

Republic of Texas } District Court  
County of Travis } Spring Term 1841  
Isiah Crosby, Plaintiff

vs.  
John R Jones, Defendant

To the Chief Justice of Brazoria  
County Greeting Know ye - That having special confi-  
dence in your integrity and ability in the taking of testimony,  
we have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these  
presents, do nominate constitute and appoint you Com-  
-missioner, and you are hereby authorized to call before you  
Joseph A Polly of ~~the~~ County of Brazoria at some conveni-  
-ent time and place, and after having duly sworn him ac-  
-cording to Law, that the answers he shall give to the fore-  
-going interrogatories propounded on the part of the  
defendant John R Jones shall be the truth & the whole truth  
which said interrogatories accompany this Commission, and  
the answers thereto, shall be plainly & distinctly written, sworn  
to and subscribed by them, the said Joseph A Polly, and also  
subscribed by yourself, and envelope the same directed to  
the Clerk of this Court, you will seal up said Packet with  
the interrogatories and this Commission and write your name  
as Chief Justice across said Seal, which you can deliver  
to the Post Master of your Town with instructions to have  
it forwarded by mail, Addressed to the Clerk of this Court

M<sup>th</sup> H<sup>th</sup> Beatty  
Depty Clerk D. C. T. C.

Republic of Texas  
County of Brazoria

Pursuant to a Commission

to me directed and executed, I  
William C. Scott Chief Justice of said  
County, caused Joseph H. Paddy the witness  
named in the Commission, to come  
before me at my office in the town of  
Brazoria and County aforesaid, on this,  
the twenty fourth day of May 1841, and  
the said witness being duly sworn by  
me according to law, he deposes that as  
follows:—

To the 1st interrogatory he answers, -  
That he is well acquainted with the  
tract of land mentioned in the interroga-  
tory: witness has resided very near, say  
about three miles, of said land ever  
since the year ~~1830~~ 1830. Eighteen hundred thirty.

To the 2d. interrogatory witness  
states that he has known said tract of  
land for ten or twelve years: his knowl-  
edge of it has been intimate, ~~he saw~~  
~~the tract~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~tract~~ ~~was~~ ~~sold~~ ~~to~~ ~~James~~ ~~the~~ ~~defendant~~  
~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~tract~~ ~~contains~~ ~~seven~~ ~~hundred~~ ~~and~~ ~~twenty~~ ~~seven~~ ~~acres~~  
The said tract contains, according  
to my knowledge and belief, Seven  
hundred and twenty seven acres.  
The tract was not enlarged or dimini-  
shed in the several transfers men-  
tioned in the interrogatory. Witness  
does not know how many acres  
or for how many acres the tract  
was sold by Walker to Jones the  
defendant: he has never seen the  
said friend Walker to Jones.

And the witness having answered

the interrogations, he signed the same  
in my presence, the day upon which  
which I certify to the District Court  
of Travis County, sending the said  
Commissioner in

J. H. Polley

Wm. P. Scott  
Chief Justice

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Josiah J Crosby

John R Jones

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Webb & Morris Atty, for J R Jones

Gentlemen This is to inform you that on the  
day of this month applications will be made to the  
district court of Travis County for a commission to  
Joseph H Polly of Brazoria County in answer to the  
interrogatories to be read as evidence on the part of J R Jones  
in the above entitled cause on the trial thereof.

Subrogatory. Are you or are you not acquainted  
with a tract of land in Bailey's prairie & Brazoria county  
sold by Edwin Waller to John Thomas & by said Thomas  
one Patton & by said Patton back to said Waller & by  
Waller afterwards sold to John R Jones the defendant.

2<sup>d</sup> How long have you known said tract of  
- has your knowledge of it been intimate - how far  
acres according to the best of your knowledge does said  
of land contain? - does it contain more or less than  
eight hundred acres? - has said tract of land been  
or diminished in the several transfers from Waller to Thomas  
& from Thomas to Patton & from Patton back to Waller?  
how many acres did it contain as sold by Waller to  
Jones the defendant?

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Josiah Crosby

vs  
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Commission issued

14<sup>th</sup> April 1800.

M<sup>o</sup> H. Beatty

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*[Handwritten signature or initials, possibly 'J. Jones', written in a cursive style.]*

*[Handwritten signature or initials, possibly 'M. H. Beatty', written in a cursive style.]*