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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bureau of Land Management provides live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including image access to more than five million Federal land title records issued between 1820 and the present. There are also images related to survey plats and field notes, dating back to 1810.

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- ✘ Federal Land Patents offer researchers a source of information on the initial transfer of land titles from the Federal government to individuals.
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	Claimants Names	Report Date	N ^o	Area
30	City Commons			16.16
31	Thos David Urquibael	0 8	156	0.30
32	Joseph M. Velt		23	0.30
33	Benjamin Urquibael		177	0.40

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Land Description
 Township: /
 Range: /
 Meridian: Any Meridian
 Section #:

Miscellaneous
 Land Office: Any Land Office Issue Date: to
 Document #: Militia:
 Indian Allot. #: Tribe: Any Tribe
 Survey #: Geo. Name/
 Mining Claim:
 Authority: Any Authority

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	AR1070_407	MARQUESS, THOMAS R	6/1/1860	11748	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SE¼SE¼	29	Washington

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Accession Nr: AR1070_407 Document Type: State Volume Patent State: Arkansas Issue Date: 6/11/1860 Cancelled: No

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Names On Document		Miscellaneous Information				
MARQUESS, THOMAS R		Land Office:	Fayetteville			
		US Reservations:	No			
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		Tribes:	---			
		Militia:	---			
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Military Rank: ---						
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Land Descriptions						
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Be it remembered that on the 11th day of June 1860, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Arkansas, personally appeared THOMAS R. MARQUESS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, 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 Fayetteville, Arkansas, this 11th day of June 1860.

Notary Public for the State of Arkansas

By Thomas R. MARQUESS

Witness my hand and seal of office, at Fayetteville, Arkansas, this 11th day of June 1860.

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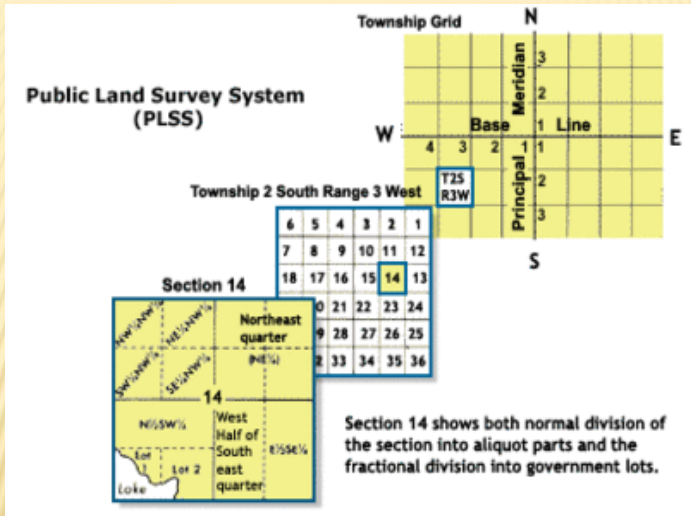
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	AR0990_401	ERISSIE, JOHN	3/10/1843	4049	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	NW 1/4 SW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_040	JACKSON, THOMAS	3/10/1843	2845	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SW 1/4 SE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_134	JACKSON, THOMAS	3/10/1843	2813	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	E 1/4 SW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR1070_407	MARQUESS, THOMAS R	6/1/1860	11748	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SE 1/4 SE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_031	OCLE, JEREMIAH D	11/15/1854	7260	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SW 1/4 SW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_067	POWELL, SAMUEL D	11/15/1854	7297	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SW 1/4 NW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0910_137	SMITH, ANDREW	3/10/1843	3522	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	NW 1/4 NW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0870_426	SMITH, JAMES	9/20/1839	1283	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	W 1/4 NE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0910_122	SMITH, JAMES SMITH, ANDREW	3/10/1843	2604	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	E 1/4 NW 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_104	SMITH, JAMES	11/15/1854	7335	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	NW 1/4 SE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0990_350	SMITH, JAMES	12/15/1856	7579	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SE 1/4 NE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR1060_011	SMITH, MATHEW	2/1/1860	10036	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	NE 1/4 SE 1/4	29	Washington
	AR0870_425	WAGNON, THOMAS	9/20/1839	1282	AR	5th PM	016N - 033W	SE 1/4 NE 1/4	20	Washington

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This is a township example. Each township is divided into 36 sections. Each section is divided into quarters, each quarter is quartered again.

SURVEY PLATS AND FIELD NOTES

Survey Plats are part of the official record of the cadastral survey. Surveying is the art and science of measuring the land to locate the limits of an owner's interest thereon.

A cadastral survey is a survey that creates, marks, defines, retraces or re-establishes the boundaries and subdivisions of Federal Lands of the United States.

SURVEY PLATS AND FIELD NOTES, CONT.

The survey plat is the graphic drawing of the boundaries involved with a particular survey project, and contains the official acreage to be used in the legal description.

SURVEY PLATS AND FIELD NOTES, CONT.

Field notes are the narrative record of the cadastral survey. They are written in tabular format and contain the detailed descriptions of the entire survey process including the instrumentation and procedures utilized, calling all physical evidence evaluated in the survey process, and listing all of the individuals who participated in the work.

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County: Pope

Land Description
Township: 8 / North
Range: 20 / West
Meridian: Any Meridian

Miscellaneous
Survey Type: Any Survey Type
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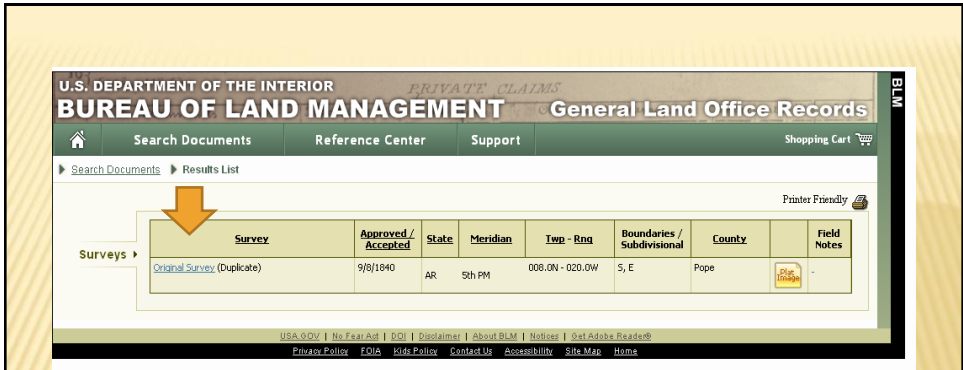
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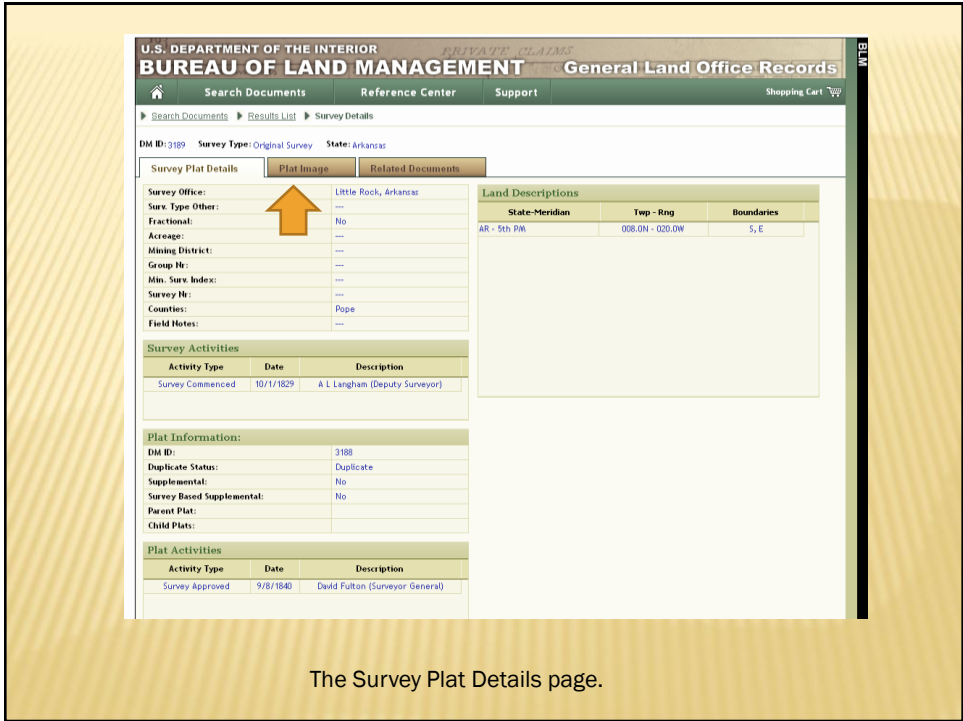
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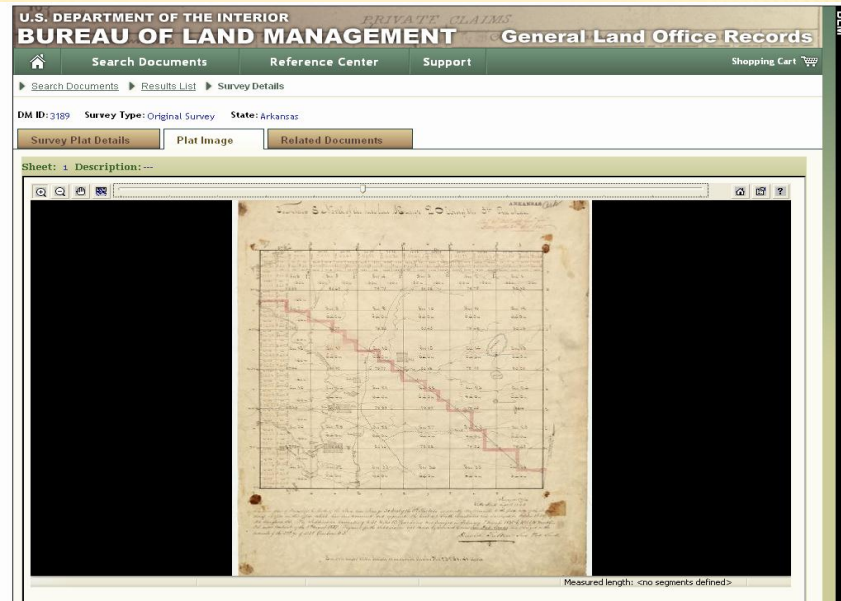
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DM ID: 3189 Survey Type: Original Survey State: Arkansas

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	AR1910_491	BATTENFIELD, JOHN	11/20/1860	7592	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	NE 1/4NW 1/4	6	Pope
	AR1780_349	BERNARD, HORATIO	7/10/1844	692	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	NW 1/4	35	Pope
	AR1780_347	BERNARD, HORATIO	7/10/1844	693	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	NW 1/4SW 1/4	35	Pope
	AR1790_173	BERNARD, HORATIO	5/17/1845	939	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	W 1/2NE 1/4	33	Pope
	AR1790_191	BERNARD, HORATIO	5/17/1845	921	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	SE 1/4NE 1/4	34	Pope
	AR1840_137	BERNARD, HORATIO	3/1/1860	3390	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	SW 1/4SE 1/4	35	Pope
	AR1860_227	BERNARD, HORATIO	3/1/1860	4031	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	S 1/2NW 1/4	27	Pope
	AR2040_203	BERRYHILL, JOHN C	5/23/1890	5311	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	N 1/2SW 1/4	17	Pope
	AR1920_119	BOLES, SETH	8/25/1882	7800	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	SW 1/4SW 1/4	17	Pope
							008N - 020W	SW 1/4NE 1/4	6	Pope
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							008N - 020W	NW 1/4SE 1/4	6	Pope
							008N - 020W	SE 1/4SE 1/4	6	Pope
	AR1380_387	BOND, EDWARD W	12/30/1905	7933	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	S 1/2SW 1/4	24	Pope
	AR2000_379	BORNELL, JAMES R	8/20/1884	3511	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	W 1/2NE 1/4	27	Pope
	189891	BOOKOUT, WILLIAM L	11/3/1910	03533	AR	5th PM	008N - 020W	S 1/2SW 1/4	6	Pope
							008N - 020W	SW 1/4SE 1/4	6	Pope

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LAND STATUS RECORDS

Land Status Records are used by the Bureau of Land Management Western State Offices to document the ongoing state of a township's Federal and private land regarding title, lease, rights and usage. These documents include Master Title Plats, which are a composite of all Federal surveys for a township.

LAND STATUS RECORDS (CONT.)

Other Land Status Records include Use Plats, Historical Indices, and Supplemental plats.

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