

Bozque Co

File 836

# MILAM PREEMPTION

J. M. Branch

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St. Arvo

Act August 12/1870

Correct and map of Bozque  
County. Decemb. 6/79  
B. W. Taylor.

Correct for patenting to  
A. J. Blackwell also  
June 24/81

Marsh.  
Common  
Patented June 5/81  
marked ptd  
J. A. Taylor  
No 341-4412

marked ptd Reg.

Mgl. 8316

Nov. 21/72.

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- Rec'd 5/79  
Rich

A. J. Blackwell  
valley mills

~~J. M. Roberts~~



The State of Texas } Personally appeared  
County of Bexar } before me Philip Howard  
Clerk District Court of said county  
J W Branch and upon his  
Oath says he is in the possession  
of Eighty Acres of land a part of  
the Public lands of said State  
of Texas to which he is entitled  
to under the laws of this State  
giving lands to actual settlers upon  
the vacant lands of the State of Texas  
and I further swear that I have  
no other lands as a homestead  
and that I am a single man  
over 21 years of age and are  
entitled to eighty acres

J W Branch

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
Philip Howard Clerk District  
Court of Bexar County  
Given under my hand and  
Seal of office in the town  
of Meridian this August  
the 19<sup>th</sup> A D 1872

Philip Howard  
Clerk, Dist. Ct. Bexar



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J. H. Brauch

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Designation

Fred. No. 8/72



The State of Texas Field notes of Albany  
 County of Basque of 80 acres of land  
 made for J W Branch it being  
 the quantity of land that had  
 entitled to as an actual settler  
 by virtue of an Act made under  
 the Clerk of the District Court  
 of Basque County as this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
 August 1872

Situation on the right of <sup>Childers</sup> ~~Chick~~  
 Creek about 20 miles <sup>17 1/2</sup> East <sup>41 1/2</sup> from  
 Minnasia

Beginning at the N W Cor of ~~AD~~  
~~A. J. Blackwell's Block~~ 460 a or say for the  
 NE Cor of this 475

Then S 60 W 475 to the N W Cor  
 Then S 30 E 950 to the S W Cor  
 Then N 60 E 475 to the S E Cor  
 Then N 30 W 950 to the Beginning

Survey Sep 13<sup>th</sup> 1872

A. J. Blackwell  
 A. J. Calion  
 Chas. Currier

} L. H. Smithhill  
 County Surveyor

I hereby certify that I have care-  
 fully examined the above field notes and  
 find them correct and that they are duly recorded  
 in my office in Book A page 89

Minnasia Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 L. H. Smithhill  
 County Surveyor



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Feb 26 80 us

J. W. Brauch

Feb 26 8/72

Correct on map of Brogue Co.  
Jan. 10/73.

July 9/79 Thomsen

Decemb. 6/79 C. W. Pfeiler

Patented June 25/81

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c. e. Nov. 21 '72. Richardson

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The State of Texas  
 County of Borden

Know all men  
 by these presents  
 that I, J. W. Branch of the  
 above County and State have this  
 day for and in consideration  
 of the sum of Twenty (\$20) specie  
 Dollars to me cash in hand paid, the  
 receipt of which is hereby fully  
 acknowledged and confessed,  
 bargained, granted, sold, aliened  
 and conveyed and by these  
 presents do grant, sell alien and  
 convey unto, A. J. Blackwell  
 of the above County and State  
 all my right, title, interest and  
 claim in and to the following  
 described tract or parcel of  
 land, to-wit, a Preemption,  
 located by J. W. Branch, lying  
 and being situated, and adjoining  
 I add, patent, for a more  
 particular description of said  
 land reference is hereby made  
 to the accompanying and  
 hereto attached field notes,  
 containing ~~One hundred~~ <sup>Eighty</sup>  
 acres of land (More or less)



together with all my right  
and title and singular all  
the appurtenances to the same  
belonging or in anywise incident  
or appertaining, To have and  
to hold in fee simple forever  
In witness whereof I hereto  
sign my name officially  
using scroll for seal  
this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1873  
J. W. Branch (Seal)



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**The State of Texas,**

**COUNTY OF BOSQUE.**

I, **JOHN JAMES**, Clerk of the District Court  
and ex-officio Recorder of Bosque County, Texas, do hereby certify that  
the above and foregoing Seed

attached thereto, was filed for record December 18<sup>th</sup> 1873, at

1 o'clock, P. M., and was recorded in Bosque county Seed

Records

book 40

pages

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on

the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A. D. 1874

**Witness, John James**, Clerk of the  
District Court of Bosque County, Texas.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said  
Court, at office, in Meridian, this, the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
of March, A. D. 1874

John James

Clerk of the District Court and ex-officio Recorder of Bosque County.



# The State of Texas,

Waco Advance Print.

BOSQUE COUNTY.

Before Me, JOHN JAMES, Clerk of the District Court of Bosque County,  
Texas, personally appeared J. W. Branch  
who appears to have executed a certain Deed bearing date the  
Eighteenth day of December 187 9  
and hereto attached, and stated that he had executed the same for the purposes  
and consideration therein stated.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto sign my name officially, and  
affix the Seal of said District Court, at office in Bosque,  
this 18 day of Dec A. D. 187 9

John James  
Clerk District Court, Bosque Co., Texas.

By D. G. Thomas Deputy



J. W. Branch  
to A. Scallous

To Seed

A. J. Blackwell

Filed for Record  
See 18<sup>th</sup> 1870 at  
10 clock P.M.

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By J. W. Branch  
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John W. Branch.  
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not do.

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Milan Preemption

J. W. Branch

To 3 Transfer

A. J. Blackwell

Filed June 16/74.

Thomas Fisher  
Chf. Clk.

ac P. C. L.  
auth

W. E. Rogers.



# Proof of Settlement under Homestead Act.

The State of Texas,  
County of Bosque

*County*  
BEFORE ME, the undersigned, District Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, this day came and personally appeared A. J. Blackwell a resident citizen of said County, who being by me duly sworn, declares that he is a bona fide settler upon Eighty acres of vacant public land, situated in said County, and surveyed for J. W. Brauch on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1872, by L. H. Smithfield a 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1872, that he is a married man and that he makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining a title to the same for a Homestead, under an Act supplementary to "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, W. E. Rogers and J. M. Rogers, two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who being duly sworn, depose and say that A. J. Blackwell the person first above named in this affidavit, has actually settled upon and cultivated as a Homestead, the land surveyed for J. W. Brauch on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1872, by the Surveyor aforesaid, for the period of three years, and they nor either of them have any interest in the said land. *the homestead having been transferred to A. J. Blackwell by J. W. Brauch December 18<sup>th</sup> 1873.*

A. J. Blackwell  
W. E. Rogers  
J. M. Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that W. E. Rogers and J. M. Rogers are credible and trustworthy citizens of said County. *W. E. Rogers is now a resident citizen of Hill Co. but at the time of this location, and until recently lived in Bosque Co.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at office, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1877.

F. W. Collier  
Clerk of Dist. Court, Bosque County.  
*Clerk*

*By A. J. Gibbs Dep.*



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so acres

J. W. Branch  
Filed June 17

Settler.  
address of J. W. Branch  
C. J. Blackwell

Milam Pramp  
SETTLEMENT OF LAND

PROOF OF

This case is  
deficient -

Blackwell

the applicant  
proof with W. E. Rogers  
file 836 (8000)

the original contract

The law requires that  
the witnesses shall be  
disinterested



State of Texas ) Know all men by these presents  
(County of Bosque) that I, William E. Rogers of the state  
and County afore said for and in consideration  
of the sum of five hundred Dollars to me in hand paid  
by A. J. Blackwell of the aforesaid state and County the  
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have this day granted  
bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain and  
sell unto A. J. Blackwell the following described tract of  
Land to wit. A part of the Alfonso Cassenore Hedright  
one third League by virtue of Duplicate Certificate No  
31/1874 dated December 19<sup>th</sup> 1873 issued by Jacob Kuder Commissioner  
of the General Land Office Being and situated in Bosque County  
State of Texas about four miles N of Valley Mills. Beginning 295  
vrs from Saddlers South west corner on Saddlers west line. Thence  
N. 30 W 1400 vrs to Saddlers N. W. corner Thence N. 60 E. 847 vrs to  
Simian Osenhovers west line. Thence N 30. W 513 vrs to Osenhovers N. W.  
corner in. W. S. rather South line Thence S. 60 W 694 vrs to rather S.  
W corner 7097 vrs to Morgan East line. Thence with Morgans  
East line, S. 30 E 1913 vrs to Morgans S. E. corner. Thence N. 60 E.  
747 vrs to the Beginning. to have and to hold the above described Land  
unto the said A. J. Blackwell his heirs or assigns and I the said  
William E. Rogers do bind myself my heirs executors and administrators  
to warrant and defend the title to the same unto the said A. J. Blackwell  
his heirs and assigns forever against any and all persons whomsoever  
claiming the same lawfully or any part thereof In testimony  
whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal for seal this the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1874. W. E. Rogers

Attest

William Clark

J. W. Branch



64 The State of Texas } Before me W.B. Lurnippred a Justice of the  
County of Basque } Peace and Notary Public Es officio Basque  
County Texas Precinct No. 4 Personally appeared J. W. Branch  
a subscribing witness to the attached deed bearing date the 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of November A.D. 1874 and stated on oath that W. E.  
Rogers who appears to have executed said deed acknowledge  
dged in his presence that he had subscribed and executed the  
same for the purposes and considerations therein stated and that  
he the said J. W. Branch signed the same as a witness at the  
request of W. E. Rogers

J. W. Branch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
February A.D. 1875 W.B. Lurnippred Justice of the Peace  
and Notary Public Es officio Basque  
County Texas Precinct No. 4

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and the  
impress of my official seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February  
A.D. 1875 W.B. Lurnippred Notary Public  
Basque County Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
BOSQUE COUNTY.

I, JOHN JAMES, Clerk of the District Court of Bosque County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing

Deed with attached certificate, was filed for record, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 187<sup>5</sup>, at 11 o'clock A. M. and was duly recorded in Bosque County Deed Records, Book A. page 8660 Aug 601,

on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 187<sup>5</sup>.

WITNESS my official signature, and the seal of the District Court of Bosque County, Texas, at office, in Meridian, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 187<sup>5</sup>.

John James  
Clk. District Court, Bosque County, Texas.

By W. C. Smith Deputy.



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papers No 836 Milan printer  
J. W. Broucher 80 aces



6. File 836.

Milam Preemption

J. W. Branch.

W. E. Rogers.

To Transfer 80 acres

A. J. Blackwell

Filed July 7 / 79

Phas & Fisher,  
Clerk

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This has no connection  
with J. W. Branch's  
preemption so far  
as appears from  
the face of the paper.



State of Texas }  
County of Ellis } Know all

men by these presents that I  
Mrs W A Rogers Wife of W  
E Rogers for and in considera-  
tion of the sum of one dollar  
The receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged have this day gran-  
ted bargained & sold and do  
by these presents grant bargain  
and sell all my right title and  
interest with A J Blackwell of  
the county of Bosque State of Texas  
The following described tract of land  
to wit Eighty acres John<sup>W</sup> Branch  
preemption situated in Bosque  
County State of Texas on the waters of  
Childers creek about eighteen miles  
from the town of Meridian beginning  
at the N W corner of the Padler  
160 acre preemption for farther



description reference is hereby  
made to the field notes recorded  
in Bosque County State of Texas  
to have and to hold all my right  
title & interest Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1879  
V. A. Rogers



THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hill

BEFORE ME R M Elden Justice of the Peace and Ex-Officio Notary Public of

Hill County, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and

V A Rogers his wife, both to me well known and parties to a certain Deed  
or instrument in writing bearing date on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1879 hereto

annexed, and stated that they had executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein stated, and the said

V M Rogers having been examined by me privily and apart from her said husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, the said V M Rogers acknowledged the same to be her

act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and that she wished not to retract it.

To CERTIFY WHICH, I hereto sign my name and affix the seal of

my office, at Lovash this the 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of September A. D. 1879

R M Elden

J. P. and Ex-Officio Notary Public.



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on  
Cove



SHERIFF,  
COUNTY JUDGE,  
DIST. CLERK,  
TREASURER  
of Bosque County.

Meridian, Texas, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1879.

W. C. Walsh Esq,  
Austin Texas  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find re-  
linquishment of Mrs Rogers to the  
M Branch so a ce preemption  
on waters of Childress creek about  
20 miles S. E of Meridian.

Issue patent and send  
it to me at your earliest  
convenience.

Yours &c  
James M Robleson  
Co Surveyor Bosque Co



v File 836.

~~Milam Freeman~~

John W. Branch

Mrs V. A. Rogers

To Relinquishment

A. J. Blackwell

filed Sept. 29 79

Rhoads Fisher,

Chief Clerk

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Meridian, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879.

Mr. W. C. Walsh,

Please send the patent of the  
J. H. Branch 80 acre survey to  
the County Surveyor of Bosque Co  
Texas and oblige

Yours &c  
A. J. Blackwell



A. J. Blackwell

Order

To send J. W. Branch  
patents to County Surveyor

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# Proof of Settlement under Homestead Act.

The State of Texas, }

County of Bosque, }

Before Me, the undersigned County clerk in and for the County aforesaid, this day came and personally appeared A. J. Blackwell, assignee of J. H. Brauch resident citizen of said County, who being by me duly sworn, declares that he is a bona fide settler upon 160 80

acres of vacant public land, situated in said County, and surveyed for J. H. Brauch on the 13 day of Sept 1872, by C. H. Derutechfield

Deputy 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 20 day of Oct, 1873, 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 supplementary to "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 R. D. McWilliams and James, C. Minix, two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who being duly sworn, depose and say that A. J. Blackwell, assignee and J. H. Brauch, the person first above named in this affidavit, has actually settled upon and cultivated as a Homestead, the land surveyed for him on the 13 day of Sept 1872, by the Surveyor aforesaid, for the period of three years, and they, nor either of them, have any interest in the said land.

A. J. Blackwell

R. D. McWilliams

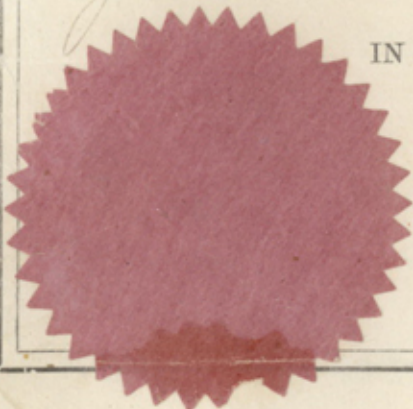
J. C. Minix

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that R. D. McWilliams and James, C. Minix 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 14 day of December 1879.

F. M. Gallier  
Clerk of County Court Bosque Co.

By F. M. Gallier





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Milam Preemption

J. W. Branch

80 Acres

Certificate of occupancy

Filed Dec 4 / 79

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Chief Clerk

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PROOF OF  
SETTLEMENT OF LAND

A. J. Blackwell assq  
Settler.