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File SF 14648

Abst. 1734

Harris

County

SCHOOL LAND

Ben Taub
(Good Faith Claimant)
Houston, Texas

MCG
3-6-45
HAP

81⁰⁸

Acres

Section No.

Block

Tsp.

Cert.

SITE HARRIS CO. RLD SH # 71

CORRECT ON MAP FOR 81⁰⁸ ACRES

1-12-1945 - Ablee.

Patent to Original with M.P.
3-29-45-ge.

MAP ME'S EYE.

Patented MAR 30 1945

No. 245 Vol. 98a

APR 5 1945

Mailed Co. Clk.

App. as m + S. + valued by The Com. +
School Land Board at 20⁰⁰ per acre.
3-6-45

Obligation

Basson, Giles, Com.

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- No. _____

MAR 19 1945

Pat fee 4⁰⁰
Rec fee 1⁰⁰

Sam W. Levy,

Citizens State Bank Bldg.
Houston, Texas

Paid in full for
81⁰⁸ ac. - 3-23-1945

C.M.

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE

(Good Faith Claimant)

TRACT "B"
S. 103 AC
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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

1. I hereby apply to purchase under a preference right without condition of settlement the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described, under the provisions of an Act approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land.
2. The said tract of land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about Six miles Southeast from Houston, the county seat, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Bounded on the Northeast by the Jno. M. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1281; bounded on the North by the Jno. M. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1281; Bounded on the East by the Jno. M. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1281; bounded on the South by the Henry Robinson Survey, Abstract No. 679; bounded on the Southwest by the Henry Robinson Survey, Abstract No. 679; bounded on the West by the East line of Chocolate Bayou Road as fenced at the present time.

(For more complete description see map and field-notes accompanying this application.)

3. I am a good faith claimant under the terms of said Act, as is fully shown by the attached instruments marked Exhibit _____.
4. Remarks:*

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Austin, Texas

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE

(Good Faith Claimant)

Texas

1944

Compt. Texas

Commissioner

Commissioner

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AUSTIN, TEXAS
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100-252-217

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Austin, Texas

CHANG UNDER MY HAND THIS THE

1944

to year

Ben Jones

Good Faith Claimant

POSTAL BY MAIL, ALL OF WHICH IS SHOWN IN VOL. III

Post Office

Houston, Texas

IN THE ABOVE APPLICATION NO. 100-252-217, THE SCHOOL LAND BOARDS AT \$20.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

- *NOTE: (1) The Good Faith Claimant should clearly indicate his position as to the existence of a vacancy.
 (2) If there should be no prior filing by an applicant, the good faith claimant should state whether application is accompanied by field notes or whether same will be filed within 120 days from date of filing of application with Commissioner of General Land Office.
 (3) Any other statement pertinent to the application to purchase may be included.

(OVER)

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(3) Any other statement pertinent to purchase may be included.

CERTIFICATE

date of filing of application with Commissioner of General Land Office.

I, H. C. Bishop, Secretary of the School Land Board, do hereby

certify that at a regular meeting of said board held in the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the

6th day of March, A. D. 19 45, the price at which the area of land described

in the above application No. SFL4549, shall be sold, was fixed by the School Land Board at \$20.00

Dollars per acre, all of which is shown in Vol. III, Page _____, of the Minutes of said Board.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of March, A. D. 19 45, at Austin, Texas.

H. C. Bishop
Secretary of the School Land Board

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12-14-1944

CARL L. LIND, Receiver
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

SF 14648

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Austin, Texas

S. F. No. 14648

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE
UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND
(Good Faith Claimant)

of Ben Daub
Houston, Texas.

WITHOUT SETTLEMENT

~~121.24~~ 81.08 acres
in Harris County, Texas.

Filed 12-14-44, 19
Bascom Diller, C.
Commissioner

Approved Mar. 6, 19 45
Rejected
Bascom Diller, C.
Commissioner

as follows to-wit:

3. The said tract of land is situated in Houston from Houston the county seat, and is described

other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land.

1. I hereby apply to purchase under a preference right without condition of settlement the tract of un-

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

(Good Faith Claimant)

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE

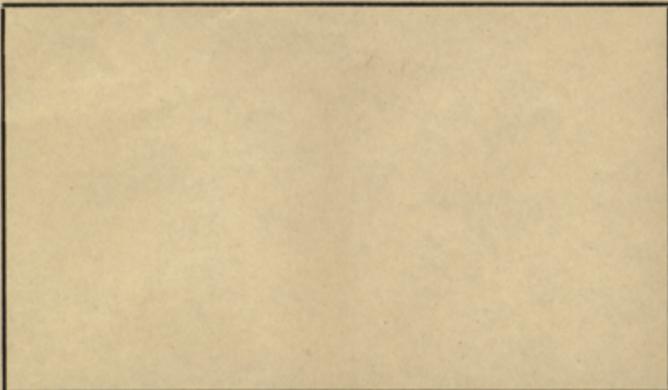
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PLAT



THE STATE OF TEXAS

Survey No. _____

Harris COUNTY

FIELD NOTES of a survey of

81.08 acres of land made for

Ben Taub

by virtue of his application filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 19____; (application to be filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas*) under the laws regulating the sale and lease of unsurveyed school land. Said land is situated in Harris County, about Six miles Southeast from Houston, the county seat, and is described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe in the North line of the Henry Robinson Survey, Abstract No. 679 as fenced and long recognized as such; said point marking a southwesterly corner of the Jno. M. Swisher Survey, Abstract No. 1281 and the southeasterly corner of this description; beginning point being further identified as being situated 149.54 varas West of the most northerly Southwest corner of the Ben Taub Survey of 121.24 acres and 224.47 varas West of the northeasterly corner of the said Henry Robinson Survey as marked by an old $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe; from said beginning point

RUNNING THENCE, along a westerly line of the said Jno. M. Swisher Survey, North 305.0 varas to a re-entrant corner thereof as marked by a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe;

THENCE, along a southerly line of the said Jno. M. Swisher Survey, West 1504.0 varas to a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe marking an upper southwesterly corner of said Jno. M. Swisher Survey;

THENCE, along a southwesterly line of the said Jno. M. Swisher Survey, North $58^{\circ}00'$ West 174.27 varas to a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe set in the intersection of the said southwesterly line of the said Jno. M. Swisher Survey and the East line of Chocolate Bayou Road as fenced and based on 28.8 varas in width;

THENCE, along the easterly line of said Chocolate Bayou Road as fenced, and running parallel to and 14.4 varas East of the center line thereof, South 140.54 varas to intersect the northeasterly line of the said Henry Robinson Survey; a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe for corner, which pipe is 817.92 varas North of and 28.8 varas East of the intersection of the West line of said Chocolate Bayou Road and the North line of Reed Road as based on 21.6 varas in width;

THENCE, along the northeasterly line of the said Henry Robinson Survey, S. $58^{\circ}00'$ E. 484.63 varas to a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pipe marking a re-entrant corner of the said Henry Robinson Survey;

THENCE, along the northerly line of the said Henry Robinson Survey, as partially marked by an old fence, East 1240.80 varas to the point or place of beginning.

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in making description
 (2) The written report of the survey which is required to accompany the above field notes must show whether the above
 (3) To be used in lieu of application filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Land Office.
 notes to the General
 paying this set of field-
 Map under file No. 3250 accoun-

This 13th day of December, 1944.

Page _____ of the County Surveyor's Records of Harris County, Texas.
 foregoing Plat and Field Notes, just as I found them on the ground; and they are recorded in Book _____
 that the limits, boundaries and corners, with the marks natural and artificial, are truly described in the
 Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing survey was made by me on the ground, and according to law;

I, I. V. C. Williamson Surveyor of Harris County,
 Surveyed December 3, 1944
 Beginning with at north
 Variation to 50, East
 Chain Carriers I. C. WILLIAMS
 Surveyor I. S. MARSHALL
 (Signature of Surveyor)

I, _____
 Surveyor of _____
 County, do hereby certify that the character
 and reasonable market value of the land in-
 cluded within the limits of the within field
 notes are as follows:
 Soil (state character) _____
 Timber _____
 Value \$ _____ per acre
 (including timber) _____

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**GENERAL LAND OFFICE
 Austin, Texas**

S. F. No. 14648

**FIELD NOTES
 (Good Faith Claimant)**

Filed Dec. 14 - 1944

Bascom Giles, Commissioner

Approved _____ 19____
 Rejected _____

 Commissioner

See Rolled Sk. N^o 71

CORRECT ON MAP FOR 8108
1-12-1945 - Oakes
 Patent
3-30-45
Robinson

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**C. L. LIND, Receiver
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE**

c 12/14/44
 c W.S.

beginning at _____
 meters and bounds as follows:

 school land. Said land is situated in _____
 of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, under the laws regulating the sale and lease of unsurveyed
 day of _____
 19____ (application to be filed with the Commissioner
 of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the
 by virtue of his application filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas, on the

Ben Tarr

81.08 acres of land made for

FIELD NOTES of a survey of

Harris COUNTY

Survey No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

PLAT

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FOGLE & LEVY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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COPY

January 23, 1945

Mr. Bascom Giles
Commissioner of the
General Land Office
Austin, Texas.

IN RE: SF-14648
SF-14649

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find affidavits of Ben Taub and I. G. Strauss, as per your request of the 18th inst.

I have examined the abstracts pertaining to the alleged vacant area, and found from my examination that, in my opinion, Ben Taub has a good record title to the lands in question by virtue of the deeds mentioned in the affidavit of Ben Taub. I personally prepared the deeds from the heirs of L. C. Masterson and the deed from Mary G. Masterson. Previous to said deeds, Mr. Taub had acquired an undivided one-third from William Masterson by virtue of a foreclosure of a Deed of Trust.

The abstract reflects that the patent was to Branch T. Masterson, who died, and by inheritance, or will, the title became vested, an undivided one-third in each William Masterson, L. C. Masterson and Mary G. Masterson.

I am sending an extra copy of this letter with the understanding that it may be used as evidence that Mr. Taub is a good faith claimant, as provided in House Bill 9.

Trusting that the enclosed meets your requirements, I am

Very truly yours,

Samuel H. Perry
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JAN 22 1945

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

January 23, 1945

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General Land Office
Austin, Texas.

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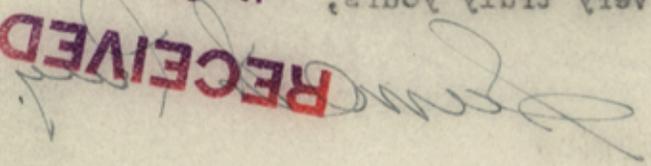
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GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Very truly yours,
JAN 25 1945

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS



Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared BEN TAUB, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say:

My name is Ben Taub. I am the same person who filed Applications Nos. SF-14648 and SF-14649 for the purchase of two tracts of alleged vacant land in Harris County, Texas, under the provisions of House Bill 9, Act of June 19, 1939. Said tracts of land are located in Harris County, Texas, and said applications are hereby referred to for a fuller description of said lands, which said lands are hereinafter referred to as "vacant area".

The alleged vacant area was always thought and considered to be a part of the John M. Swisher Survey patented by the State of Texas to Branch T. Masterson, Assignee, as per patent dated June 10, 1895, being Patent No. 206, Volume 8, a certified copy of which is recorded in Vol. 131, p.545, of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas. The said Swisher Survey remained in the Masterson family after the death of Branch T. Masterson, and I acquired an undivided one-third under the terms of a Trustee's deed from William Masterson, which Trustee's deed is dated October 3, 1934, and is recorded in Vol. 964, p.471, of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas. The other two-thirds interest at that time was owned as follows: L. C. Masterson owned an undivided one-third and Mary G. Masterson owned an undivided one-third. On or about May 5, 1942, I acquired the Mary G. Masterson one-third, and on or about May 12, 1942, I acquired the L. C. Masterson one-third by virtue of a deed from the heirs of L. C. Masterson. The Masterson family and I have occupied or used the alleged vacant area for grazing and agricultural purposes with a good faith belief that the same was included with-

in the boundaries of the said Swisher Survey, and the boundaries of said tract of land were generally recognized boundaries in the community. Said vacant area was completely enclosed by the Mastersons and by me after I acquired the title, and our enclosures were definitely recognized boundaries. The possession of the Masterson family and myself was continuous and uninterrupted for a period of over ten years with the good faith belief that we were the owners thereof and that said vacant area was included within said Swisher Survey.

Said lands have never been used for the purpose of exploring or removing oil, gas, sulphur or other minerals therefrom.

By virtue of the above facts, I am a good faith claimant as provided in House Bill 9 Act of June 19, 1939, as said term is therein defined.

Ben Taub

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, at Houston, Texas, this 24th day of January, 1945.

Herbert Lott
(Herbert LOTT)

Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Ben Taub, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Houston, Texas, this 24th day of January, 1945.

Herbert Lott
(Herbert LOTT)

Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS



Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared I. G. STRAUSS, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say:

My name is I. G. Strauss. I have read the foregoing affidavit of Ben Taub with reference to alleged vacant lands located in Harris County, Texas.

I am familiar with said lands and the use that has been made thereof and I know the facts stated in said affidavit are true and correct.

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(Herbert Lott)
Notary Public in and for
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS



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Notary Public in and for
Harris County, Texas.

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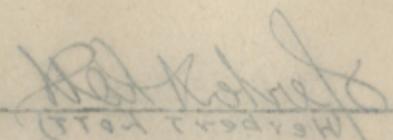
My name is I. G. Strauss. I have read the foregoing affidavit of Ben Tapp with reference to alleged vacant lands located in Harris County, Texas. I am familiar with said lands and the use that has been made thereof and I know the facts stated in said affidavit are true and correct.



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, at Houston, Texas, this 25th day of January, 1945.



Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas.



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared I. G. Strauss, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Houston, Texas, this 25th day of January, 1945.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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SF 14648

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AFFIDAVITS

OF

BEN TAUB

AND

I. G. STRAUSS.

FOGLE & LEVY
CITIZENS STATE BANK BLDG.
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF SALE
OF UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND

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(Applicant or Good Faith Claimant)

Houston, Texas, March 14th 19 45

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

I hereby accept the terms of sale of the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described as stated in your letter dated March 6, 1945 and apply to complete my application to purchase under the terms of House Bill No. 9, passed at the Regular Session of the Forty-sixth Legislature and approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land without settlement.

The land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about six miles (give course) Houston from the county seat, and is briefly described as follows:

Survey No.	S. F. No.	Acres	Classification
	14648	81.08	

I agree to pay for said land the price of Twenty Dollars per acre, and I hereby enclose the sum of One thousand six hundred twenty one 60/100 Dollars as the full cash payment therefor.
(Insert whether "full" or "one-fortieth")

I further agree that the sale to me is made upon the express conditions, to-wit:

1/8 of all oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals as a free royalty to the State.

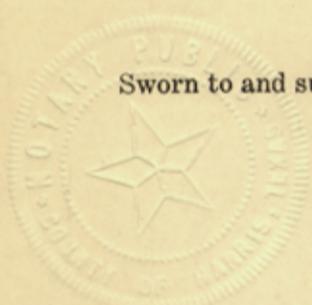
I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I am over twenty-one (21) years of age.

Ben Sachs
Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

Post Office _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 14th day of March, 1945.

Ben Sachs BEN SACHS
Notary Public, Harris County, Texas



OBLIGATION

\$ _____ School Lands.

For value received, I, the undersigned, do promise to pay to the State of Texas the sum of _____ Dollars, with interest thereon as hereinafter specified, the same being for the remainder of purchase money for the following described tract of land purchased by me, of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of

laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed public free school lands; to-wit: All of Survey No. _____,

S. F. No. _____, Grantee _____, situated in _____ County, Texas.

The annual interest of five per cent, upon all unpaid principal, together with one-fortieth of the original principal, I am to pay or cause to be paid to the General Land Office, at Austin, Travis County, Texas, on or before the first day of each November thereafter until the whole purchase money is paid. And it is expressly understood that I am to comply strictly with all the conditions, limitations and requirements, and am subject to and accept all the benefits and penalties contained and prescribed in the laws above referred to.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Applicant or Good Faith Claimant

Post Office _____

Post Office

Applicant or Good Faith Claimant **10988**

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 19__

I am subject to and accept all the benefits and benefits expressly understood that I am to comply strictly or before the first day of each November thereafter principal, I am to pay or cause to be paid to the County, Texas, on The annual interest of five per cent, upon all County, Texas. Grantee

RECEIVED - General Land Office
 AMT. REC'D \$ _____ REG. NO. _____
 AMT. TO SUSPENSE \$ _____ ENTERED BY _____
MAR 19 1945

FUND NO.	CLASS NO.	AMOUNT	ITEM NO.

For value received, I, the undersigned, do promise to pay to the State of Texas the sum of _____ School Lands.



Notary Public Harris County, Texas
Ben Sachs
Post Office _____ 1945

I do solemnly swear (affirm) that I am over twenty-one (21) years of age.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Austin, Texas
S. F. No. 14648

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF SALE OF UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND
(Applicant or Good Faith Claimant)

of Ben Sachs
Post Office Houston

WITHOUT SETTLEMENT
81.08 acres in Harris County, Texas.

Filed March 19, 1945
Bascom Giles Commissioner
Awarded Mar. 19, 1945
Rejected _____, 19____
Bascom Giles Commissioner

Class _____
Appr'm't _____
Obligation _____
On Market _____

(Give course) Herefor from the county roll and is briefly described as follows:

The land is situated in Harris County, Texas, about nix miles approved June 19, 1939, and other laws relating to the sale of unsurveyed school land without settlement. under the terms of House Bill No. 9, passed at the Regular Session of the Forty-sixth Legislature and in your letter dated March 6, 1942 and apply to complete my application to purchase I hereby accept the terms of sale of the tract of unsurveyed school land hereinafter described as stated

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS:

Houston, Texas, March 1945
(Applicant or Good Faith Claimant)

OF UNSURVEYED SCHOOL LAND
ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS OF SALE



BASCOM GILES, Commissioner
DENNIS WALLACE, Chief Clerk

DUPLICATE RECEIPT

(To be Kept by Land Office)

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LEDGER 135

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FILE NO. SF 14648

Post Office Houston Texas, 1945

To THE COMMISSIONER General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

Citizens State Bank Bldg.

I enclose

(Say whether Money Order or Draft on a Bank in Austin, or Cash.)

OK for \$4056

of which \$ 1621.60 are for principal
\$ are for interest
\$ 4.00 are for Post fees

payment on the following land purchased from the State,
to-wit:

PAYMENT

Section	Block	Township	Certificate	SURVEY	Acres	County
			SF 14648		81.08	Harris

Fogle & Leay for
(Name of Sender.)

3-19-1945
Received remittance as stated above.

Ben Taub
(Address)

Commissioner General Land Office.

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S.F. 14648

(Address)

Barney
Haber
Haber & Sons
(Name of Banker)

Received remittance as stated above.
3-19-1867

Commissioner General Land Office

Section

Block

Township

County

SURVEY

Acres

Grants

251148

6.00

1/20 acres

of which

- 2 400 are for *Grants*
- 2 100 are for interest
- 2 100 are for principal

(Say whether Money Order or Draft on a Bank in Austin or Cash.)

PAID
Payment on the following land purchased from the State

1 enclose

for 2 lots

TO THE COMMISSIONER General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

File No. 251148

PAID

Post Office

(To be kept by Land Office)

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DUPLICATE RECEIPT

LEDOER

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DEWIS WATSON, Cash
TASCOM OILER, Commissioner

10000

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LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT

File No. SF 14649

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Date of Award March 19, 194 5

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Ben Taub (Good Faith Claimant)

of Houston, Texas, has, in the manner and form prescribed by

law, filed in this office an application and obligation to purchase the following land, to-wit:

SECTION	BLOCK	TOWNSHIP	CERTIFICATE	GRANTEE	ACRES	PRICE	COUNTY
			<u>SF14649</u>	<u>Ben Taub</u>	<u>81.08</u>	<u>1621.60</u>	<u>Harris</u>

Date of Sale Dec. 14, 1944

Amount of Note \$ _____

Rate of Interest _____ Per Cent

Due November 1st Annually
SCHOOL LAND

The School land Board having fixed the price, and the State having received \$ 1621.60 as the full payment thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of land described above with a reservation of 1/8 of all oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals as a free royalty to the State.

Bascom Giles

Commissioner General Land Office

SCHOOL LAND
Due November 1st Annually

[Handwritten Signature]

a five royalty to the state.

Rate of Interest _____ Per Cent

oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals on

Amount of Note \$ _____

land described above with a reservation of 1/8 of all thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of having received \$ 1651.00 as the full payment

Date of Sale Dec. 14, 1944

The School Land Board having fixed the price, and the State

SECTION	BLOCK	TOWNSHIP	CERTIFICATE	ORIGINEE	ACRES	PRICE	COUNTY
			2114648	Ben Lamb	81.08	1651.00	Harris

law, filed in this office an application and obligation to purchase the following land, to-wit:

of Houston Texas, has, in the manner and form prescribed by

Ben Lamb (Good Faith Claimant)

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Date of Award March 19, 1945

LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT

File No. 2114648

D. F. 14648
Land award
3-19-45 pat

*Cancelled by
Cancelled by
HCB*

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LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT

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Date of Award March 19, 1945

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Ben Taub (Good Faith Claimant)

of Houston, Texas, has, in the manner and form prescribed by

law, filed in this office an application and obligation to purchase the following land, to-wit:

SECTION	BLOCK	TOWNSHIP	CERTIFICATE	GRANTEE	ACRES	PRICE	COUNTY
			<u>SF14648</u>	<u>Ben Taub</u>	<u>81.08</u>	<u>\$1621.60</u>	<u>Harris</u>

Date of Sale Dec. 14, 1944

Amount of Note \$ _____

Rate of Interest _____ Per Cent

Due November 1st Annually
SCHOOL LAND

The School land Board having fixed the price, and the State having received \$1621.60 as the full payment thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of land described above with a reservation of 1/8 of all oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals as a free royalty to the State.

Basson Giles
Commissioner General Land Office

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Case No. 148-48

Commissioner General Land Office

Ben Lamb

SCHOOL LAND
Due November 1st Annually

a five royalty to the State.

Rate of Interest Per Cent

all gas, sulphur, and other minerals as land described above with a reservation of 1/8 of all

Amount of Note \$

thereon, I do hereby award to said applicant the survey of having received \$1827.00 as the full payment

Date of Sale Dec. 14, 1944

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			3714348	Ben Lamb	61.06	\$27.00	Harris

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Ben Lamb (Good Faith Claimant)

MAHERREAS,
AUSTIN, TEXAS
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

Date of Award March 10, 1945

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Corrected Land Award
Number 133 LAND AWARDS AND RECEIPT File No. 27 14668
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March 6, 1945

Fogle & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Attention: Mr. Sam Levy

In Re: S. F. 14648, 14649

Gentlemen:

The School Land Board at a meeting held in my office on March 6, 1945 took up for consideration the applications of Mr. Ben Taub, Houston, Texas (Good Faith Claimant) to purchase 202.32 acres of unsurveyed school land in Harris County, and fixed the price at which Mr. Taub may pay for same at \$20.00 per acre.

These tracts of land are within five miles of an oil well producing in commercial quantities, and the reservation of minerals will be 1/8 of all oil, gas, sulphur, and other minerals as a free royalty to the State.

Since these tracts contain more than 80 acres, they may be paid for either on time by paying 1/5 down and the balance in 40 years and bearing 5% interest, or it may be paid for in cash. Should Mr. Taub elect to pay for same on a cash basis, then he should forward a check in the sum of \$4046.40. Also the patent fee on these tracts would amount to \$5.00. These amounts may be included in one check which should be made payable to the State Treasurer. Mr. Taub must also send a separate check made payable to the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the sum of \$1.04 as recording fee.

As I interpret the law, it contemplates the purchase of these tracts within 90 days from the date the Commissioner finally determines the existence of a vacancy, which in this case was March 6, 1945.

Forms of acceptance are enclosed herewith for Mr. Taub's signature. Upon receipt of the acceptances properly signed together with the above sums, if he elects to pay all cash, patents will issue thereon and be sent to the County Clerk with instructions to forward to Mr. Taub when same has been recorded.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Encl.

March 6, 1945

Fogle & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
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Since these tracts contain more than 80 acres, they may be paid for either on time by paying 1/2 down and the balance in 40 days and bearing 2% interest, or it may be paid for in cash. Should Mr. Tubb elect to pay for same on a cash basis, then he should forward a check in the sum of \$4046.40. Also the patent fee on these tracts would amount to \$5.00. These amounts may be included in one check which should be made payable to the State Treasurer. Mr. Tubb should also send a separate check made payable to the Commissioner of General Land Office in the sum of \$1.04 as recording fee.

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OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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April 4, 1945

Fogle & Levy
Attorneys at Law
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

In re: S. F. 14648 &
S. F. 14649, Ben
Taub, Good Faith
Claimant

Gentlemen:

It appears that in our Award and Receipts issued to Mr. Taub in connection with the above applications, we gave erroneous file numbers.

We have, therefore, issued corrected Awards on these files and enclose the same herewith.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Enc.

April 4, 1948

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OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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S.F. 14648



General Land Office

BASCOM GILES, Commissioner
DENNIS WALLACE, Chief Clerk

Austin, Texas, April 5, 1945

County Clerk Harris County

Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Receiver's check for \$ 2.00 is for recording the enclosed patent in

Harris County, issued to the Patentee shown therein.

The other check or checks, enclosed, if any, is the fee for the other county clerk, or clerks, as shown.

When recorded by you, kindly forward patent, and this letter, with balance of fees, if any, to other proper county clerk, and when record is fully completed deliver to the owner or his agents, in person or by registered mail, as required by Chapter 47, Acts April 2, 1918.

Sam W. Levy, Citizens State Bank Bldg. Houston, Texas paid the fees as agent or owner.

Patent No. 245-6

Sincerely,

Vol No. 98A

Commissioner.

File No. SF14648-9

File No. 281493-0

Vol No. 88A

Patent No. 545-d

Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Sam W. Levy, Citizens State Bank Bldg., Houston, Texas the fees as agent or owner,
by registered mail, as required by Chapter 47, Acts April 5, 1913.

When recorded by you, kindly forward patent, and this letter, with balance of fees, if any, to other.
The other check or checks, enclosed, if any, is the fee for the other county clerk, or clerks, as shown.
Harris County, issued to the Patentee shown therein.

The enclosed Receiver's check for \$ 5.00 is for recording the enclosed patent in

Dear Sir:

Houston, Texas

County Clerk Harris County

DENNIS WALLACE, Chief Clerk
BARCOM GILLES, Commissioner

Austin, Texas April 2, 1945



General Land Office

April 4, 1945

County Clerk of Harris County
Mr. W. D. Miller
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

There is enclosed a corrected Duplicate Award issued to Mr. Ben Taub of Houston, Texas, on 81.08 acres of land recently sold to him.

This is intended to be substituted for the Award recently sent you which gave the wrong file number. Kindly make the proper notation of this corrected Award on your records and advise Mr. Taub c/o Fogle and Levy, Attorneys at Law, Citizens State Bank Building, Houston, Texas.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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April 4, 1948

County Clerk of Harris County
Mr. W. D. Miller
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Miller:

There is enclosed a corrected Duplicate Award issued to Mr. Ben Tubb of Houston, Texas, on 61.08 acres of land recently sold to him.

This is intended to be substituted for the Award recently sent you which gave the wrong file number. Kindly make the proper notation of this corrected Award on your records and advise Mr. Tubb of Foley and Levy, Attorneys at Law, Citizens State Bank Building, Houston, Texas.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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FOGLE & LEVY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

LEWIS FOGLE
SAM W. LEVY

January 23, 1945

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Mr. Bascom Giles
Commissioner of the
General Land Office
Austin, Texas.

IN RE: SF-14648
SF-14649

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find affidavits of Ben Taub and I. G. Strauss, as per your request of the 18th inst.

I have examined the abstracts pertaining to the alleged vacant area, and found from my examination that, in my opinion, Ben Taub has a good record title to the lands in question by virtue of the deeds mentioned in the affidavit of Ben Taub. I personally prepared the deeds from the heirs of L. C. Masterson and the deed from Mary G. Masterson. Previous to said deeds, Mr. Taub had acquired an undivided one-third from William Masterson by virtue of a foreclosure of a Deed of Trust.

The abstract reflects that the patent was to Branch T. Masterson, who died, and by inheritance, or will, the title became vested, an undivided one-third in each William Masterson, L. C. Masterson and Mary G. Masterson.

I am sending an extra copy of this letter with the understanding that it may be used as evidence that Mr. Taub is a good faith claimant, as provided in House Bill 9.

Trusting that the enclosed meets your requirements, I am

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Very truly yours,

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REFERRED TO LAW

January 26, 1945

Fogle & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 23, 1945, in which you enclosed the affidavits of Ben Taub and I. G. Strauss, relative to the applications of Mr. Taub No. S.F.-14648 and S.F.-14649, has been received.

Mr. Taub's applications are now being considered by this office, and you will be notified of the result within the next few days.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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January 26, 1945

Hofis & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

Your letter of January 23, 1945, in which you enclosed the affidavits of Ben Tarp and I. G. Strauss, relative to the applications of Mr. Tarp No. S.F.-14648 and S.F.-14649, has been received.

Mr. Tarp's applications are now being considered by this office, and you will be notified of the result within the next few days.

Sincerely yours

BASCOM OILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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SECTION BLOCK CERTIFICATE GRANTEE COUNTY FILE NO.

In addition to the information furnished in application to purchase and field notes, the following is required:

(This information should be forwarded with your application to purchase.)

1. Kind of soil and topography of surface and purpose for which it is adapted--agricultural or grazing.
Grazing.

2. Type and value of timber, if any.

None.

3. Assessed value. (If not rendered for taxation, give last assessed value of adjoining lands.)

Assessed at \$20.00 per acre.

4. Surveyor's estimate of actual value without improvements, per acre.

\$40.00. per acre.

5. Claimant's estimate of actual value without improvements, per acre.

\$40.00 per acre.

6. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas field, naming the field.

6,000 feet more or less -- Pierce Junction Oil Field. is due west.

7. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas well producing or capable of producing oil or gas in commercial quantities.
6,000 feet due west to Pierce Junction Oil Field.

8. Distance and direction from nearest drilling oil well.

6,000 feet to Pierce Junction Oil Field.

9. Distance and direction from nearest dry hole.

6,000 feet due west.

10. Is the land under oil and gas lease? If so, state amount of cash paid, rate of royalty, drilling obligation and to whom leased.

No.

(If there is oil or gas production on this tract, kindly give the following information.)

None.

(a) Number of producing oil wells and depth from which they produce.

None.

(b) Number of producing gas wells and depth from which they produce.

None.

(c) Name of field in which the tract is located and how long producing.

None.

I certify that the above information is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of Feb 1945.

Brent
Acstinson

In addition to the information furnished in a petition for purchase and field notes, the following is required: (This information should be furnished with your application for purchase.)

1. Kind of soil and topography of surface and purpose for which it is adapted--agricultural or grazing.

2. Type and value of timber, if any.

3. Assessed value. (If not rendered for taxation, give last assessed value of adjoining lands.) Assessed at \$20.00 per acre.

4. Surveyor's estimate of actual value without improvements, per acre.

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6. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas field, naming the field.

7. Distance and direction from nearest oil or gas well, 6,000 feet more or less -- Pierce Junction Oil Field is due west.

8. Distance and direction from nearest drilling oil well, 6,000 feet to Pierce Junction Oil Field.

9. Distance and direction from nearest dry hole, 6,000 feet due west.

10. Is the land under oil and gas lease? If so, state amount of cash paid, rate of royalty, drilling obligation and to whom leased.

(If there is oil or gas production on this tract, kindly give the following information.)

(a) Number of producing oil wells and depth from which they produce.

(b) Number of producing gas wells and depth from which they produce.

(c) Name of field in which the tract is located and how long producing.

I certify that the above information is true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WITNES my hand this 23rd day of 1947.

[Signature]

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FOGLE & LEVY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CITIZENS STATE BANK BUILDING

HOUSTON, TEXAS

LEWIS FOGLE

SAM W. LEVY

January 16, 1945

Mr. Bascom Giles, Commissioner
of the General Land Office
Austin 14, Texas.

RE: SF-14648 and SF-14649

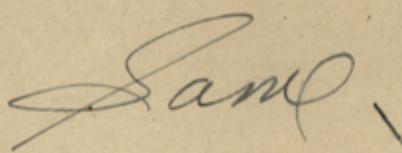
Dear Bascom:

With reference to the above applications, Mr. Stimson sent me your letter of the 12th inst, asking for proof that Ben Taub is a good faith claimant.

Having had no previous experience in the furnishing of such proofs, will you please advise me as to your requirements in this respect. I had in mind an affidavit from Ben Taub. Will it be necessary that I procure an affidavit from a disinterested person, and if so, how many such affidavits would you require? Immediately upon receipt of a reply to this letter, said proof will be furnished.

Thanking you in advance, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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January 18, 1945

Fogle & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 16, 1945,
I am enclosing a form which states generally the matter
which should be included in an affidavit of a good faith
claimant.

The affidavit should state the facts as they
exist in regard to the good faith claimant's application
and should reveal whether or not the applicant has occu-
pied or used the alleged vacant area for purposes other
than exploring for or removing oil, gas, sulphur or other
minerals therefrom, with a good faith belief that the
same was included within the boundaries of a survey or
surveys previously awarded.

An affidavit to this effect should be filed
by Mr. Taub and a similar affidavit procured from a
disinterested party should also be submitted.

Section 6 of Article 5421-C, Revised Civil
Statutes, may be of some aid to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BASCOM GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Files SF 14648-9

January 18, 1945

Polio & Levy
Citizens State Bank Building
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 18, 1945, I am enclosing a form which states generally the matter which should be included in an affidavit of a good faith claimant.

The affidavit should state the facts as they exist in regard to the good faith claimant's application and should reveal whether or not the applicant has occupied or used the alleged vacant area for purposes other than exploring for or removing oil, gas, sulphur or other minerals therefrom, with a good faith belief that the same was included within the boundaries of a survey or surveys previously awarded.

An affidavit to this effect should be filed by Mr. Tamb and a similar affidavit procured from a disinterested party should also be submitted.

Section 6 of Article 6821-5, Revised Civil Statutes, may be of some aid to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD GILES, COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

JG:LM

File SF 14643-9

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