

## Petition of Polly Lemon to Reclaim Land

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To the ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ Hon ~~[[C. E. Government?]]~~ acting under authority from the ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Opelousas—

Polly Lemmons respectfully represents that she is the owner and proprietor of a tract of land or a claim to a tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres, situated in the late neutral territory in the Parish of Natchitoches reported in favor of her the said Polly Lemmons by the aforesaid Register and Receiver on the first of November 1824 under the No. 143, and confirmed by an act of Congress entitled “An act to confirm claims to land in the district between the Rio Hondo and Sabine rivers founded on habitation and cultivation, approved the 24th of May 1828. that the said claim is situated about twenty three miles from the town of Natchitoches and near Fort Jesup—

And the said Polly Lemmons further represents that the claim aforesaid is situated in the Section No. 24 in Township No. 8 North of Range No. 10 West. Wherefore the said Polly Lemmons prays that her aforesaid claim may be located on the said Section so that she may obtain a certificate therefor from the Land Office aforesaid, on which a Patent from the Government may issue and she as in duty bound will pray etc. and the said Polly Lemmons not being able to write subscribes this application by making the usual sign of a cross

Her mark [hand drawn X] Polly Lemmons

Robert H. McDonnald

[[Justice?]] of the Peace

State of Louisiana

Parish of Natchitoches

Polly Lemmons who signed the foregoing application being duly sworn saith that the facts herein stated are according to the best of her knowledge and belief true and correct as therein stated—She further swears that the improvement on which she now lives, situated in the Section No. 27 of Township No. 8 North of Range No. 10 West is the same improvement on which her claim was presented and affirmed, and she further swears that there is no other claim situated within said Section except some improvements which have been made by Indians and one made by some white man on one line of her said Section and which was made long since her said claim was confirmed.

Sworn & subscribed

This 18 day of November 1833 before me and the said Polly Lemmons not being able to write subscribes by affixing the usual sign of a cross

Her mark [hand drawn X] Polly Lemmons

Robert H. McDonnald

Justice of the Peace

Parish of Natchitoches

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John Cutright being duly sworn saith he is [[?]] acquainted with the improvement mentioned in the foregoing application of Polly Lemmons and knows that the improvement on which her said claim was confirmed is situated as set forth by her[[to wit?]] in the Section No. 24 of Township No. 8 North of Range No. 10 West and that is the same improvement on which her said claim was confirmed—And he further swears that there is no other claim situated within said Section or improvement thereon except some made by Indians and one which was made long since the said claim was confirmed

Sworn & subscribed this 18th day of November 1833 before and the said John Cutright being unable to write subscribed by the usual sign of a cross

His mark [hand drawn X] John Cutright

Robert H. McDonald

Justice of the Peace

Parish of Natchitoches

{Louisiana}

I do hereby certify that Robert H. McDonald whose signature appears at the foot of the foregoing affidavits, is now and was at the time of signing the same duly commissioned and acting as a Justice of the Peace in and for the Parish of Natchitoches, and that the signature is genuine.

Given under my hand and seal of the Parish Court, at Natchitoches this 19th day of {December} A.D. 1833

H. Williams

Clerk of Said Court

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Polly Lemmon's Application etc.