

Houston Co/72.

File 107.

Houston Tremp.

Abst - 138 - 4

Catharine Ashton

160 ac

Act Aug. 12. 1870.

On Th. Hammonds survey S-245 -  
otherwise correct on map of  
Houston County. Octob. 6/79

E.W. Proffers.

Witness wanted that

S-245 is abandoned

to the orig

Correct for patenting  
July 19/80 see March

Patent of July 20/80

mkd ptd

Ed. Davis

Apr 30 - 1871

mkd Pat Req <sup>over</sup>

Comm says above is us

21494

E. E. July 10/72

Objection Oct. 7/79 <sup>E. W. P.</sup>

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March 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

Aug 28/78. Robinson  
Linn

I can see no reason why  
a married woman  
who supports a family  
including possibly a  
worthless husband  
should not be regard  
ed as a "head of a  
family" and entitled to  
a homestead March  
July 19/80  
No objection

Mark Miller  
wants patent

conditions reported  
Oct 15. 1872

Co S. Apr. 23/72

No. 11

State of Texas  
County of Houston

That we all appeared before the undersigned  
notary, ~~William H. Jones~~ Applicant and  
~~William H. Jones~~ and ~~Esther Malissa Jones~~  
as witnesses to the well known who being duly  
sworn did declare that ~~Esther Malissa~~  
~~Malissa Jones~~ is bona fide settled upon sea-  
coast public domain the same described in  
the accompanying file under "An Act to  
regulate the disposal of the Public Lands of the  
State of Texas" approved Aug. 12th 1840 and  
that she has not a homestead.

~~Esther Malissa Jones~~  
mark  
William H. Jones  
mark  
Malissa Jones  
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day  
of Feb 1871.

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto affixed my official  
seal and signature.

Wm. H. Jones  
Clerk Dist. Court Houston Co.

Do the County Surveyor of Houston County,  
By virtue of the accompanying  
application we are made in accordance with  
the Section of an Act to regulate the

disposal of the Public Lands in the State  
of Texas" approved Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1870 I hereby  
apply for a conveyance of the following premises  
including any improvements viz Beginning

of J Hammons NW Cor. Thence East 950  
vs Thence South 950 vs Thence West 950  
vs - Thence N 950 vs to the Beginning &c  
as to Cover the Hammons Survey and 160  
acres of land Catharine X Asher  
mark

Test  
J Collins

to Asher

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Wheaton Incorp'd  
Filed notes enclosed

Catharine Asher

affid & Designat

Filed Apr 23/79

Filed Aug 29 1871

AT 1200 P M

J W Miller Co

San Antonio

Recorded

Catharine Asher

# Preemption Claim

The State of Texas & Survey  
County of Houston & N<sup>o</sup>  
Field note of a survey of 160 acres  
of land made for Catherine  
Ashear it being the quantity to  
which she is entitled by virtue of  
an act to regulate the disposal of the public  
lands of the State of Texas Approved August  
12<sup>th</sup> 1870, Said survey is situated <sup>in Houston County about 12 1/2 miles</sup> N 84<sup>th</sup> E of  
Crockett about 2 1/2 miles

Beginning at 3<sup>rd</sup> corner of a survey  
made for Robert Thompson of 160 acres (stake)  
whence a pine tree to 57<sup>ft</sup> 3<sup>3/4</sup> varas another pine  
tree 34<sup>ft</sup> 9<sup>3/4</sup> varas — Thence with line  
of R Thompson survey West at 280 varas  
Corner stake —

Thence West at 428 varas Corner stake  
Thence South at 1105 varas (corner) whence  
a Red Oak bears South 5 varas —  
Thence East at 950 varas (corner) whence  
a Red Oak bears S 5<sup>ft</sup> 3<sup>3/4</sup> varas,  
Thence West at 825 varas intersects R Thomp  
sons line —

Thence West at 522 varas beginning  
to J Walker & Chas Surveyed November  
H. H. Jones & Currier 4<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Chas Stokes  
Deputy, Sur., Houston Co

I Chas Stokes Deputy Surveyor of Houston  
County hereby certify that the foregoing sur  
vey was made according to law and that

the limits boundaries and corners with  
the marks natural and artificial are  
correctly described in the foregoing plat  
and field notes

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1872

Chas. Stokes <sup>Co</sup>  
Deputy, Surveyor, Houston,

Examined and Approved

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1872

Mark Miller  
Co Sur & Co

The State of Texas }  
Houston County } I hereby Certify that the  
foregoing field notes are duly recorded  
in Book B of Preemption Claims  
in my office this April 17<sup>th</sup> 1872  
Mark Miller Co  
Sur & Co

C. Abshear  
160 = preemption

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Wasson Preempt  
Field notes 160 acres  
Catharine Abshear  
Filed Apr 23/72

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On J. Hammond S. 245 - other  
wise correct on map of Hous-  
ton County. Octob. 6/79  
C. W. Puffer

Patented July 20/80

W. Davis

75 & D

C. E. July 10/72  
C. W. P.

The State of Texas }  
County of Houston } Before me the undersigned District Clerk in and for  
the County of Houston this day came and personally appeared  
Catharine Absher a resident citizen of said County, who being  
by me duly sworn, declares that she is a bona fide settler upon 160 acres  
of vacant Public Land, situated in said County and surveyed for  
Catharine Absher on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1871 by  
Charles Stokes Dep<sup>t</sup> surveyor of said County: that she has occupied  
and improved the same as a Homestead for the period of three consecutive  
years, beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1872 that she is a married  
woman and the head of a family: and that she makes this affidavit for  
the purpose of obtaining a title to the same for a Homestead under An  
Act supplementary to "An Act to regulate the disposal of the Public  
Lands of the State of Texas" approved March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1871, and that she has not  
a Homestead other than the above.

And also at the same time came and personally appeared  
W. H. Jones and Robert Gaston  
two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who  
being duly sworn depose and say that Catharine Absher  
the person first above named in this affidavit, has actually settled  
upon and cultivated as a Homestead the land surveyed for her on the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1871 by the surveyor aforesaid for the  
period of three years, and they, nor either of them, have any interest in  
said land

Catharine <sup>her</sup> Absher  
W. H. Jones  
R. A. Gaston

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
and I hereby certify that W. H. Jones and  
R. A. Gaston are credible and trustworthy Citizens  
of said County.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of said County this 19 day of Feb<sup>y</sup> A. D. 1876.  
O. C. Aldrich D. C. Houston Co.

Asher  
Catherine Asher

Affidavits for  
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Houston Preemption

Catherine Asher

160 Acres

Cert. of Occupancy

Filed March 6<sup>th</sup> 1876

J. J. [unclear] [unclear]

This lady appears to be "a  
married woman & the head  
of a family". Why not? but  
where is her husband & what  
position does he occupy in  
the family?

Nov 26/77 [unclear]