CHARTLES MCCLUNG.

Entered December 1816 Alexander McClanahan.

#1809

James Churchman enters 170 acres in Jefferson County, adjacent George Gordon's east line sold to Christopher Hanes, William Bradshaw and Hughes. Part of certificate NO. 1279 for 270 acres issued 2 December 1816 by the Registrar of East Tennessee to CHARLES MCCKUNG.

Entered 4 December 1816 Charles Churchman,

#1810

Jonas Hill enters 33 acres in Clairorne County above Ward's Spring. Part of certificate NO. 1279 for 270 acres, issued by the Register of East Tennessee 2 December 1816 to CHARLES MCCLUNG

Entered 5 December 1816 Jonas Hill.

Withdrawn 12 December 1817 by Thomas R. McClary, surveyor.

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#1811

John Lee enters 10 acres in Claiborne County on Powel's River below Kellum's Ford including improvement where Barnabus Brumley did or now lives. Part of certificate NO. 1279 for 270 acres issued by the Register of East Tennessee 2 December

1816 to CHARLES MCCLUNG.

Entered 5 December 1816 to John Lee.

1995

(First part missing) Jefferson County on Dumplin Creek adjacent his land, JAMES HOPKINS & ISAAC KIMBROUGH, Part of warrant NO. 669 for 500 acres. Issued 17 October 1808 to JOHN HAYS.

Entered 29 November 1817 (by?) Robert Williams.

#1996

SOLOMON WILLIAMS enters 10 acres in Jefferson County on Cub Creek adjacent where he now lives. Part of Certificate NO. 44 for 1-- acres (Issued by the Commissioner of East Tennessee, 26 January 1809 to DRURY MORRIS.

Entered 6th December 1817 Solomon Williams.

#1997

SOLOMON WILLIAMS enters 5 acres in Jefferson County, on the dividing ridge between the Holstan & Frencj Broad Rivers.

Part of Certificate NO. 44 for 100 acres (Issued by the Commissioner of East Tennessee 26 January 1809 to DRURY MORRIS.

Entered 6 December 1817 Solomon Williams.

#1998

Benjamin Bray enters 20 acres in Claiborne County, north of Clinch River, including an improvement where Ravel Webb now lives. Part of Certificate NO. 2555 for 25 acres, Issued by the Commissioner of East Tennessee 17 December 1816 to JAMES P. TAYLOR.

Entered 11 December 1817 Benjamin Bray.

#1999

Benjamin Bray enters 20 acres in Claiborne County, north of Clinch River including some land and chopping done by Stibger Bray. Certificate NO. 961 for 20 acres. Issued by the Register of East Tennessee 2 June 1815 to NATHANIEL TAYLOR.

Entered 11 December 1817 Benjamin Bray.

#2000

Jonas Hill enters 30 acres in Claiborne County on Powel's River above Ward's Spring including an improvement made by Larkin Forgerson. Part of Certificate 1279 for 270 acres.

Issued by the Register of East Tennessee 2 December 1816 to CHARLES MCCLUNG.

Entered 11 December 1816 Jonas Hill

#2001

Amese Moye entered 38 acres in Jefferson County on the drafts of the French Broad River, adjacent Edward Pankey. PART of Certificate NO. 1302 for 39 and 1/2 acres . Issued by Registrar of East Tennessee 13 May 1817 to ABRAHAM HILL. Entered 11 December 1817 James Moye

#2002

Benjamin Bray enters 10 acres in Claiborne County on Bingham's Branch of Clinch River. 5 acres on part of certificate NO. 2555 for 25 acres, issued 27 December 1817 by Registor of East Tennessee to James P. Taylor and 5 acres on part of certificate NO. 1334 for 50 acres, issued 5 September 1817 to ROBERT HOUSTON. Entered 12 December 1817 Benjamin Bray.

#2003

John Robinson enters 30 acres in Jefferson County, adjacent William Williams & Adam Meek. Part of certificate NO.

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