

No 643.

72

- 1. Cert of occupancy
  - 2. Field notes
- Feb 17. 74

Melan Preemp.

ADST-725

Joseph Ragsdale  
Cert of occupancy  
100 ac

no app.  
Act Aug. 12. 1870.

- 3. App. Dec 1.
  - 4. App of app. head of dam
- Nov. 25/78.  
Cook

Appears in conflict with  
survey in the name of  
J. E. Cheater (1868)  
otherwise connected  
with of Resque Co.  
Sept. 27/74. E. W. Puffer.  
April 13/74. E. W. Puffer.  
x mkt: ptd.

Correct for patenting.  
May 12/74. Fisher

Patented May 13<sup>th</sup> 1874  
S. H. Wade  
No 611 Vol 1

ms. 1040. Reg

2589.

E. W. Puffer July 5/72  
E. W. P.

\$5.00 deposited  
Mar 17/74.

Joseph Ragsdale  
wants Patent  
Clerk of Resque

Condition reported Aug 16 1874  
Condition reported to Surveyor  
October 28. 1872 Beck

The State of Texas. } Before me, Jno James, Clerk  
County of Broussard } of the District Clerk of Broussard  
County Texas, this day came &  
personally appeared Joseph Ragdale, to  
me well known, who being by me duly  
sworn declares that he is a Bona fide settler  
upon One hundred & sixty (160) acres of  
"vacant public Land, situated in said  
County, and surveyed for Joseph Ragdale  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1872 by L. H.  
Scratchfield surveyor of said County; that  
he has occupied & improved the same as a  
home stead for the period of three ~~years~~ con-  
secutive years, beginning on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1871, that he is a married man  
with a family, 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 26" 1873, and that he has not a home-  
stead other than the above - and also at the same  
time came & personally appeared L. H. Scratchfield  
and William Heffernan, two credible resident  
citizens of said County, to me well known who  
being duly sworn, depose <sup>and</sup> say that Joseph

Ragdale, the person first above named in  
this affidavit, has actually settled upon and  
cultivated as a homestead the land surveyed  
for him on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1872  
by the Surveyor aforesaid, for the period of  
three (3) years, and they nor either of them  
have any interest in the said Land.

Joseph, Ragdale  
Wm. Heffernan  
L. H. Scrutcliffe

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and  
I hereby certify that L. H. Scrutcliffe  
Joseph Ragdale are credible & trustworthy  
citizens of said County.

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my official seal,  
of the Dist. Court of Brogue  
County at my Office in Meridian  
this March 5<sup>th</sup> 1874

Jno James  
C. H. D. C. B. C.

Joseph Ragodale.  
Proof for Prescription.

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made March 5<sup>th</sup> 1874

Pro Janus  
C. K. & C. B. Co.

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Clerks fee \$150  
"Paid"  
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To commissioners of the  
General Land office  
Austin  
Tex.

'Fill 643  
Milam Pramp  
Cert of occupancy

Joseph Ragodale

Filed Mar 17/74  
Rhoads Fisher,  
Clerk

P. 643 Misc

The State of Texas, Fida nats at 100  
County of Bosque } Cons of Land made  
to Joseph Ragsdale <sup>in Bosque County</sup>  
Situation <sup>on the</sup> South side  
at Neel's Creek about two miles from  
its <sup>junction</sup> with the Bosque <sup>and 6 miles S 20 E</sup>  
<sup>from Meridian</sup>

It being the land that he is entitled  
to receive by virtue of his Certificate  
- Cert of Appraisal made before the district  
Clerk of Bosque County on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1871

Beginning 990 var N 30 W from the S W Cor of  
J Muse Survey a mound from which  
a Live oak mark H has N 15 E 60 var  
Thence N 30 W 950 var N E Cor back mound  
from which a Burr oak mark X has  
S 87 E 50 var

Thence S 60 W 950 var N W. Cor a Live  
Oak mark R has S 74 E 114 var

Thence S 30 E 950 var top of Mountain

Thence N 60 E 950 var the Beginning

Signed April 10 1872

J H Sautchfield

Hiram Reed

J B Pool

Chairman

} County Surveyor  
Bosque County

J. H. Sautchfield County Surveyor  
of Bosque County do hereby certify that I have  
carefully examined the foregoing field notes and  
find them correct and that they are duly  
recorded on Book A page 69 in my office  
Meridian May 1<sup>st</sup> 1872

J H Sautchfield

County Surveyor B Co

File 43

William Preuss

February 1844

Jos. Rays date

Filed May 7/72

Pat: May 13<sup>th</sup> 1844

S.H. Wade

E.S. July 5/72  
E.W.P.

The State of Texas }  
County of Bosque } }

Before me the Under-  
signed Authority, Personally appeared  
Joseph Ragsdale Applicant and  
Hiram M. Reeder and Andrew Compton  
Witnesses to me well known who being  
 duly sworn, according to Law declare  
that Joseph Ragsdale is Bona fide  
settled 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 1840 and that  
he has not a homestead —

Joseph Ragsdale  
Hiram M. Reeder  
Andrew Compton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5  
day of September A.D. 1871

In Testimony Whereof, I have  
hereunto ~~affixed~~ my official Seal and Signature

R. L. Nicholson  
Clerk Dist. Ct. Bosque Co.

No. —

Designation

To the County Surveyor of Bosque County.

By Virtue of the accompanying affidavit No  
— made in accordance with the —  
section of "An Act to regulate the

Disposal of the Public Lands in the State  
of Texas "Approved August 12 1870  
I hereby apply for a survey of the following  
premises including my improvements  
Viz: Beginning at — Varas on the  
W. W. line of the Muse survey thence with  
said <sup>line of</sup> Muse survey N 30 W 950 Varas thence  
S 30 W 950 Varas to N. W. corner thence  
S 30 E 950 for S. W. corner thence N 30  
E. to place of beginning

Feb 14 1873

Melvin Phelps

~~Feb 14 1873~~

Joseph Ragsdale

App. no. 12, 1872

Filed May 7/72

Clifton Bosque County, Texas

May the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874

Mr. J. J. Woods, <sup>son</sup> Sir yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> <sup>April</sup> <sup>1873</sup> come to hand I. was glad to get your receipt for my application for patent on my homestead, file 643 and five dollars patent fees. I. received a letter from your clk who signs his name

Rhoads Fisher, which stated that my certificate of occupancy did not sho me to be the head of a family that was merly an error of our district clk. I. wrote to John James who is our district clk. to correct that error forthwith if he has not don it please let me no and it will be corrected I have had two children born on my preemption and one of them was three years old the 18. day of November 1873 this I would certify to J. R. Helton a representative from Bosque Co. nos me to be head of a <sup>family</sup>

pleas let not this letter weary  
your patience and issue my  
patent as quick as the case will  
admit of yours most Respectfully  
Joseph Ragsdale  
File 6,43 Milan pres.

Filed May 12/74  
Joseph Ragsdale  
attor.

Evidence of being  
Heard of a party.

William Ragsdale

643.

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