

THIRD STAMP: TWO REALES

Validated by the State of Coahuila and Texas for the Biennium of 1828 and 29
30 and

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Williams
[Rubric]

Honorable Commissioner:

Town of San
Felipe de Austin,
March 17, 1831.

To the agent of
Empresario
Stephen F.
Austin, that he
may be pleased to
report on this
petition, adding
whether the land
is vacant and
outside the ten
littoral leagues.

Arciniega
[Rubric]

[I,] William Montgomery, native of the United States of the North, before you with the greatest respect say: That I am a widower with a family who, as an immigrant settler in the colony of Empresario Austin, have entered the country with the object of acquiring land on which to settle permanently, to which end, and with the approval of the Honorable Empresario, I have selected a league of land situated adjoining and south of the tracts of John Landrum and Asa Yeamans on the waters of the San Jacinto River, and it is known on the plat as League No. 5 and 9, for which reason I apply to you so that you may be pleased to admit me and put me in possession of said league, with the understanding that I offer to settle and cultivate it as prescribed by the law and to comply with the other obligations of the same. Therefore, I ask that you may be pleased to do as I have set forth, wherein I shall receive favor.

Town of [San Felipe de] Austin, March 17, 1831

[s] William Montgomery

Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to your foregoing decree, I must say that the statement by the petitioner is true. He is one of the colonists introduced by Empresario Austin, is a widower and a man of very good circumstances, very reputable, and industrious. The tract he requests is vacant and outside the ten littoral leagues of the coast.

Town of [San Felipe de] Austin, March 18, 1831

Samuel M. Williams
[Rubric]

In view of the statement by the agent, Citizen Samuel M. Williams, in the preceding report, I admit this petition in accordance with the law and order Surveyor Elias R. Wightman to survey the designated land so that the corresponding title may be issued to the interested party.

Town of [San Felipe de] Austin, March 19, 1831.

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Mig. Arciniega

[Rubric]

Citizen MIGUEL ARCINIEGA, Commissioner appointed by the Supreme Government of this State to distribute and give possession of lands and issue titles to the new Colonists in the colonization enterprise of the Empresario, Citizen Stephen F. Austin, outside the ten littoral leagues of the Coast:

Whereas, William Montgomery has been received as a colonist in the colonization enterprise contracted with the Government of the State of Coahuila and Texas by Empresario Stephen F. Austin on June 4, 1825, as shown on page 1199 of this record book, and said William Montgomery having proved that he is a widower and finding in him the requisites prescribed by the State Colonization Law of March 24, 1825, in conformity with the aforesaid

law and the instructions governing me dated September 4, 1827, and the additional article dated April 25 of last year, 1830, in the name of the State I concede, confer and put the aforementioned William Montgomery in real and personal possession of one league of land, which tract has been surveyed by surveyor Elias R. Wightman, previously appointed for that purpose, under the following situation and boundaries: situated on the waters of the San Jacinto River on some small branches of the creek called Big Dry Creek, and it is known as League No. 5 and 9 adjoining and south of John Landrum's and Asa Yeaman's tracts; and from the southeast corner of Yeaman's said league, which is No. 9, a line was run west with the south boundary of said No. 9 4,000 varas to the east boundary of No. 5; thence south with said boundary 792 varas to the southeast corner of said No. 5; thence west with the south boundary of said No. 5 belonging to said John Landrum 2,000 varas to a landmark on said boundary; thence south 3,639 varas to a mound of earth; thence east 6,000 varas to a mound of earth; and thence north 4,431 varas to the place of beginning, comprising within said boundaries one league of land in area.

Of this tract two twenty-fifths belongs to the class of arable land

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and twenty-three twenty-fifths is pasture land, which serves as classification for the price he shall pay the State for it according to Article 22 of said law under the penalties therein established; he being notified that within one year he shall construct permanent landmarks at each corner of the tract and that he shall settle and cultivate it in conformity with the provisions of the law.

Therefore, exercising the authority vested in me by the same law and

the consequent instructions, I issue the present instrument and order the testimonio taken from it and delivered to the interested party so that he may possess and enjoy the tract, he, his children, heirs and successors, or whoever from him or from them shall have cause or right. Given in the Town of San Felipe de Austin the 4th day of the month of May, 1831, which I sign with assisting witnesses according to law.

Mig.^l Arciniega

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Assisting [witness]

Robert Taylor Jr.

[Rubric]

Assisting [witness]

C. C. Givens

[Rubric]

The testimonio was delivered

May 16, 1831

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