

File 333

Houston Preemption

Abst 296-3

Alexander Cook

155 Acres

Act. Aug 12th 1870

Correct and map of Houston County
July 7/77 C.W. Pfeiffer
Decemb. 6/79.

August 12th 1875

Correct for patenting to
the heirs

Dec. 8/79 *Mally*

Patented Dec. 8/1879

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J. R. P. O'Connell
J. O'Connell

Green

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Mgl. 85077

Sept. 29 75

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August 12th 1875

Robinson

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Cooper & Cooper
Crockett

J. H. Sherry

A. B. Vol. _____

No. 100

The State of Texas
County of Houston

Before the undersigned authority this day personally appeared Alex. Cook Applicant and G. F. Bridges and W. Dougherty witnesses to me well known who being duly sworn according to law upon oath say that Alex. Cook is bona fide settler upon vacant 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 August 12th. 1870 and that he has not a homestead.

Alex. Cook

G. F. Bridges

W. Dougherty

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1872

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my official seal and office in the Town of Crockett this 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1872

R. J. Blair

Clerk Civil Court Houston County

Signature

To the County Surveyor of Houston County
By virtue of the accompanying



applicants there in accordance with the
Section of the Act to Regulate the Dis-
posal of the Public Lands of the State of
Texas approved August 12th 1870. I hereby apply
for a survey of the following described premises
including my improvements.

Beginning at the N. E. corner of E. C. Bridges
Survey, thence N. with Christian Survey,
corner with S. E. corner of W. D. Sadder Survey,
thence N. with W. D. Sadder Survey, thence
S. to Anderson Survey, thence E. to the
division of Labor, thence to place of beginning
to include the acres.

Alex. Cook

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Alexander Cook

155. acres

with & designation

Dated August 12th 1875

Alex. Cook

The State of Texas Survey to
Houston County 3

Field Notes of a Survey of 155 Acres
of Land made for Alex Cook by
virtue of his preemption affidavit

Said Survey is Situated in Houston
County on waters of San Pedro Bayou about
1/2 mile N 1/4 E. from the town of Crosslett
beginning on J. Sheridans West line at W T
Saddlers S E Corner.

thence West with W. T. Saddlers South line pass
his S W Corner. at 1344 vs. State for Corner.
thence S. 45. N. 990 vs. to Corner.

thence East with Andersons line 424 vs
to Corner on Murchisons ^{W.} line

thence N. with Murchisons line 201 vs to his
S. W. Corner -

thence East with Murchisons line at 1000 vs
pass his Corner. at 1670 vs. Corner on
Sheridans West line

thence - North with ~~Murchison~~ ^{Sheridans} line
at 500 varas come to the place of
beginning bearing true N. Survey
at January 18th 1845 -

John Bishop GC 3 Muck Miller
Jesse Bishop EC 3 Cipus H. Co

The State of Texas 3
Houston County 3 I hereby Certify that
the foregoing Survey was made by
me according to law. and that the
lines marks and Corners are correct
by described therein, and that the
foregoing field notes are duly recorded

in Book B of Preemption Claims
this Aug. 9th 1875 - Max Miller

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Alexander Cook

155 Acres

field notes

Filed August 12th 1875

J. P. Moore, Com.

Correct and map of Houston
County. Decemb. 6/79

E. W. Taylor.

Patented Dec. 8, 1879
J. K. P. Pym

Cook

Sept 29
75
R. O. W. M.

The State of Texas } Before me W. J.
County of Titus } Presley Notary Public
in and for said

Titus County personally
appeared Martha Cook and says
on oath that she is the widow of
the late Alexander Cook of Houston
County Texas. and that she alone
is entitled as A Cooks widow to a
Patent for (160) one hundred and
sixty acres of land preempted by
the said A Cook. and further
says she has lived on said land
for three years previous to the year
1877. and further says all the fees
have been paid on the same
Witness Martha ^{her} Cook
Marinda Cook _{marck}

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed
the impress of my official Seal
at office. this the 30th day of
April A. D. 1877

W. J. Presley
Notary Public
Titus County
Texas

The State of Texas, Before me the undersigned
County of Houston. I County Clerk in and for
the County aforesaid, this day
came and personally appeared E. F. Bridges
and E. Dougherty resident Citizens of
said County, who being by me duly
sworn declare that Mrs. Martha Cook
is the widow of Alexander Cook Deed.
late of Houston County, Texas, and the
Party who made the accompanying and
attached affidavit, that the said Alexan-
der Cook was a bona fide settler upon
160 acres of vacant public land situa-
ted in said County and surveyed for
Alexander Cook on the 13th day of
January. 1875 by Mark Miller Sur-
veyor of said County, and that he and
his wife, jointly, has occupied and im-
proved the same as a Homestead for the
period of three consecutive years be-
ginning on the 1st day of October 1873
that the said Cook was a married man
and the head of a family and that the
said Martha Cook, his widow, makes
the attached affidavit for the purpose
of obtaining a title to the same for
a Homestead under an act suppli-
mentary to an act to regulate the dis-
posal of the public lands of the State

of Texas approved March 24th 1871 and
that the said Mrs. Martha Cook has not
a Homestead other than the above,
and said Edmund F. Bridges and
Edward Dougherty, two credible resident
Citizens of said County to me well known,
say that they nor either of them
have any interest in said land
attest;

C. J. W. Murphy

E. F. Bridges

E. Dougherty

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the impress
of my official Seal at office, this
23rd day of June A.D. 1877.

O. C. Aldrich clerk

By H. W. P. Muench Deputy

C. C. H. Co. Texas



Presumption affidavit
of
Mrs. Martha Cook

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Houston Presumption
Alexander Cook
by widow Martha Cook.

Cert. of Occupancy.

Filed June 26/77
W. J. Cook, C.

PROOF OF SETTLEMENT UNDER HOMESTEAD ACT.

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF Houston

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, this day came and personally appeared Martha A. Cook ^{widow of Alex^r Cook} a resident citizen of said County, who being by me duly sworn, declares that she is a bona fide settler upon 155- acres of vacant public land, situated in said County, and surveyed for Alexander Cook on the 13th day of January 1875, by Marshall Miller Surveyor of said County; that she has occupied and improved the same as a Homestead for a period of three consecutive years, beginning on the 17th day of January 1872, that she is 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 for the Benefit of actual Occupants of the Public Lands," approved May 26th, 1873, and Acts prior thereto; and that he has not a Homestead other than the above.

And also at the same time came and personally appeared A. H. Roark and Edward Dougherty two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who being duly sworn, depose and say that Martha A. Cook the person first above named in this Affidavit, has actually settled upon and cultivated as a Homestead, the land surveyed for her him on the 13th day of January 1875, by the surveyor aforesaid, for the period of three years, and they nor either of them have any interest in the said land. and that her late husband Alexander Cook is dead.

Martha A. Cook ^{her mark}
A. H. Roark ^{his mark}
Edward Dougherty ^{his mark}

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that A. H. Roark and Edward Dougherty are credible and trustworthy citizens of said County.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said County, at office, this 29th day of Novr.

1879

A. C. Aldrich
 Clerk of County Court Houston Co.
 By Albert Aldrich *spy*

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Houston Preemption

Alexander Cook
dec'd

Certificate of occupancy

filed - Nov 29 1879

Charles Fisher
Chief Clerk

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**Proof of Settlement
OF LAND.**

Martha A. Cook widow
of Alexander Cook.
Settler.

[Faint, mostly illegible text from the reverse side of the document, including a signature and official stamps.]