

United States Attorney's Office
Vicksburg, Miss. April 29, 1853

To the Hon. Caleb Cushing)
Attorney General of the U. States)

Jacob Baptiste and Eugenie Baptiste, his wife, of the state of Alabama, propose to convey to the United States, by deed of April 21st 1853, the following tract of land in Jackson County, Mississippi, to wit:

"lying and being on the East side of Pascagoula Bay in township 8 South, range 5 and 6 West, beginning at a post on the margin of Pascagoula Bay in Section 13, township 8 South, range 6 West, 548 feet from range line dividing range 5 and 6 West, thence East along the margin of Pascagoula Bay 900 feet to the premises of Morice Guichard; thence North along said Guichard's line 65 chains to the section line dividing sections 7 and 18; thence West along said section line 352 feet to the corners of sections 7 and 12 and 13 and 18 thence South 20 chains along the section or range line to a post; thence West 548 feet to the post, thence South 44 48/100 chains to Pascagoula Bay the place of beginning, bounded North by section line; on the South by Pascagoula Bay; East by lands of Maurice Guichard; and on the West by lands of Jacob Baptiste."

It appears from the papers forwarded to me for examination that Mr. Baptiste and wife derive their title to the aforesaid tract of land as follows, to wit:

No. 1. - A certified copy of the petition of Francis Krebs of Pascagoula, dated November 20, 1803, addressed to the Commandant, in which the petitioner prays that there may be granted to him for reasons assigned in his petition a tract of land of the breadth or front of three leagues on the beach, and the depth of one league distant three leagues from his plantation; appended to the petition is the permission of Cayetano Perez to said Krebs to establish himself on the land mentioned in the memorial, provided it be vacant, and a direction to the surveyor of the province to measure the land. This petition, permit and order to the surveyor are embodied in the petition of Krebs to the Commissioner of land claimed East of Pearl River and constituted the evidence upon which he asked for the confirmation of his claim by the United States.

No. 2 - A certified copy from the records of the land office at Augusta, Mississippi by which it appears that William Crawford, United States Commissioner, reported the aforesaid claim of Krebs (No. 89) as one that ought to be confirmed. The land is described as one league by three on Bayou Chico, and alleged to have been established and cultivated from 1774 to 1814-

No. 3 - A certified copy of the survey made on the 23rd of August 1842, by Thomas Rhodes, deputy Surveyor, which establishes by meets and bounds the land claimed by the legal representatives of Francois Krebs. This survey fixes the number of acres at 1265 10/100 - It was approved on the 6th of Oct. 1842 by B. A. Ludlow, Surveyor South of Tennessee- For greater certainty, the said survey is attached hereunto for the inspection of the Attorney General.

No. 4 - A Patent from the United States to Francis Krebs or his legal representatives, and to his or their heirs date April 8th 1847, which patent, after reciting that under the act of March 3, 1819, entitled "an act for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices in the districts East of the Island of New Orleans", the claim of Francis Krebs, entered as No. 89, in abstract No. 3 of Commissioner Crawford had been confirmed, designates said land as Section 11 in township 8 South, of Range 6 West and Section 18, in township 8 South, of range 5 West, containing together 1265 10/100 acres, in the district of lands subject to sale at Augusta, Mississippi. The tract of land described in this patent is the same as that specified in the above mentioned survey by Rhodes.

No. 5 - Copy of the will of Francis Krebs dated February 11th 1822, recorded June 1st 1822 by which he gave to Antoine Krebs, his heirs and designs forever all his real estate, lands, messagues and tenements of which he was then possessed.

---> The copy of this will before me does not appear to have the seal of the court attached to the certificate, and the authentication of it as an instrument of evidence is not, therefore, complete.

No. 6 - The affidavit of Rene Krebs, taken before John B. Delmas, a Justice of the Peace of Jackson County, Missi. on the 8th of October, 1847, in which the affiant swears that he was well acquainted with Francis Krebs in his lifetime, that Francis Krebs made his will on the 11th of February, 1822 and it was admitted to Probate on the 1st of June 1822 that he made Antoine Krebs the heir to his real estate, which was accordingly held by said Antoine and Eugenie his (Antoine's) only child and heir from 1822 to that date, and the taxes thereon were paid by them; that he knew Antoine Krebs, who married in 1812, and had only one heir, Eugenie, the wife of Jacob Baptiste; that Antoine Krebs died intestate in 1828, and that his wife died in 1832; that affiant was cousin of Antoine, and after the death of Antoine's widow in 1832, affiant acted as guardian of Eugenie; that there are no other heirs within his knowledge.

No. 7 - An affidavit before the same Justice as above, on the 12th of Nov. 1847, by Bazil Krebs, a brother of Antoine Krebs, substantially the same as the preceding affidavit.

I am satisfied, from a careful examination of the papers above mentioned, that Eugenie Baptiste, formerly Eugenie Krebs, daughter and heir at law of Antoine Krebs, deceased, has a good title in fee to the premises above described; and that the tract of land which said Jacob Baptiste and Eugenie, his wife propose to convey to the United States, by their deed of April 21st 1853, is a portion of said tract of land.

I also certify that the said deed of April 21st 1853 from Jacob Baptist and Eugenie, his wife to the United States, has been executed agreeably to the laws of the state of Mississippi, and changes a title in fee to said tract of land.

I am your obedient servant,
(signed) Horatio T. Harris, U.S. Attorney

P. S. No certificates against encumbrances have been forwarded to me, nor have I been able to fine the statute of our state giving her consent to the purchase of this land by the Federal Government.

A true copy

Earl Van Dorn
Bvt. Majr. U.S.A.

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I also, certify that the said deed of April
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I am your obedient servant,
(Signed) Horatio J. Harris, U.S. Attorney

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been forwarded to me, nor have I been able to
find the statute of our State giving her consent
to the purchase of this land by the Federal
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Notary Public