

File 3611

Houston Preemption

Abst - 1196 - 11

J. M. Dotson

135 1/2 Acres

Act. August 12 1870

As corners described
otherwise correct on
map of Houston County
Jan 31/87 Caldwell

Correct for patenting
9/3/87 Shull

Patented Feb 3/87
No. 289 vol 9

Ordn. and
mtd. pt. & Reg
Jan 1/87

Mgl. 9121

of March 25/76
d. N. N.

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January 6th 1876

- Robinson

" 3rd of occupancy
of 6/81 Walton

B. F. Edwards
Feb 1/87

Pat. ad. to
Chas Stokes
Crockett

A. B. Vol. May 15/90

The State of Texas } Before me the undersigned authority
County of Houston } personally appeared J M Dodson
Applicant and J A Logan and
J W Garrett witnesses, to me well known - who being duly
sworn according to law - declare that J M Dodson is
bona fide settled upon vacant public domain, and
the same described in the accompanying file, under
"An Act to regulate the disposal of the public lands in
the State of Texas - approved August 12th 1870 - and
that he has not a homestead -

Sworn to and subscribed } J M. Dodson
before me this 28th day of } J A Logan
December A D 1874 - } J W. Garrett
In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed
my Official Seal and Signature -

O. C. Aldrich - Clerk

By F. H. Wagner Deputy Clerk
10th St Houston Co Texas

No "Designation"
To the County Surveyor of Houston County
By virtue of the accompanying Affidavit
made in accordance with the Section
of "An Act to regulate the disposal of the public lands
in the State of Texas" approved August 12th 1870

File 364

Houston Preemption

J. M. Dotson

135 1/2 Acres

Appt & Designation

Filed Jan'y 6th 1876

J. M. Dotson filed Dec 25/74
M. M. Miller
C. J. Smith

I hereby apply for a survey of the following -
premises, including my improvements - viz -
Beyning - at Petus Con on Rodgers League
thence North East West and South
to the Beyning so as to include
all the vacancy shown on map
and my improvements. -

J. M. Dotson

The State of Texas
Houston County

Survey of 138 1/2 acres of land
made for Wm Dodson according
of his preemption affidavit No

Said Survey is Situated in Houston County on
Waters of San Pedro Creek, 13 1/2 miles N 7 E
from the Town of Crockett.

Beginning at J. G. Pittitt's S E Corner on Stephen
Rodgers North Boundary,

Thence N. with Pittitt's E. B. 865 varas to Wm
Dodson's S W Corner.

Thence East with Dodson's S B. 885 varas
to his Corner on Rodgers line

Thence S. with S Rodgers line 865 varas
to his Corner.

Thence West with Rogers N B. 885 varas
to the Place of Beginning bearing N 64
Surveyed January 4th 1846.

John Jones & Co
James Payne & Co
Mark Miller
Casper H. Co

The State of Texas

Houston County I hereby Certify that the foregoing
Survey was made according to law and that
the lines marks and Corners are correctly
described therein, and that the foregoing field
notes are duly recorded in my office
This January 11th 1846.

Mark Miller
Casper H. Co

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Houston Preemption

J. M. Dalton
135 1/2 Acres
Field Notes

Filed January 6th 1876

J. M. Dalton

No corners described
otherwise correct
on map of Houston
County Jan 31/87
C. McMillan

Patented Feb 3/87

cf. March 25/76

d. M. D.

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 J. M. Dotson a resident citizen of said County, who being by me duly sworn, declares that he is a *bona fide* settler upon 160 acres of vacant public land, situated in said County, and surveyed for J. M. Dotson on the 31 day of December 1875, by Mark Miller County Surveyor of said County; that he has occupied and improved the same as a Homestead for a period of three consecutive years, beginning on the 31 day of December 1875, that he is married man and that he 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 S. C. Sullivan and E. D. Dougherty two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who being duly sworn, depose and say that J. M. Dotson the person first above named in this Affidavit, has actually settled upon and cultivated as a Homestead, the land surveyed for him on the 31st day of December 1875, by the surveyor aforesaid, for the period of three years, and they nor either of them have any interest in the said land.

Witness to E. D. Dougherty
O. C. Aldrich

J. M. Dotson
S. C. Sullivan
E. D. Dougherty
S. C. Sullivan

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that E. D. 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 30 day of Sept A. D.

1879

O. C. Aldrich
Clerk of County Court Houston Co.

Proof of Settlement
OF LAND.

Settler.

J. M. Dalton

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Houston Promp
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J. M. Dalton
Cert of occupancy
Gibb April 6/81
Rhoads Hicks
Cajetok

Dec 2/81