EARLY TENNESSEE LAND RECORDS, 1773-1922
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BACKGROUND

It is impossible to overstate the importance of public lands to early Tennessee. Land was without question the most important form of business and entrepreneurial activity in early Tennessee and the chief inducement to immigrate to this country. Tennessee was a public land territory and state, which meant that virtually all of its land passed from various jurisdictions to private owners through means of grants of one sort or another. In the general absence of “hard money” or specie in early Tennessee, land was main type of property, the currency of wealth, and the chief means of making money. Politics and land speculation were closely intertwined, and land issues were a leading concern of early government. The Early Tennessee Land Records, Record Group 50 provides a unique and valuable window into the interactions between settlers, citizens, speculators, and the public land system.

MILITARY RESERVATION

Lacking funds to pay her officers and men for service in the Continental Line, North Carolina in 1782 passed legislation granting to each soldier then in service who served to the end of the war land in her western district (now the State of Tennessee). Provision was also made for those men who, because of wounds or “bodily infirmities,” were deemed unfit for service. The heirs of a soldier killed in the service of his country were to have the same quantity of land that the soldier would have been entitled to had he served during the war. Determined by rank, the amount of land given ranged from 640 acres for a private to 12,000 acres for a brigadier. General Nathaniel Greene was given a special allotment of 25,000 acres.

Three commissioners were appointed to lay off the Military Reservation: Absalom Tatom, Isaac Shelby, and Anthony Bledsoe. They were accompanied by one or more agents to assist them, no more than three surveyors, as well as chain carriers, markers and hunters, who were to supply provisions for the group. A battalion under the command of Major Thomas Evans was sent along for protection.

To claim a military grant, proof of service was presented to the Secretary of State of North Carolina. This could be from a muster roll or a certification of service from a commanding officer. (According to the North Carolina Archives, they do not have any of the certifications). However, following the exposure of the Glasgow land frauds the only proof accepted was a muster roll. The Secretary of State of North Carolina issued a surveyor’s warrant to Martin Armstrong (and later to William Christmas), surveyor of the military lands, authorizing him to survey the stated number of acres at a spot designated by the grantee. After the Cession Act in 1789 military grants could be laid on any vacant land, even west of the Tennessee River, if sufficient tillable land could not be found in the Military Reservation. The name of the recipient, the amount of land, and place where the survey was to be made was noted in a book called an entry book. The original copy of Martin Armstrong’s entry book is in the North Carolina Archives. The copy in these records was made by John Overton in preparation of Tennessee’s being able to issue grants.
When the survey was made the surveyor returned the surveyor’s warrant (sometimes called warrant of survey) and two copies of the survey with plat to the Secretary of State’s office. The secretary made out the grant, which was then signed by the governor and countersigned by the secretary. One copy of the survey and plat was attached to the grant and returned to the grantee. The warrant and the second copy of the survey were filed in the land office in North Carolina. These documents, including any related documents, can be found on TSLA Microfilm No. 1177. They are arranged by county or district where the land is located.

Each of the commissioners who laid off the Military Reservation received 5,000 acres for his service. Those who accompanied the commissioners were also allotted land in the Military Reservation. Surveyors received 250 acres, while the chain carriers, markers, and hunters got 640 acres each. Privates in the guard received 320 acres each, and the officers were paid in land in proportion to their militia pay. The land for the commissioners and those accompanying them was to be entered with the Entry Taker of Davidson County (Samuel Barton) rather than the Secretary of State, as were the military grants. From this point the grant process continued in the same manner as the military grants.

**PREEMPTION GRANTS**

Finding that prior to the passage of the act for the benefit of her Continental soldiers, many families had settled within the bounds of the land set aside as the Military Reservation, North Carolina granted a preemption of 640 acres to each family or head of family and to every single man 21 years or over who was settled on the land before June 1, 1780. As the commissioners identified those early Cumberland settlers, they issued a certificate to those entitled to a preemption and entered the names of the person and a description of the land in a book kept for that purpose. The book was returned to the North Carolina General Assembly. By the time the commissioners arrived many of the original settlers had moved on and assigned their right of preemption to another. In many cases the right had been passed through several owners. The original book is in the North Carolina Archives. It has also been published (Irene Griffey, *The Preemptors*).

**JOHN ARMSTRONG GRANTS**

In order to redeem from her citizens specie certificates (i.e. promissory notes) issued during the Revolution for supplies, etc. for her troops (NOT for military service), North Carolina opened a land office in Hillsboro, North Carolina on October 21, 1783. John Armstrong was named Entry Taker. The land was offered at Ten Pounds in specie per hundred acres and included all of present day Tennessee with the exception of the Military District and the land held by the Cherokee Nation in the southeastern corner of the state. Individual tracts were limited to 5,000 acres, but a loophole made it possible to join these into larger tracts.

The state was divided into three sections. The *Eastern District* was composed of land between Greene County and the Cumberland Mountains. The *Middle District* covered the land between the Cumberland Mountains and the Tennessee River, while the *Western District* extended from...
the Tennessee River to the Mississippi River, even though this land was still claimed by the Chickasaw Nation and title would not be cleared until 1819. As North Carolina did not recognize the claim of the Chickasaws, many grants were laid in this area, including those surveyed in 1785 by Henry Rutherford and John Rice’s claim to the land at present day Memphis.

A chief surveyor was appointed for each district: Stockley Donelson, son of John Donelson for the Eastern District, William Polk for the Middle District and William T. Lewis for the Western District.

In order to obtain a grant, the claimant took to John Armstrong’s office a written description of the land he wished to claim. The entry taker endorsed the entry (sometimes referred to as a “location”) with the name of the claimant, number of acres, and date. They were to be recorded in order received. After three months, if there was no previous claim for the same land, the entry taker delivered to the claimant a numbered copy of the entry, with a warrant authorizing a survey. Once the survey was completed, it was returned to the Secretary of State’s office and the grant process continued. The original grants were sent to the claimants twice a year on April 1st and October 1st. The grant had to be recorded within twelve months in the deed books of the county where the land was located.

Not interested in land, many of the citizens sold their specie certificates at a discounted price to speculators who rushed to the land office to claim their bargain land. Many claims were entered for land between the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers only to be lost in 1806 when the United States required Tennessee to relinquish jurisdiction to the area.

By 1784 North Carolina was being pressed by the Federal government for payment of her Revolutionary debt. She offered her western lands to the United States in settlement of the debt. In anticipation of the acceptance of the offer, North Carolina closed John Armstrong’s office on May 25, 1784. If accepted, the right to issue warrants and grants from this office would have passed to the United States. The offer was not accepted, but John Armstrong’s office was not reopened.

Tennessee’s copy of John Armstrong’s Entry Book was made by John Overton in 1804 from the original in the North Carolina Archives. The records from this office generated during the grant process are also included on TSLA Microfilm No. 1177. The Entry Book has been published by Bruce Pruitt, as well as by Irene Griffey.

**CESSION ACT**

In 1789 North Carolina again offered her western lands to the United States. This time the offer was accepted. In November of that year the General Assembly of North Carolina authorized their senators in Congress to convey to the United States all their interest in the land now included in the State of Tennessee - with certain restrictions:
1. The military district laid off for the soldiers was reserved for their use and for the use of
their heirs. North Carolina reserved the right to continue to issue the grants and perfect
titles to all unsatisfied and bona fide claims of her soldiers and officers.

2. Warrants were to be issued by North Carolina without any right on the part of the
United States.

3. Up to this time the amount of land due on a military grant had to be surveyed in one
plot. If the amount of land suitable for cultivation proved to be insufficient to cover all
the allotment, the soldier, as well as the entrants in John Armstrong’s Office could have
their grant or any deficiency surveyed on any vacant land within the cession. At that
time the boundary of North Carolina’s western land extended to the Mississippi River.

4. The Act further declared that North Carolina would retain jurisdiction over the land to
be ceded until Congress accepted the cession.

On February 23 1790, a deed was executed conveying the territory to the United States. It was
accepted by Congress on April 2nd. North Carolina had reserved the right to issue the grants for
land based on military service and on entries already made in the various entry takers offices on
which grants had not been perfected. Simply put, the Federal government could issue no grants
or warrants until she knew how much land North Carolina needed to satisfy the grants she had
reserved in the cession act. Furthermore, much of the territory had already been taken up by
entries, surveys, and grants issued prior to the Act of Cession.

On June 1, 1796 when Tennessee became a state, the conflict between Congress and North
Carolina was still in evidence. North Carolina, still holding to her right to issue grants, passed
legislation allowing the Secretary of State at any time before Congress opened a land office for
the sale of the ceded lands, to issue a grant in the case of interference or overlapping grants
and a duplicate for any lost or destroyed warrant.

It was about this time that the Glasgow land frauds (so named for the NC Secretary of State
James Glasgow, who moved to Nashville) were exposed. North Carolina suspended operations
in Martin Armstrong’s office (Military District) and began to “investigate the frauds.”
Meanwhile, Tennessee began to set up the machinery to issue grants as soon as she received
the transfer from the United States. However, the United States could not transfer the
remaining vacant land in Tennessee until they received a release from North Carolina.

In 1803, North Carolina passed legislation authorizing the State of Tennessee to perfect title to
lands reserved by North Carolina in the Cession Act of 1789. But again she retained the right to
issue warrants to the officers and soldiers of her Continental Line. Tennessee could only issue
the grant. This transfer was not to take effect until the agreement was ratified by the State of
Tennessee and agreed to by Congress. In the meantime, the Secretary of State of North
Carolina was to continue issuing grants on all surveys returned to his office before the
ratification of the agreement.

The act was ratified by the State of Tennessee on August 4, 1804. John Overton was sent to
North Carolina to copy various records which would be needed to verify the validity of grants to
be issued. However, the agreement did not receive the assent of Congress until April 6, 1806. By this time only bits and pieces of land remained unclaimed.

**CONGRESSIONAL RESERVATION LINE**

At that time (1806) Congress divided the state into two parts by a line extending from the southern part of the state where the Elk River crosses the state line, north to where the Duck River crosses the southern boundary of the Military Reservation, then westward to the Tennessee River. From that point the line turned north and continued to the northern boundary of the state. This is known as the Congressional Reservation Line. The area east of the Tennessee River is known as North and East of the Congressional Reservation Line, while the land west of the Tennessee River is identified as South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line. The United States pledged to allow grants to be laid in the area South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line, if there was not sufficient land fit for cultivation in the Military Reservation or in the area North and East of the Line.

As a condition of giving consent for Tennessee to grant the vacant and unappropriated lands, Congress required Tennessee to relinquish to the Federal government complete control of all the lands south and west of the Congressional Reservation Line even though the pledge had been made. This included all the land west of the Tennessee River, as well as a large portion of land south of the Military Reservation. Even though Indian title had not been relinquished to this land North Carolina had laid numerous grants in the area, as she considered the Mississippi River her western boundary.

The United States did relinquish to Tennessee all the land North and East of the Congressional Reservation Line, excluding the Cherokee land in southeastern Tennessee. Nevertheless, the consent of Congress was limited to the conditions set down in the 1803 Act by which North Carolina gave Tennessee only the right to issue grants. North Carolina could still issue warrants for military service.

**SCHOOL LAND**

Congress also required Tennessee to set aside land for the use of two colleges: one in the east and one in the western part of the state. They also stipulated that 100,000 acres be set aside for the use of academies - one in each county in the state. Lands were to be laid off for the use of schools for “the instruction of children forever,” based on 640 acres to a six mile square as had been done in the Northwest Territory. It was soon discovered this was impossible as there was not enough vacant land in the established counties. It could only be done in the newly formed counties. (So-called “school land” can only be identified by a tax list, as it was taxed at a different rate).

**TENNESSEE GRANTS**

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The 1806 settlement between North Carolina and Tennessee caused the latter to set up the first six of what eventually became thirteen surveyor’s districts, thereby dividing the state along the range and section provisions of the Northwest Ordinance. This was Tennessee’s attempt to get past the chaotic “metes and bounds” surveying system that it had inherited from North Carolina and Virginia. References to these surveyor’s districts were discontinued in the 1820s. Tennessee’s land offices were originally established at Nashville for West Tennessee (present-day middle Tennessee) and at Knoxville for East Tennessee. References to “West Tennessee” or the “Western District” do not necessarily denote land west of the lower Tennessee River until after the Chickasaw Cession of 1818, which opened up that formerly Indian territory. All land grants subsequent to these Tennessee or General Grants are sales of public land—purchase grants—not made for any military service.

Tennessee attempted to compensate for the fact that much of the good quality land had already been engrossed by North Carolina speculators by passing a series of laws giving preferential rights in land to actual settlers. Most purchase grants made by the state after 1806 were subject to two special conditions—pre-emption and occupancy—that made it easier for ordinary farmers to gain access to public land. Pre-emptions had first benefited the early Cumberland settlers who had been on land in the Military Reservation prior to June 1, 1780. In the case of later Indian cessions, settlers who had taken up residence on Indian land prior to a certain date were eligible for pre-emption rights allowing them to claim a portion (less than 640 acres) of the land on which they resided. Occupant grants applied to all kinds of purchase grants after 1806. They allowed for those who had “squatted” at least three years on a tract of vacant and unappropriated public land, and had made improvements to it (such as fences or buildings), to file a claim for between 160-300 acres based on their evident intention to reside on and improve the land.

One further consequence of the 1806 settlement was the copying by John Overton and his staff of the North Carolina Land Grant books. These and subsequent Tennessee purchase grant books are kept at the Tennessee State Library and Archives as part of Record Group 50. During the 1960s, TSLA staff produced card files indexing both the North Carolina grants and Tennessee purchase grants. These cards summarize the grants with information as to the name of grantee, acreage, grant number, date of grant registration, and location of land. TSLA provides a separate index to the North Carolina military warrants alphabetized by the soldier’s name, which offers the additional advantage of identifying assignees—earlier buyers—of the land entitlement. For civilian purchase grants, the prospective grantee would first file for an entry, then have the land surveyed (both of which steps involved a payment), and finally apply for the grant. TSLA Record Group 50 includes many, but not all, of the entries and surveyor’s certificates produced in the process of obtaining a land grant.

With the consent of Congress in 1806, the Legislature of Tennessee set up the machinery to facilitate the granting of land. The state was divided into six districts, excluding the “District South of the French Broad and Holston.” Settlers since the earliest times had pushed their way south into the latter area. Numerous attempts to remove them from Indian lands had proven
fruitless. Finally the Right of Preemption had been guaranteed them by the 1796 Constitution of Tennessee.

The Military Reservation became the First Surveyors’ District, with its’ land office located in Nashville. The Second Surveyors’ District was situated south of the First District. The Second Surveyors’ District land office was first located in Jefferson (Rutherford Co.), then moved to Shelbyville (Bedford Co.). The remaining districts were laid out to the east of the First District from the Kentucky border to the then southern boundary of the state, ending in the upper north east corner of the state, bounded by the Virginia state line on the north, the North Carolina state line on the east and the District South of the French Broad and Holston on the south.

A principal surveyor was appointed for each district. Also provided for were deputy surveyors and chain carriers. The surveyor for the First District had his office at Nashville; the Second District at Jefferson (Murfreesboro); the Third District at Alexander’s (Alexandria); the Fourth District at Kingston; the Fifth District at Knoxville; and the Sixth District at Jonesborough. The surveyor for lands South of the French Broad and Holston kept his office at Sevierville.

Two land offices were opened: one for the Register of West Tennessee (David McGavock) at Nashville, and one for the Register of East Tennessee (Edward Scott) at Knoxville. The First through the Third Districts were attached to the West Tennessee Land Office, while Districts Four through Six and “District South of the French Broad and Holston” were attached to the East Tennessee Land Office.

 Provision was also made in 1806 allowing any person who may have been settled on any vacant or unappropriated land within the state before the first day of May (1806), to enter that land on any valid warrant. Preference was given for three months. However, the time allowed for entering the land and the date of occupancy required was extended as time passed and new areas were opened for settlement.

By 1818, a treaty had been negotiated with the native Chickasaws who were relocated to the northern part of Mississippi. This opened the land west of the Tennessee River (South and West of the Congressional Reservation line) for settlement. Congress authorized Tennessee to satisfy any un-appropriated claims in that section of the state. Seven new Districts (Seven through Thirteen) were laid out with a principal surveyor in each district, and assistants as set out for the first six districts. The Seventh District joined the Second District on the west, and extended to the Tennessee River, with the Surveyor’s office at Pulaski. The Eighth District lay south and west of the Congressional Reservation Line, and north of the Seventh District and east of the Tennessee River. The surveyor’s office was in Columbia. The Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Districts lay on the southern boundary of the state west of the Tennessee River extending to the Mississippi River. The Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts were south of the Kentucky line and west of the Tennessee River. All of these districts were attached to the Land Office of West Tennessee.
The surveyor of the Ninth District kept his office at Reynoldsburg, the Eleventh District at Chickasaw Bluffs (Memphis), and the Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts at Dover. The surveyors of the Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts were to keep their offices within their respective districts, as near the center as convenient.

Unlike the six mile square as directed by Congress, Tennessee’s public lands were surveyed in five mile squares. Instead of granting by township, ranges, and sections as intended by Congress, surveys in West Tennessee continued to be made in metes and bounds. This caused many overlapping grants. The best land had soon been taken up and only the less desirable bits and pieces of land were let in every area of the state. This land was finally offered for sale at 12½ cents per acre.

With the Indian treaty of 1819, the United States extinguished title to the Cherokee lands between the Hiwassee, Tennessee, and Little Tennessee Rivers. The native Cherokee in this area were removed to Arkansas along the White River. The area then became known as the Hiwassee District. The area was at first under the jurisdiction of the Register of East Tennessee. It was not until 1825 that a Register was appointed for the District with his office in Athens.

Provision was made in the treaty for any head of a Cherokee family who wished to remain east of the Mississippi River could do so by becoming a citizen of the United States. They would then be entitled to a life time reservation of 640 acres to include their improvements. The land would at their death descend to their heirs in fee simple. Of the 107 reservations listed in a report to Congress in February, 1819, only thirty-nine were shown in fee simple. The remainder were given reservations only so long as the family stayed on the land. If the family moved off the land, it reverted to the State of Tennessee and could be sold. With land sales for prime land beginning at $2.00 per acre, this opened the door for abuse of the system. There is at least one Supreme Court case where a Cherokee claimed he did not move off the land, but was moved!

With the removal of the Cherokee Nation from land in the southeastern corner of the state by the Treaty of New Echota (1835), all title of Indian Land was extinguished and the area opened for settlement. This area became the Ocoee District with the Register’s office opening in Cleveland the first of November, 1838.

As there were no grants previously laid out in the last two areas, with the exception of the reservations in the Hiwassee District, these areas were surveyed in sections, ranges and townships as mandated by the Federal government. Therefore, there are no individual surveys plats for these areas. The land was surveyed BEFORE the land was sold. Sale was made for a certain township, range and section.

Far from being a solution to the land problems in Tennessee, these actions only added fuel to the controversy that was not settled until 1846 when the United States finally released title to the last of the lands remaining in the Congressional Reservation. North Carolina had continued to issue warrants to her soldiers. Muster rolls were published in the newspapers. Soldiers or their heirs who had not received their warrants were encouraged to do so. More warrants were
issued by North Carolina. Not wanting to move to the west, only a small percentage of the soldiers took up their land. A large number of these warrants ended up in the hands of speculators, who were simply the real estate agents for the Western Lands.

Public lands in Tennessee, with the exception of waste land or land of little value, and land that became the Hiwassee and Ocoee Districts, were taken by North Carolina claims based on her acts passed during the years prior to the cession of her western lands to the United States. Consequently, neither the Federal government nor the State of Tennessee gained monetarily from any of these sales.

In 1903, after almost a century, Tennessee finally addressed the land question that had begun in 1806:

> Whereas, If the State owns any lands which have never been granted, they should not be given away by the State, but should be sold at their actual value, and the proceeds turned into the school fund; and ..

> Whereas, If the State does not own any lands, it should not be a party to the fraudulent granting of said land. Therefore:

> Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Tennessee that all laws and parts of laws authorizing land grants in this state be and same are hereby repealed.

(Acts 1903, Chapter 416)

**TYPES OF LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE**

**North Carolina Military:** the only public land grant in Tennessee made for military service (in the Revolution), although assignees and speculators—rarely soldiers—received nearly all of them [see explanation above].

**Tennessee General:** grants made from 1807 to the 1820’s for land in the Military Reservation and former Congressional Reservation; generally small acreage entered on basis of outstanding North Carolina military warrants and entries from John Armstrong’s land office; earliest grants made by the state of Tennessee.

**Middle Tennessee:** made under the provisions of an 1830 law which authorized grants to be made north and east of Congressional Reservation line; these are state purchase grants at $.01 to $.125 per acre, not to exceed 5,000 acres.

**East Tennessee:** made on the basis of an 1806 law authorizing the register of the East Tennessee land office to issue grants; purchase grants in unknown amounts and territorial extent.
**West Tennessee:** purchase grants based on an Act of Congress authorizing Tennessee to perfect titles to vacant and unappropriated lands south and west of the Congressional Reservation line; entered through county land offices at $.125 per acre for land in the Western District, west of the Tennessee River; see Acts of Tennessee, 1841, Ch. 7 and 1842, Ch. 34.

**Mountain District:** made on the basis of Tennessee Acts, 1827, Ch. 4 which established a register’s office in Sparta for new region called the Mountain District; this new land office apparently replaced those of the old Third Surveyor’s District, which were closed; purchase grants at $.01 to $.125 per acre up to 5,000 acres; these grants covered counties of White, Franklin, Warren, Marion, Bledsoe, Overton, Fentress, and Jackson and were designed to dispose of remaining surplus public land on the Cumberland Plateau (and, from the state’s standpoint, get it onto the tax rolls); this district, perhaps more than any other, was subject to gross fraud and speculative abuse in the issuance of grants.

**Hiwassee District:** purchase grants made on the basis of 1819 cession treaty with Cherokee for lands largely in what became Blount County; 640 acres per grantee/ 320 acres per child, Acts of Tennessee, 1819, Ch. 59.

**Ocoee District:** purchase grants made on the basis of 1836 cession treaty with Cherokee (called the Treaty of New Echota or Treaty of Removal) for land in southeastern corner of state- Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk counties; extinguished the last Indian land title in Tennessee.
Chronology

1772 Settlers along the Watauga River in (current) northeast Tennessee organize into the “Watauga Association.” Disregarding the mandate of the British government, the settlers negotiated a ten-year lease with the Native Americans for “all the country on the waters of the Watauga.” The Association represented the first “white government” in Tennessee.

1776 North Carolina adopted its first State Constitution. The “Washington District” is established to govern the extreme western lands of North Carolina. Due to the lack of a formal survey, settlers in this region are confused as to whether they are “Virginians” or “North Carolinians.”

1777 Richard Henderson of the Transylvania Land Company purchased large tracts of land from the native Cherokees, including lands constituting the present-day Middle Tennessee.

1777 December 18. The “Washington District” evolves into “Washington County, NC” which included most lands encompassing northeast Tennessee and the Middle District (Forted stations near French Lick (Nashville), Bledsoe’s Lick, Red River).

1779 Sullivan County, NC created out of Washington County.

1780 North Carolina enacts legislation to encourage enlistment in the Continental Line.

1782 Western lands (Tennessee) are transferred to Morgan District of North Carolina. The “Morgan District” consisted of the NC Counties of Burke, Wilkes, Rutherford, Lincoln, Washington, and Sullivan.

1783 The North Carolina legislature creates “Greene County” out of portions of Washington County.

1783 The North Carolina military district is created.

1783 Continental Line soldiers required to apply for military bounty land warrants from the North Carolina Secretary of State.

1784 Tennessee lands are formally transferred to Washington County, NC.

1784 Legislation enacted ensuring that bounty land be made available to very eligible soldiers of the Continental Line. This requirement was included in the 1789 Act of Cession and was included when Tennessee was granted statehood in 1796.

1784 Residents who lived in, or served in Davidson County, NC and the heirs of those who died in service to Davidson County, deemed eligible for bounty land.

1784 Legislation requiring the recording of land entries was enacted.

1784 John Armstrong’s land office opened.

1784 The State of Franklin is founded by residents of the former Washington District, and “Overmountain” towns of current upper East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Neither North Carolina or Continental Congress recognizes its legality.

1785 John Armstrong’s land office closes.

1789 In an Act of Cession, North Carolina transferred title of all unappropriated land in western districts to the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio. NC

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reserved the right to continue issuing warrants for military bounty land in Tennessee to its’ Continental Line soldiers, and to issue land grants for all land entries which had been made prior to the date of session.

1796 The United States Congress grants statehood to Tennessee.

1800 North Carolina appointed commissioners to investigate possible fraud involving military land warrants. James Glasgow, Secretary of State for NC, is implicated.

1803 North Carolina authorizes Tennessee to award grants for NC warrants that had been authorized by NC up to 1789. (Previously, the NC legislature awarded the land grants)

1804 The Federal government ceded title to vacant lands in Tennessee to the State of Tennessee.

1804 John Overton and associates travel to Raleigh, NC and copy North Carolina records for lands included in State of Tennessee. (Up to this time, all records relative to western lands were kept in the capital city of North Carolina)

1819 Public Acts, Ch. 59, State of Tennessee creates the “Hiwassee District.” Purchase of land grants were made based on terms of the 1819 cession treaty with the native Cherokee for lands in current Blount County area- 640 acres per grantee or 320 acres “per child.”

1827 Public Acts, Ch. 4, State of Tennessee creates the “Mountain District.” The register’s office is located in Sparta. This new district replaces most of the old Third Surveyors’ District encompassing portions of White, Franklin, Warren, Marion, Bledsoe, Overton, Jackson, and Fentress Counties.

1832 October 19. General Assembly of Tennessee enacts a measure for the relief of occupants South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line; creates method for adjudication of claims for interferences and military warrants.

1832 October 20. General Assembly of Tennessee enacts a measure referring certain land claims to a court of adjudication, particularly those grants in the First through Thirteenth Surveyor’s Districts.

1835 December 29. The Treaty of New Echota was signed by minority representatives of the Cherokee Nation and officials of the United States government in which the native Cherokee Nation would remove west to the “Indian Territories,” opening lands in southeast Tennessee, northern Georgia, and southwestern North Carolina to white settlement. Lands in southeast Tennessee are opened allowing the creation of the “Ocoee District.” The Treaty was ratified on May 23, 1836.

1841 The final Revolutionary War land grants were issued by the State of North Carolina.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

It has been reported that the Glasgow land frauds of the post-Revolutionary period made title to Tennessee land complicated and difficult to trace. This is not true. The frauds did exist, but they only resulted in the wrong man getting the land. The difficulty arose from the fact that previously, all the records were not arranged and identified in a manner that made them readily available to the researcher. About 1910, A. A. Lyon, Commissioner of the Department of Lands stated:

... the land records of Tennessee at this date are little less than a chaotic mass of old documents scattered here, there and everywhere, so to speak, all over the State. Many of them are literally in a condition of dissolution and rapidly going to absolute destruction.³

This was also the state of the records in the Tennessee State Library and Archives when this project was begun. Coal dust and water damage attest to the years of improper storage in the Capitol. Some records had deteriorated, some to the point of almost being lost. As early as 1919 (and perhaps sooner) well-meaning archivists, especially “P. E. Cox, Keeper of the Archives” (stamped on many documents), began to “examine” and arrange the material evidently without regard to the historical background or order of the records. Consequently, files that had significance only if left intact were separated into arbitrary categories. This practice was continued through the years to more recent times by misguided archivists.

Early Tennessee land records are from the old Tennessee Land Office and contain two different groups of records. The first group contains both bound and loose records generated during the land grant process by the thirteen surveyors’ districts created by the legislature at various periods of time. The second group contains the bound and loose records of the Board of Commissioners of East and West (now Middle) Tennessee.

The first group of records from the grant process can (but do not always) contain the following documents:

Certificates (otherwise called Warrants) which certify the individual was entitled to a certain amount of land and for what reason.

At some time in the past some of these loose records were filed by number and identified as Revolutionary War Warrants (even though some are not) with subheadings James Glasgow, William Hill, and William White (NC Secretaries of State) and Miscellaneous. Another group,

³ A. A. Lyon, Land Officers of State: History of the Duties and Workings of their Position, ca. 1910
Guard rights, is filed alphabetically. These eleven boxes of assorted materials have been microfilmed, although they represent only a small and incomplete portion of these records.

Entries (otherwise called Locations) tell where the individual would like the grant to be laid. These are filed by Land Office, but not always in the same manner. In Surveyor’s District One, Occupant Entries and the affidavits attesting to the presence of the individual on the land were numbered consecutively and interfiled with the regular entries. In the Second Surveyor’s district, the occupant entries were kept in a separate file with a separate set of numbers.

Surveyor’s warrants inform the surveyor where and how much land he was to lay off.

Surveys Usually accompanied by a plat, are the legal descriptions of the land. The plat shows the boundaries, the markers, any landmarks or any creeks or rivers included within the bounds of the property. At some point in time, the survey/plats were pulled from the collection and arranged by Land Office and then by grant number. There are quite a few numbers missing and those for West Tennessee are not in the collection. NONE of the documents filed under Hiwassee District are surveys). These 148 boxes have not been microfilmed, nor do they appear on any previous register.

Grants This term refers to the actual transfer or conveyance of property from the state to an individual. They may be issued for service, but are more often purchased or assigned from another individual. In 1829 (Ch. 69) the Tennessee legislature granted to a man whose wife gave birth at one time to three or more children, 200 acres for each child in the area South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line.

At various periods of time, occupants who were on the land by a given date were given preference in securing the land they were on. This land was not free, but had to be acquired at the same rate as any other purchaser. For whatever reason, the legislature in 1843 (Ch. 37, Sect. 5) granted an Occupant Grant to each and every person living South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line who had 20 or more legitimate children.

The grants are recorded in bound books, filed by Land Office. Some grants are recorded numerically in the books, while others seem to be recorded in no certain order. There is an incomplete card index to the land grants in the Central Reading Room, TSLA, as well as a published and a microfilmed version of this index.

The bound volumes of grants were microfilmed by TSLA several years ago. These 204 reels are identified as Tennessee Land Grants with subheadings North Carolina, Watauga Purchase, Tennessee General, East (District) Tennessee, Middle (District) Tennessee, West (District) Tennessee, Mountain District, Hiwassee and Ocoee Districts.

Not all of these records will be found for each grant. For instance, there will be few surveys for the individual grants in the Hiwassee and the Ocoee Districts. These districts were surveyed in townships, ranges and sections before the land was offered for sale and the land was sold by
these designations. There is a map for both of these districts which will be helpful in locating the property.

These five types of documents might be found in the collection in both loose and bound form, depending on the district or land office. They have been arranged in this collection by type of records (entries, grants, surveyor’s warrants, etc.) then by land office (Armstrong’s, Carter’s, First Surveyor’s District, East Tennessee, etc.)

In 1777, North Carolina passed legislation setting up offices in each county of the state to receive entries of claim. The Justice of the Peace of each county was authorized to select an entry taker and a surveyor for each county. A citizen of the state could file with the Entry Taker of any county a claim for any lands in that county which had not been granted by the Crown of Great Britain or the Lords Proprietors of Carolina before July 4, 1776.

Every person filing, except a guardian filing for an orphan child and persons absent in service, was required to take before the Entry Taker the oath of allegiance to the State or to the United States. Each person claiming could enter 640 acres for himself and 100 acres for his wife and each of his children at a cost of two pounds, ten shillings for every 100 acres. The claimant gave the entry taker in writing a description of the land he wanted, stating the name of the county where the land was situated, the nearest water courses, and any land marks which may be natural boundaries, as well as the lines of any other persons. The document was endorsed by the entry taker with the name of the claimant, and number of acres claimed. Entries were listed in a book in order received. If no one appeared within three months to lay claim to the same land, the entry taker delivered to the claimant a copy of the entry, with its number and an order to the County Surveyor to survey the same. The entries from the county entry taker are arranged numerically and filed by county.

At this time, Washington was the only county in what was later the State of Tennessee. In 1778, the boundaries extended to the Mississippi River, exempting lands reserved for the Cherokee Indians. 4

By 1779, the number of inhabitants in Washington County had grown to the point that it became necessary to divide the county into two districts. The land to the north of the dividing line was formed into Sullivan County, while the southern portion remained Washington County. If the land in the new county had been entered in Washington County before the division, the Entry Taker of Washington County issued a surveyor’s warrant to Sullivan County. Once the grant was received by the claimant it was registered within twelve months in the Register’s office of the county where the land lay, or the grant would be void. As further counties were formed, additional offices for the Entry Taker were opened.

Many individuals had settled on the land before the land offices were opened with no provision for establishing boundaries. If a claim was made for the same land, the entry taker noted the

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same in the margin of the book of entries opposite the claim in dispute and sent a copy of both claims to the County Court to be adjudicated.

The Sheriff summoned a jury of “good and lawful men unconnected by affinity or consanguinity” (blood relative) with the contending parties. After giving the parties ten days’ notice, they went with the jury to the site. The jury examined each party and heard the allegations of the parties. The verdict of the jury was returned to the next term of the County Court. A copy of the verdict was delivered to the party whose claim was declared valid. He was then able to obtain a certificate and order of survey from the entry taker. This process is known as CAVEAT.

The Caveat Book for Surveyor’s District One (1807-1813) appears to be the only one identified in the collection. A description of the invalid entry and reason for voiding the entry is noted.

**RECORDS OF THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS**

The second group of records consists of the records of the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee and Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee (now Middle Tennessee). Formed by an Act of the Legislature in 1807, the commissioners were charged with the duty of establishing the validity of warrants and other evidence of claims to land within the State of Tennessee on which grants had not been issued. They were also charged with the authority to rule on conflicting or overlapping grants and grants which could not be located because of vagueness of calls. After the area South and West of the Congressional Line was opened in 1819, a third board was formed. Former “West Tennessee” became “Middle Tennessee” and the newly opened area became “West Tennessee.”

The clerk was instructed to list the documents received for adjudication in a book and number them in order received. These books are called Docket Books. After being examined by the Board, their verdict was noted on the face of the document—“Valid” or “Invalid.” The documents declared “valid” were endorsed by the Commissioner and filed by docket number with the evidence submitted. The Docket Books for East Tennessee are indexed in the back of each book by docket number. As each Docket Book for East Tennessee has an individual numbering system, the loose documents are filed by book, then by Docket Number. As the numbers for West Tennessee (now Middle Tennessee) run consecutively through the various books, they are indexed by docket number in a separate index. No Docket Books have been found for West Tennessee. In addition to the document submitted for adjudication, this file could contain wills, deeds, power of attorneys, affidavits, assignments, or other documents showing proof (or transfer) of ownership. Unfortunately, most of the packets have been separated over time, creating a break in the documentation of chain of title. Some of the documents submitted as evidence were, at some point, removed from the packets and placed in an artificially created **RG 37: Miscellaneous County Records**. Those documents that could

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5 This record group has been de-accessioned by TSLA, Archival Technical Services.
be identified were returned to RG 50. An attempt has been made to reconstruct these packets; however, this was in many cases impossible.

A duplicate of the “valid” document was issued by the commissioner for the amount of valid land. This duplicate would have been presented to the Entry Taker, if it was a certificate, or to the Surveyor, if it was a surveyor’s warrant, and the grant process continued. The “invalid” documents were to be recorded by the clerk and returned to the person submitting the claim, but many of these originals remain in the collection. These are interfiled with the valid documents by Docket Number. To determine why a document was declared invalid by the Board of East Tennessee, check the Minute Book for the date declared invalid, and the entry for that document number. There does not appear to be a Minute Book for the Board of West Tennessee.

In order to reach an equitable decision, land commissioners were authorized to use as evidence the following books:

1. A copy of John Armstrong’s Entry Book as transcribed by John Overton.
2. John Carter’s Entry Book on which grants were issued as transcribed by John Overton.
5. Copy of entries made in the entry takers office of Sullivan County.
8. Copy of Davidson County Entry Book.
9. Book containing abstracts made by the agents to North Carolina of the claims of Troops raised for protection of Davidson County.

While these records would have originally been housed with the records of the Boards of Commissioners records, they have for the purpose of simplifying research been treated as “original” Tennessee records and are filed with those from the Tennessee Land Office (Series 1).

Some correspondence is found in the Board records. It is filed as “Incoming” and “Outgoing” by the name of the Board president or clerk. Much of this pertains to documents submitted to the Board, but some letters give an insight to the men and their times. John Haywood in a letter to W. G. Blount on 20 March 1812 mentions the death of General Blount, and offers condolences to Governor Blount and the family. “Gossip” was a popular subject. Augustin P. Fore in April, 1808 informs his correspondent that the President of Greenville College was married on Tuesday evening to Miss Anna Lusky, adding “Your friend Russell is about half sick and has been so for two weeks.” Several letters reveal the illnesses and prescriptions of the day. E. Polk asked Capt. Thomas J. Hardeman in September 1820 to bring him a box of Anderson’s Pills, if he went to Nashville.
SERIES LIST
RG 50: EARLY TENNESSEE LAND RECORDS, 1773-1910
Records of the Land Office, State of Tennessee;
Board of Land Commissioners.

SERIES 1: LAND OFFICE RECORDS
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  a. Grant Books
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  b. Power of Attorneys or Attorneys-in-fact
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CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-series 1: Accounts

Box 1
1. “Amount of Checks Received from the Treasurer for monies paid him for lands South of French Broad and Holston for the years 1808 & 1809.” (Thomas McCorry?)
   (Back of book) Alphabetical listing of payments, 1-10 years. (old #9-2)
2. Payments received, South of French Broad and Holston, 1824-1831. Academy Lands, Occupant Lands. All alphabetical.
   [the spine of this book is labeled “Jackson Co. Land Index.”] (old #1-14)
   b. “List of Lands in the ‘Highwassee’ District that fell back to the State for nonpayment under an Act of the General Assembly of the 15th day of Nov. 1819 and which is to be sold on the 27th June 1831,” pp. 54-68. (old #9-1)
   “Hiawassee Land Office. Record of Monies Received by Miller Francis arising from land in the Hiwassee District, beginning Oct. 20, 1827, ending May 7, 1831. May 26, 1932 by P. E. Cox, Keeper, Archives & Museum.” (old #1-9)
5. Ocoee District Accounts, No. 1 – No. 1440, 1838-1839
   1. “Amount of money received for Lands Entered in the Ocoee District 6, by whom entered, the kind of entry,” 1838-1839
   2. “General Entry October the 5th 1839 at $2 per Acre.”
   5. “Mistakes made by the Entry Taker in receiving entries, which he will arrange,” 1839
   7. “Injunctions filed.” (old #1-10)
   Amount of money received for Lands Entered in the Ocoee District 7, by whom entered, the kind of entry, 1839-1841. (old #1-11)
7. Ocoee District Accounts No. 4107 – No. 5226 [missing, 12/01/2005]

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   a. When entered, By whom entered, the kind of entry, at what amount.      (old #1-12)

**Box 2**

*Register of West Tennessee (now Middle Tennessee)*

Fees collected by the Register of West Tennessee on grants issued:

*Lists arranged by grant #; contains warrant #; date granted; number of acres; to whom granted; notation “paid.”*

1. Grants No. 1 – No. 5628.  **[Volume missing, 09/29/2016]**


3. Grants No. 7070 – No. 10264, (the remainder of pages are torn out), June 1, 1815-June 30, 1817.                         (old #1-5)

4. Grants No. 10389 – No. 13429, July 21, 1817-April 30, 1819.              (old #1-6)

5. Grants No. 13430 – No. 16658, May 1, 1819-February 15, 1822.              (old #1-7)
   “October 24, 1927. This book was this day handed me by Dr. Provine of Tennessee Historical Society with information that he procured it from the lot of books stored by the Society in Watkins Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. It appears to be a catalog of grants issued by the Register of West Tennessee, beginning May 1, 1819 and ending February 15, 1822, and is not indexed. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.”

6. Accounts of grants issued by the Register of Middle Tennessee: Grants No. 16659 – No. 19590, February 18, 1822-July 23, 1823.               (old #1-8)

**Box 3**

Fees collected by the Register of Middle Tennessee on grants issued:

(Vol. 7) Grants No. 19591 – No. 29441, July 24, 1823-February 5, 1848.
“Tennessee Grants, Middle Division (formerly West Tennessee), 19591-29441. July 24, 1823-March 4, 1848.” (F. McGavock, Deputy Register; L. M. Bransford, Register of West Tennessee)

**Box 4**

1. North & East of the Congressional Reservation Line (under 12½ cent law) Grants No. 1 – No. 6961, September 28, 1824-September 26, 1827.
   “A Book containing the number of each grant, no. of acres, date of grant, to whom granted, from no. 1 to no. 12073 – of all the grants which have been granted under the 12½ cent law. One cent & since the 9\textsuperscript{th} Jan. 183\underline{23} where nothing but the officers fees were to be paid – H. W. McGavock, D. Regr. of W. Tennessee.”
   “Grants under the 12½ c. Law and Since Jan. 9, 1830. No. 1 – 12073.”
2. North & East of the Congressional Reservation Line, Grants No. 6962 – No. 12073, September 27, 1827-January 12, 1834.
   “W. Tenn. Grants. No. 1 - 12073 inc. Area now largely Middle Tenn.”

Box 5
(Vol. 3) North & East of the Congressional Reservation Line, Grants No. 12074 – No. 22279, January 12, 1834-July 10, 1851.
“Middle Tenn. Grants 12074 to 22279, Jan. 12, 1834 to July 10, 1851. May 3, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives & Museum.” (old #4-29)

Box 6
1. Tennessee Land Office, August, 1911-December, 1916:

   (Land Commissioner, Account Books. 1911-1916, inc. 1917-1921, inc., 1919-1921, inc.) (old #1-2)

3. Tennessee Land Office, July, 1921-March, 1926. (old #1-3)
Box 7a

Vol. 1. Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants (as copied by John Overton):


b. Military Warrants issued by Mr. Secretary White, I.O., No. 1 – No. 90.

c. “A statement of the men who served as Officers and Soldiers in Evans Battalion under the authority of an Act of the Assembly of No. Carolina passed in the year 1786 entitled ‘An act for raising troops for the protection of the inhabitants of Davidson County,’ taken from the pay rolls (there being no muster rolls) deposited in the Office of the Comptroller of No. Carolina, together with an account of the names of Grantees of land upon Warrants issued to the said Officers and Soldiers.”

“Note the payroll for this battalion commences with the month of August 1787 and ends with the month of Decemb. 178(7?) except Capt. Hadley’s returns which is continued until Aught. 1789.

The officer has made monthly returns containing the number but not the names of the men in the Battalion, commencing with December 1787 and ending with the year 1788. There is also a general, consolidated return of a like nature commencing with January and ending with Aught. 1789 - completing the period of two years Viz from July 1787 to Sept. 1789. Jno. Overton, Raleigh, March 12th 1804.”

Box 7b

Vol. 2. Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants (Duplicate of Volume 1), Secretary J. E. R. Ray:


2. p. 429, Military Warrants issued by Mr. Secretary White, No. 1 – No. 90.

3. p. 458, Men who served in Major Thomas Evans Battalion.


“It is hereby certified that the following statement of the military warrants which issued to the Officers and soldiers of the Continental Line by James Glasgow, Secretary from No. 1 to No. 5312 inclusive; and by William White, Secretary, from No. 1 to No. 90 inclusive is a true copy of
the Warrant Book kept in the Secretary’s Office of No. Carolina except the Column expressive of
the Grantee’s name upon each warrant which is found, and the names copied from, a
memorandum book – in the said office; taken by Samuel Love, Esqr. a sworn clerk and by the
said clerk and myself carefully collated with and rendered conformable with the original. In
Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal at Raleigh in the State of North
Carolina this 30th day of March 1804. Jno. Overton.”

**Box 7c**

Transfers of Warrants: Military, Eastern, and Middle Districts, 1785-1814.
(Land Office copy, c. 1857-58) (old #10-26)

**Box 8a**

“A Record of Warrants Issued to the Surveyors for Sectioning their Several Districts.”
Certificates issued to Surveyors of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Surveyors’ Districts and the
District South of the French Broad and Holston, 1807-1814. Edward Scott, Register of the Land
Office for East Tennessee. (old #10-33)

**Box 8b**

Vol. 1. Land Office of West Tennessee (later, Middle Tenn.), Division of Certificates (Warrants),
1783-1819. Indexed.
“8-22-28. WARRANTS- MILITARY AND OTHERWISE. Name of person to whom issued, kind of
warrant, locators name and number of entry. Period covering 1783 to 1815-16. This book is
indexed. Found in Archives by P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum, Aug. 20, 1928.”
(old #10-25)

**Box 8c**

Vol. 2. Land Office of West Tennessee (later, Middle Tenn.), Division of Warrants, ca. 1812-April
29, 1823. Partially indexed. (old #10-19)

**Box 9**

Divided Certificates issued by David McGavock, Register for West Tennessee (later, Middle
Tennessee):

Book A. “Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee from No. 1 to No. 521
inclusive.” No. 1 – No. 521, January 8, 1810-April 27, 1811. (old #8-6)

Book B. “Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee from No. 522 to No.
1013 inclusive.” No. 522 – No. 1013, April 27, 1811-May 15, 1812. (old #8-7)

Book C. “Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee from No. 1014 to No.
1482 inclusive.” No. 1014 – No. 1482, May 15, 1812-April 15, 1813. (old #8-8)

**Box 10**


Book E. “Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee from No. 1918 to No. 2484 inclusive.” No. 1981 – No. 2484, November 24, 1814-September 5, 1816. “1927 Cox.” (old #8-9)

Book F. “Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee.” No. 2485 – No. 2935, September 5, 1816-May 14, 1818. “West Tennessee Certificates for D. W. McGavock, Register for West Tennessee. No. 2485, Sept. 25, 1816 to 2935, May 14, 1818. No index. (Cox).” (old #5-12)

**Box 11**

Book G. “A Record of Certificates issued by the Register of West Tennessee from No. 2936 to 3436.” No. 2936 – No. 3436, May 15, 1818-April 10, 1819. (old #8-10)


Book I. (cover missing) No. 4301 – No. 5094, October 6, 1821-April 13, 1824. (old #8-5)


**Box 12**

Book K. No. 5935 – No. 7091, June 26, 1824-November 28, 1833; No. 7092 – No. 7186, March 4, 1836-June 4, 1844. (old #6-12)

**Divided Certificates (Warrants):**

**Box 13a**

Vol. 1. Divided Certificates issued by Jacob Tipton, Register of East Tennessee, 1817-1845. *Indexed.*

**Box 13b**

Vol. 2. Receipts and Divided Warrants in the Third Surveyor’s District, various dates (oldest found – 1807). (old #2-43)
Box 14
List of Entries for land granted by North Carolina, South of the River Ohio:

Part A. Sullivan County, NC. Entries No. 1 – No. 840, 1778-1784

Part B. Washington County, NC. Entries No. 1 – No. 3005, 1778-1785
“A Report of the quantity of acres of land entered in the Entry takers office kept in Washington County, formerly of the State of North Carolina, and at present of the territory of the United States of America south of the River Ohio, by John Carter and Landon Carter late Entry takers in the said County ... 1791.” (old #2-8)

Box 15
Book A: Sullivan County, NC, Entries No. 1 – No. 850, 1780-1797. Indexed. (old #2-17)


p. 131. Supplement to John Adair’s Warrants.

p. 132. Account of land surveyed on warrants issued from Burke & Wilkes Counties, NC.

p. 133. Account of (Joseph) Hardin’s Warrants, No. 1 – No. 112.

p. 136. A list of warrants (numbers only) examined and adjudged valid by the Commissioners of East Tennessee.
“We have examined the transcript of the book of entry of Adair’s Office and certify that it is conformable to the original – Given under our hands this 10th Septr. 1803. Willie Blount, Patrick Campbell.”
“We certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the transcripts taken from the files of the Secretaries office of North Carolina by John Overton, Esquire, agent from Tennessee, exhibiting the number of warrants, and the name of grantees, of Adair’s and Hardin’s offices, and other miscellaneous claims – Given under our hands this 24th day of March 1807. Archibald Roane, A. Moore Lusk. (attest) Luke Lea, Clk.”

Book B: Joseph Hardin’s entries (Greene Co., etc.) No. 1 – No. 112, 1783-1789. No index.
“State of Tennessee to wit: Samuel Love who was appointed by Archibald Roane, Governor of said State for the time being to copy the Entry Books known by the name of Harden’s (sic) Office in pursuance to the Act of the General Assembly passed the 14th day of November 1801,
appeared before me Willie Blount, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Knox within this State previous to the execution of said appointment, and took an oath truly and faithfully and correctly to Transcribe said Entries – and to deliver the same to the Governor with the originals, to wit in the following words .. ‘I will truly and faithfully and correctly transcribe said Entries – and deliver the same to the Governor with the originals,’ Saml. Love. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d. Sepr. 1803. Willie Blount.”

“We have examined the transcript of the book Entry of Hardin’s Office and certify that it is conformable to the originals – Given under our hands this 12th Sepr. 1803. Willie Blount, Patrick Campbell.”

(Book C: Sullivan County, North Carolina, Entry Book No. 7 – No. 556 (Duplicate of Book A)
(old #2-7)

**Box 16**

Book A: John Armstrong’s Entries No. 1 – No. 2662, 1783-1784.
“A list of entries of claims for lands westward of the line established by Act of Assembly, made with John Armstrong Entry Officer of Claims for said lands at Hillsborough the 20th of October 1783.”

“Be it known to all whom it may concern that in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, entitled ‘An Act concerning the Agent from the State of “No. Carolina,”’ John Armstrong’s Entry Book has been copied by Samuel Love, Esquire, a sworn clerk, commencing with entry No. 1 and ending with entry No. 2662; and that the said entries have been carefully collated with, and rendered comfortable to the originals, by the aforesaid Clerk and Agent. In Testimony whereof said Agent hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal, at Raleigh in the State of No. Carolina, this first day of March one thousand eight hundred & four. Jno. Overton, Agent for the State of Tennessee.”

(old #2-1)

**Box 17**

Book B: Index to John Armstrong’s Entries No. 1 – No. 2662.
“Index made by Sue Jones, Land Clerk, September, 1933.”

(Book C: John Armstrong’s Entries No. 1 – No. 2660, 1783-1784.

(Book D: List of grants issued on John Armstrong’s Entries, pp. 1-51; List of Entries on which grants cannot be issued, pp. 52-58.
“This book is a copy of the appendix in the back of “Jno. Armstrong Entry Nos. 1 to 2662.”

**Box 18**

Martin Armstrong’s Entry Books (North Carolina Military Reservation):

Book A: Entry No. 2 – No. 2742, 1780-1786.
[note: No. 2743-2753 are missing].

(Book B: Entry No. 2754 – No. 3112, 1786-1787.}
Box 19
Book C: Entry No. 3113 – No. 4839, 1787-1792. [note: No. 4840 – No. 5571 are missing]
“Davidson County, Tennessee. I, Martin Armstrong, surveyor and entry-taker of the lands granted to the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Line of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing entries from Location No. 3113 to 4839 in book B are true and perfect copies of entries made in said book, being carefully and accurately compared with the Original entries, and that due faith and credit ought to be given to them as such. Given under my hand at office, this twelfth day of July 1799. Martin Armstrong, E.T. & Surv.” (old #2-3)

Box 20
“Davidson County, Tennessee copy of Martin Armstrong Entry Book, Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Line of the State of N. C. Location No. 5572 to 7490, from Aug. 5, 1794 to May 24, 1797. No index. (Cox)” (old #2-4)

Box 21
Book E, Entry No. 7491 – No. 8200, 1797-1799.
“Davidson County, Tennessee. I, Martin Armstrong, surveyor and entry-taker of the lands granted to the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Line of the State of No. Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing entries from Location number seven thousand four hundred & ninety-one to number eight thousand two hundred are true and perfect copies of entries the residue made in book C being carefully and accurately compared with the original entries and that due faith and credit ought to be given to them as such. Given under my hand at office, this twelfth day of July 1799. Martin Armstrong, E.T. & Surv.” (old #2-53)
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Sub-series 3: Entries, First Surveyors’ District

Box 22
First Surveyors’ District, Index to Entry Books A-J, 1807-1822.
E. Cox, Keeper of Archives & Museum.” (old #2-32)

Box 23
Index to Entry Books A-1 through G, Entry No. 1 – No. 14482.
“1 District, Index Book. Index to Entry Book A-1, B, C, D, E, F, G. Location Nos. 1 to 14482,
inclusive. Books C and G not yet found. (Cox)” (old #2-22)

Box 24
“West Tennessee, District 1. Box A-1: Entries Nos. 1 to 335 inclusive. July 29, 1807 to Sept. 29,
1808 inclusive. Indexed. P. E. Cox, Oct. 27, 1927.” (old #2-57)

Box 25
Book A-2: Entry No. 1 – No. 1829, inclusive, August 5, 1807-October 5, 1808. Partially Indexed
(A-M and O-R missing.)
“1 District. Entry Book “A -1”. Location Nos. 1 to 1829, inclusive.” (old #2-23)

Box 26
Book B: Entry No. 1841 – No. 4163, June, 1808-November, 1809.
was transcribed by A. A. Lyon, M.D., Register, June 1902-Feby. 1903.” (old #6-2)

Box 27
Duplicate of Book B: Entry No. 1841 – No. 4163, June, 1808 – November, 1809.
“1 District. Entry Book “B”. Location Nos. 1841 to 4163 inclusive.” (old #2-24)

Box 28
Book C: Entry No. 4164 – No. 5539, November, 1809-December, 1810. Indexed.
“1st Surveyor’s Dist. ENTRIES. Nov. 24, 1809 to Dec. 1, 1810. Entries numbered. Book is
indexed. Original label: Book #1. Entries #4164 to #5539 inclusive. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives
and Museum.” (old #2-26)

Box 29
Book D: Entry No. 5540 – No. 7237, December, 1810-December, 1811. Indexed.
“1 District. Entry Book “D”. Location Nos. 5540 to 7237 inclusive.” (old #2-25)
Box 30
Book E: Entry No. 7238 – No. 9365, December, 1811-November, 1812. Indexed.
“1 District. Entry Book “E”. Location Nos. 7238 to 9365, inclusive.” (old #2-27)

Box 31
Book F: Entry No. 9366 – No. 11385, November, 1812-September, 1813.
“1 District. Entry Book “F”. Location Nos. 9366 to 11385, inclusive.” (old #2-28)

Box 32
Book G: Entry No. 11386 – No. 14482, September, 1813-February, 1815.
“1st Surveyors District, Entry Book “G”. Location Nos. 11386 to 14482, inclusive.” (old #2-29)

Box 33
“1 District, Entry Book “H.” Location Nos. 14483 to 18329 inc.” (old #2-30)

Box 34
Book I: Entry No. 14330 – No. 22434, February, 1817-May, 1823.
“1 Surveyor’s District, Entry Book “I.” Location Nos. 18330 to 22343 inc.” (old #2-31)
Box 35
1. Anderson & Strother’s Daybook - Federal Bottom, May 1806. “Anderson & Strother memorandum or Day Book made 1st May 1806. Federal Bottom” (old #2-56)


Box 36

Box 37
Second Surveyors’ District Entry Book (A?) (begins with page 125) Entry No. 408 (partial) – No. 805, August, 1807-December, 1807; p. 247, Entry No. 1 – No. 1127, December, 1807-February, 1809 [note: Entries No. 1128 – No. 1280 are missing] (old #2-33)

Box 38
Book B: Entries No. 1281 – No. 2575, inclusive; March, 1809-August, 1810. (back of book has warrants drawn for August, 1807 list only) “ENTRY BOOK “B” II. Surveyor’s District. Nos. 1281 to 2575 inclusive.” (old #2-35)

Box 39
Book C: Entry No. 2576 – No. 4079, August 10, 1810-June 29, 1812. (old #2-36)

Box 40
Book D: Entry No. 4080 – No. 5654, July 1, 1812-September 14, 1813. (old #2-37)

8 Entries and an index are located at the rear of this volume.
9 The rear of the book contains monies paid out of office, March 1, 1815 through October 15, 1816.
**Box 41**
Book E: Entry No. 5655 – No. 7886, September 14, 1813-May 22, 1815.  
“Robert P. Harrison, Entry Taker” (old #2-38)

**Box 42**
Book F: Entry No. 7887 – No. 10523, May 23, 1815-December 16, 1817. (old #2-39)

**Box 43**
Book G: Entry No. 10524 – No. 12384, December 17, 1817-p. 476, April 30, 1823.  
Back page: “A List of Warrants drawn for on the 1st Wednesday in December 1820. Agreeable to an Act passed at Murfreesborough in the year 1819.” (old #2-40)
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See Box 36 for index.

Box 44


Book C: Entries No. 1701 – No. 2413, 1812-1813. Indexed.

Book D: Entries No. 2414 – No. 3265, 1813-1814.

Box 45
Book E: Entries No. 3266 – No. 5315, 1814-1818.

Box 46
Book F: Entries No. 5316 – No. 6982, 1818-1823.
When the District land office was closed, the entry records were transferred to Roane County. This surveyor’s district was comprised of Anderson, Bledsoe, Campbell, Morgan, Overton, Rhea, and Roane Counties. While in operation, the district office was located in Kingston, Tenn.

Microfilm:
Roane County records, TSLA. Roll 79: Miscellaneous Entries, Aug. 1807 – June 1815.


Morgan County records, TSLA. Roll 35: Entry Takers, A-D, Apr. 1824 – Nov. 1836.

Overton County records, TSLA. Roll 51. Land Entries, June 1835 – Apr. 1856.
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Box 47
Book A: Entries No. 1 – No. 800, August 3, 1807-August 31, 1812.
“East Tennessee Land Office. Entries, 5th Surveyor’s District. No. 1, Aug. 3, 1807 to No. 800,
Aug. 31, 1812. No index. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives & Museum, 9-24-28.” (old #2-49)

Book B: Entries No. 801 – No. 1600 (book missing, 08.11.16).

Box 48
Book C: Entries No. 1601 – No. 2549, January 16, 1816-April 30, 1823.
“Entry Book C. 5th District, Tennessee. 16 January 1816.”
“Entry Book (C) 5th Surveyor’s Dist. From Jan. 16, 1816 to Apr. 30, 1823, inc. Indexed. P. E. Cox,
Keeper of Archives and Museum, 2-9-29.” (old #2-50)

Microfilm:
“Fifth District Entry Taker” including transactions in Grainger, Knox, Campbell, Jefferson, and
Sevier Counties from the years 1812 – 1815. MM-2014-010.”
Original in McClung Historical Collection, Knox County Public Library System, Knoxville, TN
**Box 49**
Entries No. 707 – No. 2959 (missing, 09.07.16).

**Box 50**
Entries No. 2960 – No. 6020, 1815-1823. *Indexed*
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Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-series 3: Entries, North & East of the “Congressional Reservation Line”

Box 51

a. pp. 1-14: Index to Entries.
b. pp. 15-19: Index to Entries.
c. pp. 46-189: Entries No. 1 – No. 2,000, April, 1824-September, 1874.
RG 50: EARLY TENNESSEE LAND RECORDS

Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-series 3: Entries, Mountain District

Box 52
Entries No. 2129 – No. 2786, Feb. 22, 1836-July 31, 1844 (Franklin County?).
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#### Series 1: Land Office Records

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| Box 59 | Index to Ocoee Entry Books A-B-C-D, 1838-1887. (old #2-69) |

| Box 60 | Ocoee District Re-Entries Book, 1841-1895. (old #2-71) |

| Box 61 | Ocoee District Book A: (entries in alphabetical order), 1839-1842. (old #2-72) |

| Box 62 | Ocoee District Book B: (entries in alphabetical order), 1839-1842. (old #2-73) |

| Box 63 | Ocoee District Book C: (entries in alphabetical order), 1838-1865. (old #2-74) |
Box 64
Book D. Certified copies of entries No. 7149 – No. 7662 (1842), No. 9092 – No. 9439 (1869-1897), T. J. Knox, Entry Taker, Ocoee District, 1897. (old #2-75)

Box 65
Ocoee District Entry Book E, No. 1 – No. 326. Indexed Gold Lots (Acts of Tennessee, 1838, Chapter 238) (old #2-70)

Box 66
Index to Entries, Ocoee District, 1838-1842
Books A-B-C-D: All listings in alphabetical order. (old #2-76)

Box 67
Index to Books of Certified Copies of Entries in the Ocoee District, 1838-1871. Books A-B-C-D-E-F-G. All listings in alphabetical order. [similar to Box 66] (old #2-77)

Box 68
Ocoee District, Entries No. 7149 – No. 7662, April 15, 1842- May 21, 1842.
Entries No. 9092 – No. 9094, January 11-18, 1869
All original entries had been recopied.
John Blackburn, Register & Entry Taker of the Ocoee District.
Volume appears to be duplicate of Book D (Box 64) (old #2-78)

Box 69
Ocoee District Book A. Entries No. 4343 – No. 5701, December 8, 1841 – April 5, 1842. (old #2-83)

Box 70
Ocoee District Book B. Entries No. 5702 – No. 6750, April 1842. (old #2-80)

Box 71
Ocoee District Book C. Entries No. 7141 – No. 8564, April 15, 1842 – Oct. 19, 1842. (old #2-81)

Box 72
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Box 73
Ocoee District, Entries No. 9111 – No. 9438, July 8, 1869 – Aug. 16, 1883 [1897]
All original entries had been recopied.
John Blackburn, Register & Entry Taker of the Ocoee District. (old #2-79)
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A. County Entry Offices

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Davidson County Entries No. 1 – No. 1063, 1824-1836.

**Box 75**
Dickson County Entries No. 2579 – No. 3350, 1857-1903.

**Box 76**
2. Jackson County Entries No. 1943 – No. 2856, 1832-1847. *Indexed*

**Box 77**
1. Index to Madison County Entries, 1820-1870. “Found at office of Register of Deeds, Jackson, Tennessee – Thursday, April 21, 1932, P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.”
2. Madison County Register of Deeds, 1870-1876, indicating date of filing, grantor, grantee, kind of conveyance, acres, and fees. (old #2-84)

**Box 78**
1. Marion & Franklin Counties, Occupant Entries No. 1 – No. 3922, 1820 *Indexed*.
   “Occupant entries made in conformity to an Act of Assembly passed at Murfreesboro on the 23rd day of October 1819.” (old #2-15)
2. Smith County, Entries No. 3 – No. 154, June, 1802-November, 1803. (old #2-16)

**Box 79**
2. White County Entry Book A-2 (Duplicate of A-1)
4. White County Entry Book C, No. 1874 - No. 2807, 1830-1836 *Indexed*. (old #2-20)
5. White County Entry Book D, No. 2808 - No. 3395, 1836-1846.
6. White County Entry Book E, Entries No. 3398 (partial) – No. 3936, 1846-1870
7. White County Entry Book (unnumbered) Entries No. 1 – No. 96 (No. 3609), 1879-1904.
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Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-series 4: Surveyor’s Warrants

Box 80
North Carolina Entries. John and Landon Carter, Entry Takers. Vol. 1: No. 1 – No. 1442. Washington County: Surveyor’s warrants on which grants have been issued, 1778-1794. [Note: Warrants No. 1443-No. 1478 are missing] (old #2-5)

Box 81
North Carolina Entries. John and Landon Carter, Entry Takers. Vol. 2: No. 1479 – No. 3004. Washington County: Surveyor’s warrants on which grants have been issued, 1778-1794. (old #2-6)

Box 82
Vol. 1. Military District with assignments and transfers. No order or index.

Part A. Military District, pp. 1-95, 1795-1803
“Record of military warrants by Robert Searcy, Esquire & Maj.” (old #10-9)

Vol. 2. Part B, Surveys with plats, Tennessee, Davidson and Sumner Counties, 1789-1791
“North Carolina – Surveyors Certificates Oct. 5, 1790 to Feb. 24, 1791 – Davidson, Sumner, Tennessee Counties and Mero District. At the beginning of this book are a lot of surveyors certificates that are not signed and quite a number that are signed.” (Cox?)
This description from old finding aid: “Revolutionary Guard Rights & preemptions, 1792-1807. 2nd part of book – Certificates of survey, 1789-1797) (old #10-15)

Box 83

Vol. 2. “List of warrants issued from John Armstrong’s Entry Book since January 1800.” (No order; shows #warrant, name, #acres, remarks)

pp. 12-14 “List of duplicate Military Land warrants issued since 1 January 1801 in which is also included a few duplicate and original warrants of different descriptions issued by or upon Resolutions of the General Assembly.”
(no order- shows warrant #, name, #acres, remarks)

pp. 16 “List of Military Warrants No. 1 – No. 1233, 1799-1825.”
(shows warrant #, name, rank, months of service, #acres, by whom drawn and when, to whom granted.)
Box 84
Revolutionary War Warrants, Surveyor’s Warrants for lands South and West of the Congressional Reservation Line; John S. Young, Secretary of State, 1839-1847.
All copies. (old #10-16)
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Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-Series 5: Plats and surveys

Box 85
Middle District (contains no plats), 1785-1800. Indexed, although “I-Z” is missing. Possibly survey book of Robert Dyer, Deputy Surveyor, 1st District. (old #2-2)

Box 86
Field notes of Henry Rutherford (with James Robertson, Alfred Harris, et.al.), Surveys West of Tennessee River, 1785-1789. Original document found in Tennessee Historical Society Miscellaneous Collection (T-100), R-165.

Box 87
Book A: Book of Records of Surveys, Military District. (no plats), 1800. Indexed. (old #10-35)
pp.34 – end, List of soldiers, warrant #, number of acres. Unindexed, no order.

Box 88
Index to Plats and Surveys, Surveyors Districts 1, 2, 3; 1807-1853.

Box 89
First Surveyors’ District, Book A, May 17, 1807-August 5, 1808. No index. (old #3-12)

Box 90
First Surveyors’ District, Book B, 1808-1809 (old #3-13)

Box 91
First Surveyors’ District, Book C, February 10, 1809-September 26, 1809. No Index. (old #3-14)

Box 92
First Surveyors’ District, Book D, September 27, 1809-March 12, 1811. No index. (old #3-15)

Box 93
First Surveyors’ District, Book E, March 12, 1811-August 20, 1812. No index. (old #3-16)

Box 94
First Surveyors’ District, Book F, August 24, 1812-February 7, 1814. No index. (old #3-17)

Box 95
First Surveyors’ District, Book G, February 17, 1814-August 30, 1814. No index. (old #3-18)
Box 96
First Surveyors’ District, Book H, August 23, 1814-November 3, 1814. *No index.* (old #3-19)

Box 97
First Surveyors’ District, Book I, December 26, 1814-November 21, 1815. (old #3-20)

Box 98
First Surveyors’ District, Book K, November 22, 1815-September 11, 1817. *No index.* (old #3-21)

Box 99
First Surveyors’ District, Book L, September 12, 1817-March 29, 1922. *No Index.* (old #3-22)

*See Box 88 for Index to Second Surveyors’ District surveys.*

Box 100
First Surveyors’ District, Book M, March 29, 1822-June 9, 1837. *No index.* (old #3-23)

Box 101
Second Surveyors’ District, Book A, No. 1 – No. 620, May 8, 1807-April 5, 1808. *No Index.* (old #3-24)

Box 102
Second Surveyors’ District, Book B, No. 621 – No. 1035, June 2, 1808-May 9, 1808. *No Index.* (old #3-25)

Box 103
Second Surveyors’ District, Book C, No. 1036 – No. 1808, August 28, 1808-August 8, 1809. *No Index.* (old #3-26)

Box 104
Second Surveyors’ District, Book D, No. 1809 – No. 2559, June 10, 1809-February 9, 1811. *No Index.* (old #3-27)

Box 105
Second Surveyors’ District, Book E, No. 2560 – No. 3516, March 8, 1811-May 21, 1813. *No Index.* (old #3-28)

Box 106
Second Surveyors’ District, Book F, No. 3517 – No. 4373, July 23, 1813-July 30, 1814. *No Index.* (old #3-29)
**Box 107**
*No Index.*  
(old #3-30)

**Box 108**
Second Surveyors’ District, Book H, No. 5535 – No. 6706, February 20, 1815-June 3, 1816.  
*No Index.*  
(old #3-31)

**Box 109**
*No Index*  
(old #3-32)

**Box 110**
Second Surveyors’ District, Book K, No. 7572 – No. 8596, January 26, 1818-November 1, 1821.  
*No Index.*  
(old #3-10)

**Box 111**
Second Surveyors’ District, Book L, No. 8597 – No. 9091, November 1, 1821-April 1, 1831.  
*No Index.*  
(old #3-33)

Index to Book L. (first number is page #, second is # acres)  
(old #6-3)

**See Box 88 for Index to Third Surveyors’ District Surveys and Plats.**

**Box 112**
Third Surveyors’ District Surveys, Book 1, July 1, 1807-April 2, 1814.  
*No Index.*  
(old #3-34)

**Box 113**
Third Surveyors’ District Surveys, Book 2, May 26, 1814-January 23, 1816.  
*No index.* (pp. 1-4 are missing).  
[on page 513, a survey by John Kelly, D.S., Aug. 26, 1822, Henry Long, 180 acres, Marion County].  
(old #3-38)

**Box 114**
Third Surveyors’ District Surveys, Book 3, December 25, 1815-February 13, 1823.  
*Indexed*  
(old #3-39)

Third Surveyors’ District Surveys, Book 4, January 29, 1820-September 29, 1829.  
(old #3-40)

**Box 115**
*Indexed*  
(old #3-35)
Third Surveyors' District Surveys, Occupant Book B, June 3, 1808-June 28, 1810. Indexed.
“In the back of the book at page 62, is a list showing kind of Warrant, No. of Warrant, No. of Acres, No. of Acres remaining and the locators name, which is finished at pencil page 65. The book is indorsed (sic) Occupant Book (B).” (old #3-37)

Third Surveyors’ District Surveys, Occupant Book C, 1810. (old #3-36)
Back of this book has entries No. 1 – No. 36, 1808-1809.

No Survey Books have been found for the Fourth and Fifth Surveyors’ District. Copies of these records might be found in the loose Eastern District surveys. They should be filed by grant number.

Box 116
Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 1, No. 5 – No. 903, April 22, 1808-October 20, 1812. Indexed. (old #3-45)

Box 117

Box 118
Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 3, No. 1432 – No. 2095, November 1, 1814 – May 3, 1816. Indexed. (old #3-43)

Box 119
Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 4, No. 2096 – No. 2500, March 19, 1810-March 10, 1819. Indexed. (old #3-41)


Box 120
Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 6, No. 3184 – No. 3450, June 11, 1821-April 19, 1823. Indexed. (old #3-46)

Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 7, No. 3451 – No. 3879, April 19, 1823-May 22, 1824. No Index. (old #3-47)

Sixth Surveyors’ District Surveys, Vol. 8 (pp. 1-249 missing, No. 3880 – No. 3899; Book begins with p. 250), No. 3900 – No. 3992. September 14, 1824-January 8, 1835. Indexed.

Box 121
Tenth Surveyors’ District Surveys, No. 1 – No. 2099, January 9, 1821-June 16, 1826. No Index.
Box 122
Ninth & Tenth Surveyors’ District.
Index, Madison County Plats and Surveys, Book 1, pp. 1-129; 1820-1854; Book 1 (new series), pp. 130-149, 1866-1870.

Box 123
Ninth & Tenth Surveyors’ District.
Madison County Plats and Surveys No. 1, October 30, 1866 to No. 66, April 5, 1887.
“Index to this Book commences on Page 130 of Index to Plats and Surveys.” (old #3-4)

No Survey Books have been found for Surveyors’ Districts Seven, Eight, Eleven, Twelve, or Thirteen. Few survey records are available for the Ninth Surveyors’ District. Some Land Office records were left with individual counties; please refer to county records either locally in courthouse/archives or the microfilmed county records at TSLA.

Box 124
Davidson County Plats and Surveys, June 23, 1824-November 15, 1852. Begins on p. 5. Several pages missing. No Index.

Box 125
Sumner County Plats and Surveys (pp. 1-66 missing), pp. 67-134, November 10, 1824-January 26, 1825. No index.

Box 126
“White County, Surveys April ____ to March 28, 1828. Index. Sparta, Tennessee, P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives ____” (old #3-6)

Box 127
White County Plats and Surveys, March 30, 1828-September 29, 1836. Limited index, many pages are missing.
White County Plats and Surveys, 1840-1847, are missing.

Box 128
Box 129
Fayette County Plat Book, ca. 1827-1868

Box 130
Index to Plat Book, Ocoee District of Tennessee.

Box 131
Ocoee District Plat Book, 1838. (old #3-48)

Box 132
Ocoee District Plat Book, 1838. (duplicate)

District Surveyors Field Notes
[Map Case #M-11-16]

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Second Surveyors’ District:
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Sub-series 5: Plats and surveys
A. Certificates of Survey

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Box 133
(old #4-27)

Box 134
Land Grants of John Sevier, Governor, No. 7 – 918 inclusive.
Begins with No. 7 (Buchanan), 1807, p. 3. Ends with No. 918 (Jonathan Carter), 1809, p. 582.
“Recorded also in General Grants.”
(old #4-28)

Box 135
   (p. 1-2 are missing) Begins with (Grant no. missing) (John Overton), military warrant, 1796, p. 3. Ends with No. 580 (Severs), 1793, p. 113. Indexed at rear. Many of these entries have a certificate of survey. Grants recorded 1807.
   James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
   (old #4-7)
   James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
   (old #4-18)

Box 136
   James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina
   (old #4-2)
   (old #4-3)
   Begins with No. 112 (Anthony Gains, a private), 1786, p. 1. Ends with No. 200 (Donelson), 1793, p. 155. Indexed.
   (old #4-12)
   Begins with No. 311 (Carter), 1789, p. 1. Ends with No. 310 (Carter), 1789, p. 56.
   Part 1, List showing no. of warrant, no. of grant, grantee, and date of grant. Part 2, Grants in the Western District. No index and no order.
   (old #4-16)
   Begins with No. 508 (Aron Lewis), 1784, p. 1. Ends with No. 579 (Bailey), 1788, p. 171.
   Indexed, A-H missing. “State of Tennessee. Greene County. I do hereby certify that this is a
   true transcript taken from the records given under my hand at Office in Greeneville this 22nd
   day of May 1807. (test) George Brown Register of Greene County.” (old #4-6)

   Begins with No. 1262 (Broyles), 1794, p. 9. Ends with No. 433 (Finn), 1787, p. 82. Indexed.
   NOTE: p. 85: Entries (Locators) of Washington County, NC, No. 1 – No. 900.
   “State of Tennessee. Greene County. Register’s Office the 21st day of Augt. 1807. I do hereby
   certify that this book contains eighty-two copies (sic) of Grants and are a true transcript as
   the stand on the records. Given under my hand at Office the Date above written. George
   Brown, Register of Greene County.” (old #4-19)

   Begins with No. 367 (William Ritchey), Oct. 13, 1783, p. 1. Ends with No. 173 (Abednego
   Inman), Sept. 20, 1787, p. 442. Indexed. “State of Tennessee. Greene County. I do hereby
   certify that these are a true transcript as the stand on the Books in my office. Given under
   my hand at office in Greeneville this 16th Day of May 1807 – George Brown, Register for
   Greene County.” (old #4-4)

   Begins with No. 408 (Mathew Parimore), Oct. 13, 1783, p. 1. Ends with No. 1155 (Edmund
   the 4th of August 1807. I hereby certify that this book contains four hundred and thirty-one
   copies (sic) and are a true transcript as the stand on the records. Given under my hand at
   Office in Greeneville the date above written. (test) George Brown Register of Greene
   County.”
   NOTE: See also NC Book 1. (old #4-5)

Box 138
   Begins with No. 2 (Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene), March 1, 1785, p. 1. Ends with No. 824
   (Alexander Mabane), April, 1792, p. 140. Partially indexed.
   “I do hereby certify that these are true copies (sic) from the Records of this office as the
   on the books to the best of my knowledge. Given under my hand at office in
   Greeneville the 28th day of February 1807. George Brown, R.G.C.” (old #10-4)
   Note: several Counties in the Middle District found in this volume.

   Begins with No. 1295 (Johnson Nelson), July 17, 1794, p. 1. Ends with No. 187 (Thomas
   “State of Tennessee. Greene County. Register’s Office the 20th of August 1807. I do hereby
   certify that this book contains one hundred and twenty-two copies (sic) of Grants and

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twelve surveyors certificates of survey and are a true transcripts. Given under my hand at
office the date above written. George Brown, Register for Greene County.”

Box 139
   Begins with No. 230 (Stockley Donelson), 1795, p. 1. Ends with No. 2368 (Ryan), 1793, p. 74.
   Partial damaged index.
   “I hereby certify that the within grants is duly transcribed & is a true copy and recorded in
my office in Book A as witness hand this 1st day of October 1807. Abner Henley, Register of J.
Coty.”

   Begins with No. 892 (Robert Reynolds), 1791, p. 1. Ends with No. 46 (Martin Armstrong),
   “State of Tennessee. I, Samuel G. Ramsey, Register of the County of Knox do Certify that the
transcript contained in this Book and Book B herewith handed to the Commissioners is a true
Copy of all the Grants Registered in my Office for Lands lying in East Tennessee up to the first
day of March Anno Dom. 1807. Samuel G. Ramsey.”

   Begins with (No. 2596?), (McClung), 1793 (?), p. 3. Ends with No. 1296 (Brown), 1794, p.
   176. Index available in rear.
   “State of Tennessee. I, Samuel G. Ramsey, Register of the County of Knox do certify that the
transcript contained in this Book and Book A herewith handed to the Commissioners is a true
Copy of all the Grants registered in my Office for land lying in East Tennessee up to the
first day of March Anno Domini 1807. Saml. G. Ramsey.”

   Begins with No. 2594 (Hays), 1796, p. 1. Ends with No. 1616 (Sellers), 1793, p. 77. Indexed.
   “I do hereby certify that the foregoing one hundred and eighteen copies of grants are all that
are registered in my office up to this Day. Given under my hand this 17th day of February
1807. Bazel Boren, Register for Robertson County.”

   Begins with No. 3276 (Earpe), 1797, p. 1. Ends with No. 925 (Morton), 1789, p. 59. Indexed.
   “A list of grants taken from the Registers Office of Smith County – a true return, Dan Burford,
Register of Smith County, 27th May 1807. To the Board of Commissioners now sitting at
Nashville.”

Box 140
   No. 1151 (Andrew Armstrong), 1789, p. 239. Partial index.
   Copied by James Douglas, Register of Sumner County, 15 May 1807.

   Begins with No. 1924 (Charles Ward, a private), reg. Nov. 18, 1793, p. 1. Ends with No. 443


“State of Tennessee. Williamson County. I, James Hicks, Deputy Register in & for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the within two hundred & three of which has the certificate of survey annexed is true copies taken from the records of said County. Given under my hand this 6th day of July 1807. James Hicks for Nicholas Scales, Regr.”

(4-8)


“I do hereby certify that Books A & B contains a true transcript of all the grants registered in

(4-20)

Box 141

Begins with No. 10 (Harris), 1778, p. 1. Ends with No. 398 (Smyth), p. 459.


Box 142

Begins with No. 4454 (Love), 1795, p. 1. Ends with No. 1227 (Taylor), 1796, p. 178.

“I do hereby certify that Books A & B contains a true transcript of all the grants registered in

Box 143
Eastern District, List of Grants:

Box 144
Eastern District, List of Grants:

Box 145
1. Book A. List of Tennessee General Grants for lands in the “Congressional Reservation,” 1807-1811. Indexed. “This Book contains the No. of the Grant, the Grantees name, the quantity of acres, and date of the Grant; for West Tennessee. R. Houston, Secretary of State.”

Box 146
1. Middle District, List of Grants:

Box 147
Middle District, List of Grants:
   Part 2, List of Grants signed by Moses Swan, Register of Middle Tennessee under Legislative Act of 20 March 1853.
   (Duplicate of Vol. 3 for these numbers) Remaining pages of original volume.

**Box 148**
Middle District, List of Grants:
Vol. 5. Middle District Grants:
1. pp. 1-310, Grants in no order.
2. p. 312, Grants No. 26487 – No. 29425, 1817-1848. (old #4-23)

**Box 149**
Western District, List of Grants:
2. Vol. 2. List, West Tennessee Grants: (old #4-25?)
   pp. 1-12, Grants No. 4900 – No. 5318, December 14, 1841-July 22, 1846.
   pp. 150-179, Grants No. 5320 – No. 5867, July 22, 1846-August 1, 1848. No. 5868 (p. 182) – No. 11099, August 1, 1848-May 1, 1850.
   pp. 159-180, Occupant Grants, No. 5073 – No. 5867, 1847-1848.

**Box 150**
Western District, List of Grants:
Vol. 3. List, West Tennessee Grants, No. 11100 – No. 17359, May 1, 1850-April 8, 1903 (Gibson Co.). (Rear of book) Occupant Grants No. 5741 – No. 5913, September 1, 1850 (Henderson Co.) – July 20, 1860 (Shelby Co.). [Grantee name – Acres – Date of Grant – County Name]

**Box 151**
Western District, List of Grants:
“A Record of Grants to which all right is disclaimed by the Grantees under the Act of 1817.”
(Grants issued on land to which Indian title not extinguished), “Record of grants to which all right is disclaimed by the Grantees, under Act of 1817 from August 25, 1818 to and including May 2, 1833. John C. McLemore, John Davis, Jesse Blackburn, William Woods, the Grantees.”

Rear: “A Record of the accounts of the Principal Surveyors of the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, & 13th Districts appointed under the Act of 1819.” (old #4-24)

**Box 152**
Hiwassee District, List of Grants:
No index; arranged by Grant Number.  
(old #4-30)
RG 50: EARLY TENNESSEE LAND RECORDS

Series 1: Land Office Records
Sub-series 6: Grants (Lists)
A: Grant Books

NORTH CAROLINA

1
Records of the Watauga Purchase, 1775-1782.
 Begins with conveyance from Oconostota, Chief Warrior & First Representative of the Cherokee Nation, Attakullakulla et.al. to Charles Robertson, John Sevier, et.al., 19 March 1775. Ends with No. 152 (Watson), 1782, p. 493. Indexed.

When Tennessee prepared to issue grants (1807), the following grants were copied by the county register’s for the use of the Board of Commissioners in ascertaining the validity of land claims. These books would have originally been in the Commissioner’s office, but are listed here to consolidate the search. For a copy of the related papers (surveyor’s warrant, survey, etc.) of grants issued by the State of North Carolina for land now in Tennessee, see TSLA Microfilm No. 1177.

2
North Carolina Grants. Index (for Books A through H).

3
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

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James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

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James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).

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James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).

7
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
“State of North Carolina. In the office of the Secretary of State for said State. I, William White, Secretary of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the a foregoing contained within pages from No. 1 to No. 313 (number one to three hundred and thirteen) inclusive within this book are copies of six hundred and seven grants, hereby taken from the Records of this office, and that the number of warrant, surveyor’s name and chain carriers name (as they are entered) at the foot or in the margin of said Grants, and where no Chain Carriers or Surveyors name are found entered, none are marked on the plat & certificate of survey, and that the same are truly taken from the warrants and surveys on which the Grants were respectively founded, and further that careful examination has been made to ascertain upon what warrant each Grant was founded, and in every case where this fact could not be ascertained “No Warrant or Survey” has been entered at the foot or in the margin of said Grants; I further certify that there are contained in the forepart of this Book twenty-seven blank pages of paper for the purpose of planning an index on and that there are twenty-seven blank pages in the latter part of this Book which are left after completing the copies of the description herein contained. In Testimony, whereof I have hereunto set my hand there being no Seal of Office, this 15th day of July A.D. 1811. William White, Secretary.”

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9
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).

10
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).
“Grants issued to Assignees of General Martin Armstrong. Lands given him as surveyor of lands allotted to Officers and Soldiers of the North Carolina Continental Line. Located in both East and Middle Tennessee.”

11
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).

12
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by William White, Secretary (1811).
13
North Carolina Grants, Book A.
Record of grants founded principally on John Armstrong’s warrants.
Begins with No. 1, (James Brown), 1788, p. 1. Ends with No. 357, (Stockley Donelson), 1793, p. 262
Copied by William Hill, Secretary of State, North Carolina (1819).
“This book contains 591 grants, starting with No. 1 and ending with No. 357, on 262 pages.
These grants were founded on John Armstrong warrants, (where not otherwise expressly (sic) stated at the foot of the grant) for lands within the Middle District* with numbers of warrants where found. These facts certified to by William Hill, Secretary of State of North Carolina on November 9th, 1818.”

14
North Carolina Grants. Book B.
Record of grants founded principally on John Armstrong’s warrants.
Begins with No. 1089, (John Smith), 1793, p. 1. Ends with No. 713, (William Green), 1788, p. 278.
Copied by William Hill, Secretary of State, North Carolina (1819).

15
North Carolina Grants.  Book C.
Record of grants founded principally on John Armstrong’s warrants.
Begins with No. 696 (Joseph Green, Jr.), 1788, p. 1. Ends with No. 312 (Jenkins Whiteside, Robert C. Gordon, Matthew English, assignees of John Sevier), 1801, p. 412.
Copied by William Hill, Secretary of State, North Carolina (1819).

16
Begins with No. 408 (Mathew Parimore), 1783, p. 1. Ends with No. 229 (Robert Been), 1782, p. 647.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
“Transcribed by H. M. Harvey, Feb. 1874, at Concord, Tenn.”

17
Begins with No. 508 (Aron Lewis), 1784, p. 1. Ends with No. 75 (Gideon Morris), 1791, p. 659.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

18
Begins with No. 82 (William Sumner), 1790, p. 1. Ends with No. 900 (Evan Evins), 1791, p. 648.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Begins with No. 10 (Samuel Harris), 1778, p. 1. Ends with No. 790 (Landon Carter), 1791, p. 758.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
“Transcribed from the 218th page by T. R. Potter at Concord Knox County Tenn. in the year 1874. Copied from Book A to the 405 page.”

Begins with No. 1178 (Landon Carter), 1793, p. 1. Ends with No. 259 (David Stuart), 1787, p. 644.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

Begins with No. 205 (John Richey), 1782, p. 1. Ends with No. 256 (Robert King), 1796,
“Transcribed by H. H. Brandow at Knoxville, Knox County East Tennessee in the year 1874.” p. 647.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
“Card index by name and by number completed in Tenn. Land Grant office, Nashville, March 13, 1939. (____) Clerk.”

Begins with No. 1086 (Edmond Stevens), 1793, p. 1. Ends with [unnumbered], (James McDaniel), 1794, p. 745.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

Begins with No. 454 (William Payne), undated, p. 1. Ends with No. 273 (James Galbreath), 1793, p. 653.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

Begins with No. 336 (John Adair), undated, p. 1. Ends with No. 2498 (Edward Freel), 1795, p. 405.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.

James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
26
Begins with No. 1614 (Benjamin Coleman), 1793, p. 1. Ends with No. 154 (William Crutcher), 1794, p. 205.
James Glasgow, Secretary of State, North Carolina.
Copied by Nathan Ewing, Register of Davidson County, 1807. Indexed.

27
Begins with No. 1 (Evan Shelby, Sr.), 1780, p. 1. Ends with No. 618 (John Shelton), 1756 (Virginia), p. 313.
James Glasgow, Secretary of North Carolina.
“I, Stephen Majors, Register for the County of Sullivan aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of all the grants that have been registered in my office up to the present date. In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand this 21st day of April 1807.” Stephen Majors, Register of Sullivan County.
REAR: “A numerical arrangement of the Grants Registered in the County of Sullivan.”

28
Index to North Carolina Grants, Index to Books 5, 8, 9- inclusive. 1783-1799.

29
Index to North Carolina Grants, “Surveyor’s Dist., Grantee, Number of Grant, District, Etc. Nov. 1, 1786 to April 5, 1797.”

TENNESSEE (GENERAL) GRANTS

30
Index to General Grants. Middle Tennessee Land Office, Nashville.

31
General Grants, Book A.
Begins with No. 2 (Deason), 1807, p. 2. Ends with No. 920 (Dean), 1809. Indexed
Robert Houston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

32
Begins with No. 921 (McCall), 1809, p. 1. Ends with No. 745 (Elisha Robertson), 1808, p. 372.
Robert Houston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

33
Begins with No. 749 (Burton), 1808, p. 373. Ends with No. 1184 (Green), 1809, p. 744.
Robert Houston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
34
General Grants, Book C.
Begins with No. 1185 (Warren), 1809. Ends with No. 2293 (Tribble), 1810, p. 560.
Robert Houston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

35
General Grants, Book D.
Begins with No. 1667 (Harbour), 1809, p. 1. Ends with No. 3142 (Thompson), 1811, p. 720.
Robert Houston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

36
General Grants, Book E.
Begins with No. 2914 (Isaac Johns), 1811, p. 1. Ends with No. 3966 (William T. Lewis), 1812, p. 672.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

37
General Grants, Book F.
Begins with No. 3967 (James Huling), 1812, p. 1. Ends with No. 3318 (Spragins), 1811, p. 652.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

38
Begins with No. 2620 (Hardcastle), 1810, p. 1. Ends with No. 5097 (Stringer), 1813, p. 384.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

39
Begins with No. 5045 (William Walker), 1813, p. 385. Ends with No. 5033 (Harris), 1813, p. 768.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

40
Begins with No. 4047 (Brandon), 1812, p. 1. Ends with No. 5920 (William L. Williams), 1814, p. 388.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

41
Begins with No. 5981 (Woolfolk), 1814, p. 389. Ends with No. 6460 (Vaulx, Blackfan), 1814, p. 776.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
42
General Grants, Book I.
Begins with No. 5096 (Paxton), 1813, p. 1. Ends with No. 7145 (Greer), 1815, p. 656.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

43
General Grants, Book K.
Begins with No. 7146 (Greer), 1815, p. 1. Ends with No. 6281 (John Hardiman), 1814, p. 660.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

44
Begins with No. 7752 (George Barnes), 1815, p. 1. Ends with No. 8128 (James Menees), 1815, p. 474.
William Alexander, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

45
Begins with No. 8129 (McLeod), 1815, p. 475. Ends with No. 5903 (Randolph), 1814, p. 962.
William Alexander, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

46
Begins with No. 5904 (Randal), 1814, p. 1. Ends with No. 9087 (Jarrott), 1816, p. 466.
William Alexander, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

47
Begins with No. 9026 (Abraham Martin), 1816, p. 467. Ends with No. 10796 (Turrentine), 1817, p. 932.
William Alexander, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

48
General Grants, Book N.
Begins with No. 8879 (John Hendricks, Jr.), 1816, p. 1. Ends with No. 15136 (Reuben Rose), 1820, p. 879. Final entry is copy recorded 19 December 1859.
William Alexander, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

49
Begins with No. 11408 (Hunt), 1818, p. 1. Ends with No. 12396 (Watkins), 1818, p. 444. Partial index.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
50
Begins with No. 12393 (Watkins), 1818, p. 445. Ends with No. 15133 (Thomas Elliott), 1856, p. 902. Final entry is a re-copied entry of original grant.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

51
Begins with No. 10788 (Watkins), 1817, p. 1. Ends with No. 12850 (Patterson), 1818, p. 460.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

52
Begins with No. 12593 (Payton), 1818, p. 461. Ends with No. 13404 (Bradshaw), 1819, p. 930.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

53
General Grants, Book Q.
Begins with No. 11420 (Swan), 1818, p. 1. Ends with No. 14694 (William Newby-1812), 1836, p. 975.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

54
Begins with No. 12371 (David Rowland), 1818, p. 1. Ends with No. 15612 (Samuel H. Williams), 1821, p. 444.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

55
Begins with No. 15613 (Mayfield), 1821, p. 445. Ends with No. 16131 (Causey), 1821, p. 892.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

56
General Grants, Book S.
Begins with No. 16073 (Isham Cherry), 1821, p. 1. Ends with No. 16537 (William Roden), 1822.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

57
Begins with No. 15018 (Alexander McDonald), 1820, p. iii. Ends with No. 17197 (Matthew Barrow), 1822, p. 460.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
Begins with No. 17274 (Matthew Barrow), 1822, p. 461. Ends with No. 17678 (Elijah Patton), 1822, p. 923.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 18692 (Curl), 1823, p. 1. Ends with No. 19127 (Robert Thompson), 1823, p. 454.
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Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee. (Several pages missing at end of volume)

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Mountain District. Transcribed Grants Book 2.
Begins with No. 2675 (Thomas H. Fletcher), 1824, p. 67. Ends with No. 6467 (Vardey Camp), 1827, p. 798.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
Mountain District. Transcribed Grants Book 3.
Begins with No. 5650 (Calloway Daniel), 1827, p. 1. Ends with No. 7108 (James Matlock & William Houston), 1827, p. 882.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

Begins with No. 2 (John Blackmon, assignee of Samuel Deason), 1807, p. 1. Ends with No. 3742 (Thomas Burgess, assignee of the Heirs of Carter Hasten), 1812, p. 800.
“State of Tennessee- I, William B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of said State do hereby certify that I have compared this book of Transcripts with the original copies from which they were taken & find them to be correct copies of said originals. Witness my hand at office in Nashville this 21st day of Oct. 1854. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secty. of State.”

Mountain District. Transcribed Grants Book 5.
Begins with No. 6547 (James Anderson, assignee of John C. McLannan), 1815. Ends with No. 6348 (James Anderson, assignee of John C. McLannan), 1815 (p. 800?).
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee

Begins with No. 7688 (John Marcum, assignee of Thomas Townsend), 1815, p. 1. Ends with No. 11745 (Thomas Hopkins, assignee of David Ross), 1818, p. 800.
W. G. Blount, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“Department of State- Nashville, Sep. 19th 1854. I hereby certify that I have compared the grants transcribed and contained in this volume, with the original books from which they were taken, and find them to be correctly copied from the said originals. Witness my hand at office in Nashville this 19th day of September 1854. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secretary of State.”

“Department of State- Nashville, January 27th 1855. I, William B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I have compared this book of transcripts with the original books from which they were taken & I find them to be correctly transcribed. Witness my hand at office in Nashville the date above written. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secretary of State.”
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
Erratum: Page 804: No. 12059 (‘Alphret’ Fulks of Warren County), 1858.

Mountain District. Transcribed Grants Book 8.
Begins with No. 11909 (Thomas Hopkins assignee of John Johnston), 1818, p. 1. Ends with No. 14936 (John Vickery, assignee of John McDonald), 1820, p. 299.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

Erratum: Page 800: No. 10923 (Samuel Williams, assignee of John Hill), 1817.

“Department of State- Nashville, Dec. 11th 1854. I, William B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I have composed this volume being no. 8 of Transcripts, with the original books from which it has been transcribed & find that it is a correct copy of said originals. Witness my hand at office in Nashville the date above written. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secretary of State.”

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Begins with No. 14907 (Jesse Carmack, assignee of James R. Whitney), 1820, p. 3. Ends with No. 14963 (George Gray, assignee of Henry Montford), 1820, p. 800.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

“Department of State- Nashville, Tennessee. I, William B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of the State of Tennessee do certify that I have composed this book of transcripts with the original books from which they were taken __ in said original books being in the office of the Register (of) the Middle District at Nashville, & find them to be (correct) copies of the said originals. – Witness my hand at office in Nashville this ___ of January 1855. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secty. of State.”

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“Department of State. Nashville, Jany. 3rd 1855. I, William B. A. Ramsey Secretary of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that I have compared this volume of transcripts up to page 550, with the books of grants now in the office of the Register of the Middle Division, from which they were taken, & find the said transcripts to be correctly made. Witness my hand at office in Nashville the date above. W.B.A. Ramsey, Secretary of State.”
(Page 1 severely damaged).
Begins with No. 14964 (George Gray, assignee of John C. McLemore & James Vaulx), (1820?), p. 1. Ends with No. 11561 (Isaac Haston), 1856, p. 800.
F. N. W. Burton, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District. Transcribed Grants Book 11.
“Book No. 11 – 1885. S. C. Cunningham, Register of the Mountain District, Tennessee. This book furnished by the State of Tennessee and published by A. B. Lavel, State Printer. This Book commenced the 4th of March 1885 by Recording on Page (1) Grant No. 13122. Being the day Grover Cleveland was inaugurated President of the United States, he being the 1st Democratic President inaugurated since the War of 1861.”
Begins with No. 13122 (W. G. Smith), 1885, p. 1. Ends with No. 13572 (Frank Simmons), 1922, p. 457. Indexed.
Ernest N. Haston, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
Mountain District. Book A.
Begins with No. 1 (William Young), 1828, p. 1. Ends with No. 11785 (Houston Grayson), 1857, p. 578.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

Mountain District, Book B.
Begins with No. 569 (Peter Sells), 1828, p. 1. Ends with No. 970 (William Weaver), 1828, p. 396.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
I have thought it advisable in paging this book to commence it at page 1st - & so on – making an explematory (sic) note under each letter of my Index Book, which will be intelligible to all. R. Nelson.”

Mountain District, Book C.
Thomas H. Fletcher, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

Mountain District, Book D.
Begins with No. 2003 (John K. Wells), 1831, p. 1. Ends with No. 2786 (Richard Lee), 1832, p. 554.
Samuel G. Smith, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“Book D – Sparta March 25, 1831. This Book was bought by Mr. Edwin Dibrill (sic) of Nashville, on the application of Anthony Dibrill (sic), Clerk of White Circuit Court. Anthony Dibrill (sic) handwritten for it for me, without apprising Edwin Dibrill (sic) for whom it was intended; hence, this inscriptions on the back. I have given this explanation thinking that it would perhaps be proper. – Richard Nelson, Register.”

Mountain District, Book E.
Begins with No. 2787 (Robert Obar), 1832, p. 1. Ends with No. 3907 (Stephen Farley), 1835, p. 482.
Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

Mountain District, Book F.
Begins with No. 2906 (James Roberts), 1835, p. 1. Ends with No. 4297 (Thomas Hopkins, assignee of Aaron Higginbotham), 1836, p. 343.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“Book F. Mountain District, Registers Office, Oct. 19, 1835. The Grants recorded in this Book shall be transcribed in order, and entered in a larger book, should an examining Committee...
require it, or should it be deemed necessary to the interest of the Grantees – or the publick (sic). Richard Nelson, Register.”

This grant added as an addendum, as the last several pages of this book are out of order:
No. 8069, Lyman T. Gunn, assignee of Robert L. Stubblefield, 4,500 acres, 29 September 1840, Gov. James K. Polk, John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District, Book G
Begins with No. 4299 (Thomas Hopkins, assignee of James Vaughan), 1836, p. 1. Ends with No. 4986 (Richard H. Stanley), 1837, p. 584.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District, Book H
Begins with No. 4858 (John Allred), 1836, p. 1. Ends with No. 6308 (George R. Smartt), 1838, p. 481. Indexed.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
This grant is an addendum on page 301: No. 6947, Thomas B. Eastland, assignee of James Lowry, 1839, Gov. Newton Cannon, Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 5847 (Samuel B. Barrel, assignee of Hiram B. Stubblefield), 1838, p. 1. Ends with No. 6474 (Nancy Lowe), 1838, p. 293. Indexed.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“Sold this book to R. Nelson for which he has paid me this 16 Nov. 1837. R. M. Eastland.”
“Recorded through mistake this same Grant having been recorded in Book J, page 83. Therefore this is an Error” – No. 5711, John B. McCormick, assignee of George Christian, 5,000 acres in Fentress County, 11 December 1873. (page 1)

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Mountain District, Book L
Begins with No. 6428 (Nimrod W. Ware, assignee of M. Hill), 1838, p. 1. Ends with No. 9067 (John Etherage), 1845, p. 607. Indexed.
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District, Book M
Begins with No. 6572 (William Dycus), 1839, p. 1. Ends with No. 6981 (William M. Bates & Martin Cox), 1839, p. 316. Indexed.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
This grant is an addendum on page 317: No. 8498, Orren Embry, assignee of Murrell Embry, 5,000 acres, Franklin County, 1841. Gov. James K. Polk.
“Book M commenced January 24, 1839, by William E. Nelson Deputy Register of the Mountain District.”

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District, Book P
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“Book P Commencing March 6th 1840 By William E. Nelson, Deputy Register of the Mountain District.”

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Mountain District, Book R
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
“This book was finished the 29th day of Oct. A.D. 1845 by James H. Nelson, Deputy Register of the Mountain District.”

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“This book was completed March 14th, 1892 by D. G. Brown, Register.”

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Mountain District, Book S
Begins with No. 7973 (Jesse Thomas), 1840, p. 1. Ends with No. 9114 (Andrew Wilson), 1845, p. 347. Indexed.
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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“R. Nelson Register Oct. 18__. Finished September 6th 1845 by Andrew M. Nelson ___. Book T.”
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Mountain District, Book U
Begins with No. 9087 (Samuel Stots), 1845, p. 1. Ends with No. 11995 (Thomas Snodgrass), 1857, p. 257. Indexed.
“Book U commenced the 8 day of November 1845 by James H. Nelson, Deputy Register of the Mountain District of Tennessee.”
F. N. W. Burton, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 9223 (Green H. Pryor), 1846, p. 1. Ends with No. 10831 (William Ellis), 1851, p. 459. Indexed.
“John A. Minnis, Register of the Mountain District. Book V. Register of the Mountain District, December 14, 1846.”
John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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F. N. W. Burton, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 3386, Robert Anderson, 1834, p. 1. Ends with No. 13119, James H. Miller, 300 acres, Cumberland Co., 1884. No index.
8563, John Chapin, assignee of James Webb, assignee of William McCleod, 35 acres, Overton County, 1841.

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“Card Index of this book was not made because all the Entries in this book have heretofore been copied in Book Y, Land Grants from 12902 to 13120 inclusive dated from Oct. 19th 1876 to Dec. 12th 1884. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum. Nov. 3rd 1927.”

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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W. B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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W. B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Daniel Graham, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 2737 (Jesse Simmons, assigned of the President & Trustees of the University of North Carolina), April 2, 1835, p. 3. Ends with No. 3184 (David Ammons, assignee of Benjamin McCullock), June 28, 1837, p. 451.
Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Luke Lea, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.
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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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John S. Young, Secretary of State, Tennessee.

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Begins with No. 9732 (William B. Sims), November 10, 1849. (p. 265?). Ends with No. 17089 (J. C. Harris, H. B. Gates), September 23, 1895.
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William S. Morgan, Secretary of State.

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W. B. A. Ramsay, Secretary of State.

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W. B. A. Ramsey, Secretary of State.

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Begins with No. 13705 (Hezekiah Faris, Henderson Co.), December 1, 1852, p. 1. Ends with No. 13864 (Hamden S. Murray, Hardeman Co.), December 1, 1853, p. 798.
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A. J. Fletcher, Secretary of State. D. W. C. Senter, Governor.
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“I certify, that the foregoing writing on 232 pages contains a true copy of certain estimates and an account of lands granted by the State of North Carolina within the Western Territory, by her ceded to the United States: as the same estimates and account are certified by James Glasgow, late Secretary of the said State—the present copy being made out from, and collected with the copy certified by the said James Glasgow, now remaining in the Office of the Department of State.

In faith whereof, I James Madison, Secretary for the Department of State of the United States of America, have signed these presents, and caused the seal of my office to be affixed hereto, at the City of Washington, this first day of January 1803, and in the twenty-seventh year of the Independence of the said States. James Madison.” (old #4-1)

Box 160
Names of Grantees of Preemptions, Guard Rights, Service Rights, Adair’s Warrants, Hardin’s Warrants and a few other miscellaneous claims. Also Plats of Surveys contained in the Military File No. 29.

“It is certified to all whom it may concur that in consequence of an Agency for the State of
Tennessee to the State of North Carolina, the contents of this volume, in my own handwriting (except for lines by R. W. Goodman by which was made under my inspection), was extracted from the files of Warrants and Plats now in the Secretaries Office of No. Carolina, with care, and that they are believed to exhibit a true statement of the names of Grantees of Preemptions, Guard Rights, Service Rights, Adair’s Warrants, Hardin’s Warrants, and a few other miscellaneous claims, together with copies of the Plats of Survey contained in the military file no. 29 Vide certificate relative to No. 29 prefixed to Book of Military Claims. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal at Raleigh this 30th day of March 1804. Jno. Overton.” (old #11-1)

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Minutes, Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee (now Middle Tennessee) meeting in Knoxville, then Nashville, 1806-1807; Commissioners: James Winchester, Archibald Roane, and Edward Scott. (old #5-10)

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“At the first Session of the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee began and held in Knoxville on Monday the First day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six, in Pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee entitled ‘An Act directing the division of the State into convenient districts, for the appointment of Principal Surveyors thereof & for ascertaining the bona fide claims against the same agreeable to an Act of Congress passed the Eighteenth day of April One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six entitled ‘An Act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same.’” (old #5-6)

**Box 164**
Minutes, Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, December 1, 1806-August 27, 1807
“MINUTES – Organization and Action, Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee from December 1, 1806 to August 28, 1807. This book found at Commercial Bank & Trust Co. Knoxville, Tenn. April 23, 1928, which bank by its letter of May 1, 1928 advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Company. Received at this office, May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.”

Box 165
Minutes, Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, January 4, 1808-January 2, 1815.
Claims remaining on docket of the Board to be transferred to the Commissioner of East Tennessee docket. Records of valid and invalid warrants examined and adjudged correct. “I, Nathan Shipley Commissioner for East Tennessee do certify that I have examined the foregoing minutes from the 15th day of January 1814 up to this date and find them correct. Given under my hand at Knoxville this 7th day of February 1815. Nathan Shipley, C., E. Ten.”

Box 166
“Commission’s Office in East Tennessee, Knoxville July 19th 1815.”
(Vol. 3) Minutes, Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, July 19, 1815-August 31, 1818.
“August 31st 1818. The two claims of James Lathim and Thomas L. Williams on grants nos. 2947 and 2948 issued by the State of North Carolina to Stockley Donelson and James Lathim for 274 acres each, filed for interferences, and dismissed the claimants failing to produce the necessary evidence.”
“It is adjudged, that no certificate issued to John Kain on grant no. 1259, dated the 29th day of July 1793, issued by North Carolina to Robert Houston for 150 acres, filed for an interference with grant no. 6, dated the 23d. day of August 1788, issued by North Carolina to Stockley Donelson for 500 acres, the Deed by which said Kain claims title and conveying an interest in any interfering part. (attest) William C. Mynatt, Commissioner for East Tennessee. Pryor Lea, Clerk.”

Box 167
1. Minutes, Board of Adjudication. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, May 4, 1812-March 31, 1817.
   “Commissioner’s Office May 4th 1812. Minutes and adjudications of claims, etc.”
2. Minutes, Board of Adjudication. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, January 17, 1820-September 14, 1822.
   “Nashville 17th January 1820. Agreeable to the Provisions of the Act of Assembly passed at Murfreesborough on the 23rd day of November 1819, Anthony Foster, Abram Maury and William Martin, Esquires met at this place and produced the following commission (viz) ....”
Box 168
1. Surveyors’ Warrants, Valid and Invalid, issued by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, 1808-1810.
   “It is hereby certified that the foregoing pages of this book commencing with No. 1389 contains a true copy of recorded invalid warrants which have been adjudged in East Tennessee as well by the Board of Commissioners and by the Commissioner of East Tennessee. Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1809. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”
   “It is hereby certified that the preceding copies of warrants beginning with No. 2633 and ending with No. 189 are true copies of recorded invalid warrants adjudged between the 18th day of November 1809 and the 23rd day of November 1810. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”


2. “A Record of warrants adjudged Invalid by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee in two Books –”
   “Warrants adjudged Invalid – by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee (no index). November 25, 1784 – March 26, 1779. This book found at Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn. April 23, 1928, which bank by its letter of May 1, 1928 advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Company. Received at this office, May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.”
   “It is hereby certified that the foregoing contains a faithful record as far as it ___ of such warrants ___ adjudged Invalid by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee. A. M. Lusk, Clk. 21st Jany. 1808.”
   (Duplicate of preceding volume)

Box 169
1. “A record of Maclin warrants adjudged Invalid by the Commission of East Tennessee commencing with page one and ending with page twenty seven –”
   Invalid Maclin Warrants decided by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, Feb. 11, 1808-Nov. 18, 1809.
   “It is hereby certified that the foregoing pages contain a faithful record of Invalid warrants issued by William Maclin and that this Book No. 1 together with Book No. 2 contains a full and faithful record of all the warrants issued by William Maclin late Secretary of State which have been adjudged Invalid by the Board of Commissioners and by the Commission for East Tennessee. Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1809. (attest) Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee. Andrew M. Lusk, Clk.”
   (old #10-29)

2. “Copies of the Invalid Maclin Warrants decided by the Commissioners of East Tennessee.”
   (This is a duplicate of Vol. 1), Feb. 11, 1808-October 16, 1810.
   (old #10-30)

3. “No. 2. Record of Invalid warrants issued by William Maclin continued from Book No. 1.”
   Invalid Maclin Warrants decided by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, July 29, 1809-October 16, 1810.
“A record of invalid warrants decided by the Commissioners of East Tennessee commencing with page one and ending with page ..”
Invalid Washington, Sullivan, and Hawkins Warrants, February 2, 1808-November 18, 1810.


Box 170
(Vol. 1) “A Record of such warrants issued by William Maclin, Secretary of State as were adjudged valid within for the whole or a part by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee.”
Maclin warrants adjudged valid by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, June 29, 1807-September 8, 1815. (old #10-32)

(Vol. 2) Maclin Warrants adjudged valid by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee, June 29, 1807-September 8, 1815. (Duplicate of Vol. 1) (old #6-8)

Box 171

(Vol. 4) Surveyors’ Warrants declared valid by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee and for which duplicates have been issued, Dec. 2, 1812-Aug. 31, 1818. (old #10-8)

(Vol. 5) Surveyors’ Warrants declared valid by Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee and which duplicates have been issued, Dec. 2, 1812-Aug. 31, 1818. (Dupl. of Vol. 4) (old # 5-3)

Box 172
Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee for Interferences, South of French Broad and Holston, No. 1 – No. 64, March 25, 1807-June 29, 1818. (old #8-3)

Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee for Deficiencies, No. 1 – No. 146, May 6, 1807-August 28, 1818. (old #8-2)
Box 173
(Vol. 3) Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee for grants which cannot be identified and those with deficiencies:

pp. 1-6. **Deficiencies:** No. 25-34, July, 1810-September, 1811. “The preceding 2 numbers 33 and 34 are a correct copy of the record of all the certificates for deficiencies which have been issued by the Commissioners for East Tennessee from the 23rd day of November 1810 until the 16th of September 1811. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

pp. 7-20. **Deficiencies:** No. 1-24, May 6, 1807-April 17, 1810. “It is hereby certified that the foregoing from No. 1 to No. 21 inclusive is a true copy of the record of certificates issued for deficiencies by the Board of Commissioners and by the Commission for East Tennessee. Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1809. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

“... It is hereby certified that the foregoing numbers from twenty-two to twenty-four are true copies of recorded certificates issued by the Commission for East Tennessee for deficiencies in Grants from the 18th day of November 1809 until the 23rd day of November 1810. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

“For the balance of Deficient Certificates see the latter end of this book ...”

pp. 20-54. **Unidentified:** No. 1-No. 61, June 6, 1807-November 18, 1809. “It is hereby certified that the foregoing from No. 1 to No. 61 inclusive is a true copy of the record of certificates for lands which cannot be identified which have been issued by the Board of Commissioners and by the Commissioner for East Tennessee. Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1809. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

pp. 55-65. **Unidentified:** No. 62-No. 83, April 4, 1810-November 21, 1810. “It is hereby certified that the foregoing numbers from sixty-two to eighty-three inclusive are true copies of recorded certificates issued by the Commissioner for East Tennessee for lands which cannot be identified – from the 18th day of November 1809 to the 23rd day of November 1810. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

pp. 66-67. **Unidentified:** No. 84-No. 86, December 13, 1810-May 29, 1811. “The three preceding numbers 84, 85, 86 contain a true copy of record of all the certificates which have been issued by the Commissioner for East Tennessee for lands which cannot be identified, from the 23rd of November 1810 until September 16th 1811. Archibald Roane, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

pp. 67-69. **Unidentified:** No. 87-No. 90, February 28, 1812-May 25, 1812. “The four preceding certificates of No. 87, 88, 89, and 90 are correct copies of all the certificates that have been issued for lands which cannot be identified from the 28th day of February 1812 to the present time. Witness my hand this 28th day of May 1812. Luke Lea, Commissioner of E. Tennessee.”
pp. 69-72. **Unidentified:** No. 91-No. 96, September 8, 1812-December 2, 1812. “I, Luke Lea, Commissioner as aforesaid do certify the foregoing certificates from No. 91 to No. 96 inclusive have been examined and to be correctly recorded. Given under my hand this 2\textsuperscript{nd} Dec. 1812. Luke Lea.”

pp. 73-75. **Unidentified:** No. 97-No. 100, September 9, 1813-September 30, 1813. “I, Luke Lea, Commissioner for East Tennessee do hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing certificates, to wit: No. 97, 98, 99, and 100, and find that they are correctly recorded. Given under my hand this 30\textsuperscript{th} day Sept. 1813. Luke Lea, C. E. T.”

pp. 75-90. **Unidentified:** No. 101-No. 130, January 15, 1814-September 8, 1815. “This certifies the foregoing certificates from No. 101 to No. 130 inclusive are correctly recorded. Given under my hand this 8\textsuperscript{th} day of September 1815. Nathan Shipley, Commissioner from East Tennessee.”

pp. 91-96. **Unidentified:** No. 131-No. 135, July 29, 1817- August 25, 1818. “This certifies that the foregoing certificates of Nos. 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135 are correctly recorded. Witness my hand this 31\textsuperscript{st} of August 1818. William C. Mynatt, Commissioner.”

pp. 97-104. **Deficiencies:** No. 25-No. 37, July 2, 1810-March 25, 1812. “This certifies that the thirteen foregoing certificates for deficiencies being Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 1, 35, 36, and 37 have been correctly recorded. Witness my hand this 28\textsuperscript{th} May 1812. Luke Lea, Commissioner of E. Tennessee.”

pp. 104-106. **Deficiencies:** No. 38-No. 41, June 3, 1812-November 20, 1812. “I, Luke Lea, Commissioner for East Tennessee do certify the foregoing certificates from No. 38 to 41 inclusive are correctly recorded – Given under my hand this 3\textsuperscript{rd} day of December 1812. Luke Lea.”

pp. 107-149. **Deficiencies:** No. 42-No. 139, January 18, 1814-September 8, 1815. “This certifies that the foregoing certificates from No. 42 to 139 inclusive are correctly recorded. Given under my hand this 8\textsuperscript{th} September 1815. Nathan Shipley, Commissioner for East Tennessee.”

pp. 146-147. **Deficiencies:** No. 140-No. 142, May 5, 1817- May 15, 1817. “I, William C. Mynatt, Commissioner for East Tennessee do certify the foregoing certificates of numbers 140, 141, and 142 are correctly recorded. Given under my hand this 15\textsuperscript{th} day of May 1817. William C. Mynatt, Commissioner.”

pp. 148-151. **Deficiencies:** No. 143-No. 146, June 22, 1818- August 28, 1818. “This certifies that the foregoing certificates of Nos. 143, 144, 145 and 146 are correctly recorded. Witness my hand this 31\textsuperscript{st} of August 1818. William C. Mynatt, Commissioner.”

**Box 174**
Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee. Index of claims filed, 1814-1818. (Several pages missing, begins with p. 3).

(old #10-34)
Box 175
“Military Warrants adjudged valid by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee in the year 1807.” No. 91 – No. 3992.
“…. Warrants of the above numbers were filed with the Board of Commissioners for adjudication, and which appear from the transcript taken by John Overton our late Agent to North Carolina to be recorded in the Secretary’s office of that State; therefore the Commissioners, at first view, concurred that they ought to be considered valid, as such had them recorded in this book – after which strong suspicions arose of their having been obtained in fraud and forgery, and not on a bona fide consideration as by law required, and as evidence to prove the contrary being adduced, in consequence of which they suspended them without a decision of any kind, and left them in that situation for further Legislative provision – James Winchester, William Martin, and David McGavock.”

Box 176
1. Surveyors warrants from North Carolina which were adjudged valid including preemption claims and warrants from John Armstrong, Samuel Barton, and others.
“State of North Carolina. Davidson County, for protection of the inhabitants west of the Cumberland Mountains. Warrants all dated April 14, 1792, beginning at page 3 to 55 inclusive. Page 55 to 89, inclusive, unsigned warrants. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum. May 3, 1928.” (old 10-6)

2. Surveyors warrants from North Carolina which were adjudged invalid by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, warrants signed by NC Secretaries James Glasgow, William White, 1784-1795; guard rights signed by Samuel Barton; warrants signed by John Armstrong; warrants signed by TN Secretary William Maclin, 1802-1803.

pp. 111-141. “Record of amended grants in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee passed at Knoxville, November 22nd 1809.” (old #2-10)

Box 177
1. Vol. 1. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, List of claims subject to adjudication, 1819, “claims inexplicable. Subject to tax for adjudication.” No index. (old #10-22)

2. Vol. 2. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, List of claims subject to adjudication, 1820, “claims inexplicable. Subject to tax for adjudication.” No index. (old #6-10)

3. Vol. 3. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, List of claims subject to adjudication, 1819, “claims inexplicable. Not subject to tax for adjudication.” No index. (old #10-27)

4. Vol. 4. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, List of claims subject to adjudication, (1818-20?). Two parts. (possibly warrants from the Third Surveyors’ Dist.) (old #10-36)

5. Vol. 5. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, List of claims subject to adjudication, 1820, “claims inexplicable. Not subject to tax for adjudication.” No index. (old #10-37)
Box 178
1. Index to West Tennessee claims filed for adjudication, 1820. (old #6-15)
   “Acts 1823:
   Entries N. & E. before 1 May 1823 Perfected 15 Novem. 1825.
   Office for Adjudication closed – 1 Oct. 1824.
   Surveys made to be returned – 1 Jany. 1825
   Entries hereafter made, surveyed in 12 months.
   Surveys of same returned – in 6 months.
   Grants on surveys – 12 months.
   Entry offices S. & W. closed – 1 June 1825.”

Box 179
1. “West Tennessee Board Comm. 1821. List adjudicated valid and drawn for location Nov. 1822 – No. 1 to 1537.”
2. Duplicate of Book 1. (List of adjudicated claims ruled valid and drawn for location, Nov. 1822). (old #10-23)

Box 180

Box 181
Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, Adjudication of Land Claims, 1832-1836.
Samuel G. Smith, Secretary of State, Tennessee:
“In pursuance of the foregoing Acts of Assembly, I, Sam G. Smith, this 22nd day of October 1832 entered upon the duties of the office as Commissioners of West Tennessee for the adjudication of land claims.” (old #8-15)
**Box 182**
(Vol. 1) “Certificates from Interfering Grants and Grants, the locality which cannot be identified & Issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee in the year 1807.”
pp. 1-57. Interferences: North Carolina, No. 1 – No. 333, 1785-1795. (July-Aug. 1807)


**Box 183**
West Tennessee certificates issued on grants which cannot be identified, No. 244 – No. 1214, May 10, 1809-August 25, 1818.
West Tennessee certificates issued due to interferences, No. 251-No. 667, May 19, 1809-July 7, 1813.

“West Tennessee Commissioners Copy Certificates Recorded. May 1809-Augt. 1818 – Non-Identity No. 244 to 1260. May 1809-July 1813 – Interferences – No. 251 to 667. A. Foster, Com.”

(old #10-13)

**Box 184**
(Vol. 3) Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee for Interferences, No. 672 – No. 1318, Aug. 20, 1813-Sept. 1, 1818.
Anthony Foster, Commissioner.

(old #6-4)

**Box 185**
Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee which grant cannot be identified, No. 1261 – No. 1322, Aug. 28, 1818-Dec. 4, 1823.
1. Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee, “disclaimed all title to any part of the Land called for in said Grant, in the manner prescribed by the 5th Section of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, passed the 31st day of October, 1817, entitled ‘An Act to provide for making entries for Lands to which the Indian title had lately been extinguished, and for other purposes.’” No. 1215 – No. 1890, Aug. 26, 1818-Oct. 19, 1820.

(old #8-11)

**Box 186**

Board of Land Commissioners for West Tennessee, Jany. 22, 1820 to and including April 4, 1822. Certificates for warrants because of interferences. No index. P. E. Cox.”

(old #8-12)
Box 187
Vol. 5. Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee for Interferences, No. 1776 – No. 2239, Oct. 12, 1820-July 12, 1822.
“West Tennessee Board 1819 & 21, Interferences – No. 1776 to 2239. 1st Oct 1820 – 12 July 1822.”
(old #6-5)

Box 188
Vol. 6. Certificates issued by the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee for Interferences, No. 2240 – No. 2620, July 12, 1822-April 30, 1825. Certificates for Interferences, South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, No. 2621 – No. 2788, Jan. 12, 1826-April 1, 1827.
(old #6-6)

Box 189
1. Division of Warrants, Transfers and Entries. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee. (1806-1812) (old #10-1)
2. Division of Warrants, Transfers and Entries. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee. (1806-1812) (old #10-24)
   Rear of book contains entries from 1802-1803.
3. Division of Warrants, Transfers and Entries. Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee. 1817-1823.
   “LAND WARRANTS. From Nov. 25, 1817 to March 7, 1823, inc. (1) Warrant dated Nov. 22, 1797, showing to whom issued, No. of warrant, date of Warrant, No. of Acres, to whom transferred, to whom entered, to whom and when Warrant was delivered. The book is endorsed Wm. Mitchell, Warrant Book. No index.”
   (old #10-21)

Box 190
   (old #10-7)
3. Index to Military Warrants. (“A” is missing).

Box 191
1. “Record of the assignments on the original warrants on which duplicates were issued by the former Board of Commissioners made agreeable to the provisions of the 32nd section of the last land law passed December the 3rd 1807.”
   “Record of transfers, etc. on warrants passed by the first Board of Commissioners in West Tennessee.” (old #10-11)
2. “Certificates issued by the old Board & Commissioner – issued from 1807 to 1819.”
   Fields in this volume indicate the number of warrant or certificate, number of acres, to
whom issued, to whom assigned, species of claim, number of grant, the cause for issuing, and grantees named. (old #5-11)

3. “Alphabetical list of certificates issued since 1820.” “West Tenn. Board 1819, alphabetical list.” (old #8-13)
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Box 192

Book 1. East Tennessee Commissioners Docket, No. 1, December 1, 1806-February 3, 1809. Indexed. “This book found at Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn. April 23, 1938, which bank by its’ letter of May 1, 1928 advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Company. Received at this office, May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.” (old #5-1)

“This book found at Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn., April 23, 1928, which bank by its letter of May 1, 1928 advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Company. Received at this office, May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.” (old #5-2)

Book 3. East Tennessee Commissioners Docket, No. 3, 1807-1818. Indexed. “This book was found at Commercial Bank & Trust Company, Knoxville, Tenn. April 23, 1928, which bank by its letter of May 1, 1928 advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Company. Received at this office, May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.” (old #8-4)

Book 4. East Tennessee Commissioners Docket, No. 4, 1808-1811. Indexed. “A list of claims unexamined by the Board of Commissioners for East Tennessee and (transferred?) from the docket to be examined by the Commission of East Tennessee under the provisions of the existing land law, Jany. 5th 1808.”
“This book found at Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Knoxville, Tenn. April 23, 1928, which bank by its letter of May 1, 1928, advised that book was purchased by it from Knoxville Title Co. Received at this office May 2, 1928. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum.” (old #5-4)
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Box 193

Vol. 1:
Public Acts 1819, Ch. 1. “An Act making provision for the adjudication of North Carolina land claims, and for satisfying the same, by an appropriation of the vacant soil south and west of the Congressional Reservation Line, and for other purposes.”

Public Acts, 1821, Ch. 53. “An Act supplemental to an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly, entitled ‘An act to limit the time for the satisfaction of land warrants and certificates.”

Public Acts, 1822, Ch. 34. “An Act authorizing the Commissioners to examine certain claims filed in their office.”

Public Acts, 1823, Ch. 32. “An Act to provide for the safe keeping of all Records belonging to the Commissioner’s office.”

Public Acts, 1823, Ch. 35. “An Act to extend the time for locating Warrants and Certificates south and west of the Congressional reservation line, and returning surveys thereon to the Register’s office, and for other purposes.”

Docket Book #1, No. 1-No. 1535, 1828-1843. Indexed. Certificates No. 2789-No. 3984, North of the Kentucky Line – South of the French Broad, 1828-1843.
Certificates No. 2790-No. 3576, Interferences, 1828-1836. (old #6-14)

Vol. 2. “Certificates of interferences commencing with No. 3577.” No. 3577-No. 3993, Dec. 24, 1836-Jan. 22, 1844. (old #6-7)


Box 194

Commissioner of West Tennessee for lands beginning Aug. 5, 1833, ending Feb. 9, 1843. Also containing like certificates beg. 3124, Dec. 19, 1832 - Secretary & Commissioner of West Tennessee, and ending 3698, May 20, 1840. This book is not indexed nor are they numbered consecutively. #3531 is certificate of the heirs of Hardy Murfree. #3544, James Manning. #3532, Jonas Murfree. There is a typewritten partial index in the back of this book. P. E. Cox, Keeper of Archives and Museum."


2. Certificates, re: “Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee passed the 21st October 1817 entitled ‘an Act to provide for making entries for Lands to which the Indian title lately been extinguished and for other purposes,’” 1832-1833

3. Certificates based on Carter warrants No. 1938, No. 2622, re: lands South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, 1832-1833, Samuel G. Smith, Commissioner.

4. Certificates issued for lands South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, in consequence of deficiencies, No. 3169 – No. 3946, 1833-1843.

5. Certificates issued for lands South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, which grant cannot be identified, No. 3124 – No. 3463, 1832-1838.

6. Certificates issued for lands South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, taken by the interferences of certain grants, No. 3688 – No. 3690, 1840.

7. Certificates issued for lands South & West of the Congressional Reservation Line, relative to the “Salt Lick Reservation” in the counties of Henry and Humphreys, No. 3691 – No. 3695, January 22, 1840.