

File 53 Brazos/75

Brazos 1st Class

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John Williams

2 Survey 4, 290, 485. sy no

3, 454, 970 "

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CERTIFICATE No. 483

Patented May 24/62

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This is to Certify that John Williams  
has appeared before us the Board of Land Commissioners  
for the County of Washington and proved according to  
Law that he arrived in this County in the Year  
Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Two, that he is a Single  
Man, has served a Tour in the Mexican Army and has  
been Honorably Discharged - and is entitled to One  
Third of a League of Land upon the condition of pay-  
ing at the rate of Three <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars for every Labor of  
Irrigable Land Two <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars for every Labor of  
Arable or Temporal Land and One <sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollar for  
every Labor of Pasture Land which may be surveyed and  
secured to him in this Certificate - Given under  
hand this 3 day of May 1838

Attest  
Joseph H. Cope  
Clerk

Stephen R. Roberts, Secy  
Wm. W. Wingford, Assoc.  
Commissioner  
J. M. Smith



612  
760  
1372



A plat and field Notes  
3.454.970 Section 0 or 0.1, or  
of a Survey of 682 acres made  
for William Birdwell & C<sup>o</sup>

Erasmus Wynne it being a part of the Head  
Rite 1/3 of John Williams and Dated May 3<sup>d</sup> 1838  
situated in Bradley County about 9 miles N. 65<sup>th</sup> from Knoxville  
Commencing at the W<sup>th</sup> Corner of the Brunette 1/3  
at a stake set in the League line and the N<sup>th</sup> Corner  
of the Powell 1/3 then running S 45 E at 987 vars a  
stake from which a pe 12 in in Diat bars S. 1 W 11  
vars and a pe 12 in in Diat bars bars S 88 E 12 1/2 vars  
then N 45 E at 1900 vars a stake from which a pe 15  
in in Diat bars S 3 E 8 1/2 vars and a pe 15 in in Diat  
bars N 87 W 18 vars then S 45 E at 1325 vars a stake  
then N 45 E at 987 vars the old line and the Bowman  
Survey and set a stake then N 45 W at 1512 vars  
a stake from which a pin oak 10 in in Diat bars  
N 58 E 30 vars and a pin oak 14 in in Diat bars  
N 43 W 36 vars then S 45 W at 1250 vars a stake from  
which a pe 16 in in Diat bars N 10 1/2 W 11 1/2 vars and a  
pe 18 in in Diat bars S 4 1/2 vars then N 45 W at 800  
vars the Bowman line a stake from which a pe 16  
in in Diat bars N 82 E 4 1/4 vars and a pe 18 in in Diat  
bars N 40 E 9 vars then S 45 W at 107 vars the Corner  
of the Bowman Survey then N 45 W with Bowman's line  
at 500 vars set a stake from which a pe 14 in in Diat  
bars S 23 E 7 1/2 vars and a pe 18 in in Diat bars S 8 1/2 E 16 1/2  
vars then S 45 W at 600 vars set a stake from which a  
hickory 12 in in Diat bars N 83 1/2 W 6 1/2 vars and a pe 12  
in in Diat bars N 56 E 12 1/2 vars then S 45 E at 500  
vars a stake from which a Hickory 10 in in Diat bars  
S 76 W 14 vars and a B Jack 10 in in Diat bars N 35 1/2 W  
3 vars then S 45 W 957 vars the place of Beginning

August the 2<sup>d</sup> 1856

Chas<sup>r</sup> William Willson  
Wm<sup>r</sup> William Reed

Joshua Seale  
C S B C

I County Surveyor for Brazos County do here by  
Solemnly Swear under my official oath that the  
Survey Designated by the foregoing plat and field  
notes was made by me on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of June 1856  
and that the Lines boundaries and Corners of the  
same together with the marks Natural and  
artificial are truly Described therein witness  
my Hand this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of ~~May~~ <sup>June</sup> August 1856

Joshua Seal C, S, B, C

I Joshua Seal County Surveyor for Brazos County  
do hereby Certify that I have Examined the foregoing  
plat and field Notes and find them Correct and  
the Survey made according to Law and that ~~and that~~  
the said field notes are Recorded in Book B  
page 36 and 37

Joshua Seal C, S, B, C

There is one Labor of the above named Survey  
arable Land the balance Pasture Land

There is No Record of the original Survey  
in my office

Joshua Seal C S B C

A Survey of 612 acres  
made for  
William Birdwell  
& Erasmus Wynn

612  
760  
1372

Recorded in Book  
B page 36 and 37

Joshua Seal  
C, S, B, C

All records in Book B  
pages 90 & 91

Henry Mitchell  
C. J. B. C

J. Harvey Mitchell County Surveyor of Brazos County  
do hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing  
& by me hereto attached field notes and find them  
correct and the survey made according to Law  
and that the said field notes are so recorded in Book  
B of First Class Claims on pages 90 & 91 - this the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1858 -

Harvey Mitchell  
County Surveyor  
Brazos County

3-454,970

Jupe Billingsly

262 acres

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2 John F. Z. <sup>Brazos Co</sup>  
57

Brazos 1<sup>st</sup> class.

Field notes. 3454. 970 of 75.

John Williams

Filed Sept 3. 1858.

Patented May 24. 1872  
A. G. James

c Nov 27  
c J.H.H. 61

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4,295,485 square ~~feet~~ <sup>feet</sup>

Original and field Notes of a survey  
of 700 acres of Land made for  
William Birdwell and Erasmus  
Wynn it being a part of the  
Head Rite 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of John Williams

Issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Washing-  
ton County Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of May 1838

*Situated in Brazos County about 8 1/2 miles S of 60° from Bonaville*  
Commencing at a stake set in the Bowman Line for  
Thomas B Clark & Corner then Running S 45 W with Clark's  
Line at 1400 vars set a stake for another Corner of this  
Survey and one Corner of a preemption claim made  
for W Wilson then S 45 E with said preemption line  
at 1220 vars another Corner of this survey and of said  
preemption then S 45 W at 616 vars a stake from  
which a pole 10 in in Diam bears N 32 1/2 W 11 1/2 vars and a pole  
15 in in Diam bears S 42 E 12 vars then S 45 E at 75 vars  
the E Corner of a 320 survey made for R Gumes a stake  
from which a pole 15 in in Diam bears S 6 W 8 3/4 vars and  
a pole 10 in in Diam bears N 5 1/2 E 6 vars then S 45 W at  
1344 vars the S Corner of Gumes survey then N 45 W at  
217 vars a stake from which a pole 10 in in Diam bears  
S 14 E 7/8 vars then S 45 W at 690 vars a stake from which a pole 10 in  
Diam bears S 4 1/2 E 5 1/2 vars then S 45 E at 950 vars the old League  
line and one Corner of a survey made for McLaughlin  
then N 45 E with the old line at 2450 vars the S Corner  
of 320 acres made for King a stake from which a pole 12 in  
in Diam bears N 7 1/2 E 9 vars then N 45 W at 1312 vars a stake  
from which a pole 10 in in Diam bears N 30 1/2 W 10 vars  
then N 45 E at 1600 vars the Bowman line a stake  
from which a pole 15 in in Diam bears N 62 E 4 1/2 vars then  
N 45 W with Bowmans line at 1398 vars the place  
of beginning June the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856

Chas<sup>y</sup> William Wilson Joshua Sealy  
Wm<sup>y</sup> William Reed C, S, R, C  
J. County Surveyor of Brazos County do hereby solemnly

I swear under my official oath that the Survey  
Designated by the foregoing plat and field Notes  
was made by me on the 3 Day of June 1856 and that the  
Lines boundaries and Corners of the Same together  
with the marks Natural and artificial are truly  
Described therein witness my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day  
of August A. D. 1856 Joshua Seal C S B C

I Joshua Seal County Surveyor for Brazos  
County do hereby Certify that I have examined the  
foregoing plat and field notes and find them correct  
and the Survey made according to Law and that  
the said field notes are Recorded in Book B Page  
39 and 40 Joshua Seal C S B C

All the above named Survey is pasture Land  
Joshua Seal C S B C

A Survey of 760 acres  
made for William  
Birdwell & Erasmus  
Wynn

Recorded in Book  
B Page 39 and 40  
Joshua Seal  
C S B C

Be re-examined in Book  
B Page 39 & 40

I Joshua Seal Do Certify that the  
above Survey is bounded by pre-emptory  
Claims and that the Survey could  
not be made other wise and being  
bounded Entirely by other Surveys  
August the 5th 1856 Joshua Seal  
C S B C

I Harvey Mitchell County Surveyor of  
Prayer County do hereby certify that I have  
examined the foregoing & by me hereto attached  
field notes and find them correct and the  
Survey made according to Law and that  
the said field notes are recorded in Book  
B of First Class Claims on pages 92 & 93 this  
the 8th day of Jan A.D. 1858-

Harvey Mitchell  
County Surveyor  
Prayer County

4.290.485-

Field Notes of Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Sparks, as of Floyd Jordan

3,644.080 29 1/2 mas.

Filed June 19th 1858

W. H. Atterbury S. D. 17. 1/2

for enough

No 8

3625.96 29 1/2 mas

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Withdrawn for the  
purpose of bringing  
suit. April 17th 1858

J. J. Mill

S. D. S. Y. L. Dist

<sup>Brazos Co</sup>  
57.  
3 File 53  
Brazos 1st class.

Field Notes 4,295,485<sup>2y 277</sup>

John Williams

Filed Sept 3. 1858.

Patented May 24, 1862  
A. Dumont

c Nov 27  
c 574 1862

State of Texas  
Washington County } Know all men that I James R. Jenkins  
for the consideration of Four hundred & fifty dollars  
to me in hand paid by James L. Hargreaves have bargained  
& sold by three presents do bargain sell & convey unto the  
said James L. Hargreaves his heirs & assigns the Certificate  
for one third of a League of land granted to John Wil-  
liams by the Board of Land Commissioners of Washington  
County dated 3rd May 1858 & sold by said John Williams  
to John W. Gale & by said John W. Gale conveyed to me  
said James R. Jenkins by deed written on the preceding  
pages of this that In testimony whereof I hereunto  
set my hand & affix my seal on this 21st. day of  
August A.D. 1855-

Dist.

J. W. Rafter

G. Hark

James R. Jenkins

Seal

The State of Texas Washington County  
This day personally appears before me B. H.  
Rucker Notary Public for Washington County  
James R. Jenkins, who is well known to me,  
& acknowledged that he signed sealed and  
delivered the foregoing deed or writing to  
James L. Hargreaves for the purposes and  
considerations therein expressed bearing  
date 21st August A.D. 1855. To certify which  
I hereunto sign my name and affix my  
seal, this the 21st. day of August A.D. 1855

B. H. Rucker  
Notary Public of  
Washington County





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Washington  
D.C.  
1800

Little page  
No. 11  
No. 12  
No. 13

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Republic of Texas  
County of Washington I know all men  
by these presents  
that I give the title of said county &  
republic for a consideration of the  
just full sum of four hundred dollars  
to me in hand paid by J. A. G. King  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
at & before the sealing of  
these presents have this day our  
given, sold, alienated, conveyed &  
delivered possession of a certificate  
of order of money for and third of  
a large of land granted or issued  
by the board of land commissioners  
in favor of the county of Washington  
to Jakob Williams, he being a  
single man & a citizen of said  
county of which land & the said  
title have purchased from  
the said Williams.

And I authorize the said J. A. G. King  
his heirs, executors, administrators  
or assigns to locate the said land  
and to receive & obtain a deed or  
patent for the same, in the name  
of him, or either or any of them  
& to exercise all acts of ownership  
over the same, whatsoever.  
And if he, or they shall not be  
able to obtain a patent for said  
land in his or their own name  
or names, then & in that case I  
the the said title bind myself, my  
heirs, executors, & administrators in  
the just full sum of five thousand

dollars, to make, to the said specified  
his heirs, executors, administrators, and  
assigns, or his certain attorney, and either  
or any of them, a good, valid, & general  
warrant to the said third of a  
bag of land so named, and a patent  
can be obtained from the govern-  
ment.

And if the said land be hereby man-  
aged in the name of said said  
person, his heirs, executors, and  
assigns, and no other, and no  
civil matter in any way, or  
in any other respects, shall be  
this said.

And if no warrant of power  
be given the said land, or in any  
respect whatsoever.

Given under my hand and seal  
the day of September  
in the year of our said Lord and  
King's eight hundred & thirty  
seven, of the present of the said  
said.

John W. Hall  
McWilson  
J. G. Smith

Do hereby certify that the above  
is a true and correct copy of the  
original as the same appears from  
the records of the said office.  
In witness whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal at the City  
of New York, this 10th day of  
September, 1837.

The State of Texas  
Waller County

Before me the undersigned an  
Notary this day personally appear  
ed William Birdwell who being duly sworn on oath  
says that he and Erasmus Wynne of the County  
& State aforesaid are the owners of a certain land  
from J W Cole to James R. Jenkins transferring  
the Head Right & League Certificate of John  
Williams & that W C Willson & J S Smith are  
the subscribing witnesses thereto. That he believes  
the said J W Cole and the said subscribing  
witnesses to said transfer are either dead  
or are not citizens or residents of said State  
& this affidavit is made to comply with the  
Law in order to have said transfer proved  
up otherwise.

W Birdwell

Subscribed & Sworn to

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1858.

To which I certify by signature and seal of  
office at office in Huntsville this day and  
date above written

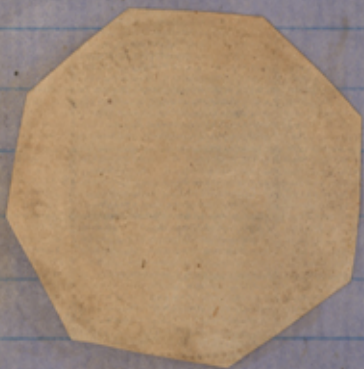
M. J. Gibbs

W. C. Willson  
J. S. Smith

The State of Texas  
County of Broussard I personally appeared before  
me Sunday Shoemaker clerk of the County Court  
in and for the County of Broussard and State  
of Texas W. W. Hill and Charles Cochrington cred-  
-ible persons to me well known who after  
-being first by me duly sworn say on oath  
that they are well acquainted with the signa-  
-ture of John W. Leake the grantor in the Deed  
-book attached bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1839. to Louis Perkins and that  
they are also well acquainted with the signature  
of W. C. Wilson whose name there appears as  
a witness to said Deed and that they believe  
the signatures of the said John W. Leake the  
grantor to said Deed and W. C. Wilson one  
of the witnesses to said Deed are their own  
true and proper signatures and signed to  
said Deed in their own true and proper  
-handwriting and that they are disinterested  
in said Deed in any manner whatever  
and in the lands thereby conveyed.  
Sworn to and subscribed W. W. Hill  
before me this the 13<sup>th</sup> day Mrs. Lewisless  
of December A.D. 1858.

To certify which I have hereunto  
set my hand and official  
Seal at office in the Town of  
Columb Broussard County Texas  
the day and year above written

Sunday Shoemaker  
Clerk, C. Ct., Broussard, Co.



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Wm. F. ...

... of ...

John W. Cole

James R. ...

James R. ...

James L. ...

James L. ...

James & ...

James R. ...

James R. ...

James R. ...

State of Texas }  
Washington County } Know all men that I James  
S. Hargreaves of said County for the consideration  
of the sum of Four hundred & eighty eight dollars  
& forty cents to me in hand paid by William Bird-  
-well & Erasmus Wynne under the name & firm of  
Birdwell & Wynne have bargained & sold & by their  
parents do bargain sell & convey unto the said  
Birdwell & Wynne their heirs & assigns forever one  
certain Certificate for one third of a League of land  
bearing date 3rd. May 1838 issued to John Will-  
-iams as his head right by the Board of land Com-  
-missioners of Washington County N<sup>o</sup>. 483 which  
Certificate was sold & transferred by said Williams  
to John M. Coale on the 26th. Sept. 1838 & by said  
Coale to James R. Jenkins on the 17th. day of Septem-  
-ber 1839 & by said Jenkins to said Hargreaves on  
the 21st. day of August 1855 And the said  
land Certificate & the land therein named I the  
said James S. Hargreaves unto them the said Bird-  
-well & Wynne & their heirs & assigns forever against the  
claim of myself & my heirs & all every person and  
persons whatsoever I will warrant & forever defend  
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal  
Done at Washington this 17th. September 1855

Test  
Alexander, Ford,  
W. S. McFarland

J. S. Hargreaves (Seal)

State of Texas }  
 Washington County } James S. Hargreaves whom I  
 know this day personally came before me B. F. Reuker  
 a Notary Public duly Commissioned & qualified for said  
 County, & acknowledged that he signed sealed & delivered  
 the deed written on the reverse hereof to Birdwell and  
 Myrnes for Land Certificate granted John Williams for  
 One third of a League of land for the purposes and  
 Consideration therein expressed

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand  
 & affix my Notarial Seal

Done at Washington this 17th day of  
 September A.D. 1855

B. F. Reuker  
 Notary Public of  
 Washington County.



James S. Hargreaves  
 Recd for  
 Land Certificate  
 1/3 League  
 Birdwell & Myrnes  
 John Williams's

Received of

Acquitted

File 53  
 Brought to the  
 James S. Hargreaves  
 To B. F. Reuker for  
 William Birdwell &  
 Erasmus Myrnes  
 Filed 12th of Sept 1855

Republic of Texas } Know all men by these presents  
Washington County } that I John Williams of the County  
and Republic aforesaid; am held and firmly  
bound unto John W. Cole in the penal sum of  
one thousand Dollars, well and truly to be made  
I bind myself my heirs executors & firmly by these  
presents.

The condition of the above obligation  
is such that the said John W. Cole has this  
day paid unto the said John Williams  
Five hundred Dollars the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,  
for a Land Certificate for one third of a League  
Granted and issued by the Board of Land  
Commissioners for the said County; and being  
No. 483. Class. <sup>of the 1st</sup> Now if the said John Williams  
will make ~~me~~ <sup>the said John Williams</sup> a bona fide title for the  
above mentioned one third of a League of Land  
as soon as it may be surveyed and can be  
obtained from the Government of the Republic  
of Texas; then the above obligation to be null and  
void, otherwise to remain in full force and  
virtue, Given under my hand and Seal this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838

Witnesses

Jno. J. Whiteside  
Leonard Williams

John Williams J. S.

The State of Texas  
County of Grimes

Before me Guy W. Morrison  
Notary Public in and for the County of Grimes  
personally appeared John J. Whitfield a citizen  
of this County and to me well known and be-  
ing duly sworn by me according to the oaths upon  
his oath that he saw John Williams sign, seal  
and deliver the within Title Bond to John W.  
Cole on the day of the date thereof, and that he  
saw deposit, and Leonard Williams signed  
the same as witnesses, at the instance of said  
Williams and in his presence the presence of each  
other. To all of which I certify under  
my hand and notarial seal  
of office this 28th day of August  
A.D. 1858.

Guy W. Morrison  
Notary Public  
Grimes County  
Texas

1858

John J. Whitfield

John W. Cole

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S. 7. 25  
W. 10

Dr. J. W. 10 days.

John Williams

To B. 10 days  
of 10 days

John Williams

John Williams

John Williams

John Williams

John Williams

S. 7. Williams  
Williams

3 of a League

Williams

from John

Little Bond

File 53

Brazos 1st class

John Williams

2 Surveys 4. 290. 485 29 25  
3. 454, 970 " "

Both surveys correct on map  
of Brazos County. Dec 4/62  
2 mt'd ptd.  
both surveyed J. Brown

Patent to William  
Beinwell & Erasmus  
Nymnifer Elgin

Patented Both surveys May  
24<sup>th</sup> 1862 A. Sumner

Pats Nos 547 & 548 vol 15 for  
John M. Creamy July 15/62

Map 14.049  
J. M. Pinney  
C. Nov 27  
C. J. H. 14. 11