

Cline Research Project

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OBJECTIVE

This research phase will seek to identify the Cline associates of Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford, who patented land in IZARD County, Arkansas, between 1844 and 1850. Clemsy was born about 1817 in Alabama and died after 1880 in Wise County, Texas. She married Henderson Weatherford about 1839 in Arkansas, where he paid taxes in IZARD County in 1839 and 1845. The associates to be researched are:

- John C. Cline - 1844 land patents
- Mahaley Cline - 1848 land patents
- John Cline - 1849 and 1850 land patents

LIMITATIONS

- This project was limited to the time constraints of the Research Like a Pro study group.
- The Arkansas counties, IZARD and FULTON, have severe record loss due to courthouse fires in the 1800s. No probate, marriage, court, or land records have survived. Thus, research is limited to federal and state records.
- The research was limited by records available online.

RESULTS SUMMARY

- Reviewed the Cline households of Morgan County, Missouri, found in the 1850 census: Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford and Jacob Cline. Noted that in both households, two additional Cline individuals were listed: Mahala, age 22, and Robert, age 5, in Jacob's household. The Weatherford household named Telitha Cline, age 10, and John Cline, age 8. The three children all had Arkansas birthplaces, leading to the hypothesis that they were connected to Cline family members in Arkansas.

- Analyzed the locations of the land patents for the three Clines of the study: John C. Cline, Mahala Cline, and John Cline. Mapped the land patents and concluded that John C. Cline and Mahala were likely related as their patents were close to each other. John Cline's patents were grouped together and to the west of the others but separated by only a few miles. Noted the issue of county boundary changes with Fulton County created from IZARD County in 1843, resulting in the Cline's places of residence being noted as Fulton although the land patents were for IZARD County.
- Created a table showing the connections between Morgan County, Missouri, and IZARD County, Arkansas, Clines. Census, land, tax, and marriage records for Cline's in both locations prove residence and don't overlap for any individuals.
- Located and transcribed the federal land applications and tract book entries for each of the three Cline's patenting IZARD County land. Created a table correlating the land descriptions, names of patentees, and dates of initial filing and final patents issued. Found a reference to an affidavit in the applications for Mahala Cline indicating that she may have been a younger person.
- Researched original tax lists of IZARD and Fulton Counties and created a table correlating the data. Discovered John Cline had died by 1849 when taxes were paid on his land by A.B. Wiseman, the administrator of his estate. Analyzed the land and tax records and created new hypotheses for each of the three Clines who patented land in IZARD County, Arkansas.
- Determined the three Cline children in the 1850 census households of Morgan County, Missouri, Clines, could be children of John Cline, who had died by 1849.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The identity of a woman born in the early 1800s is often obscured when many records mention only the male head of household during this time. If the family often migrated to new locations and there was significant record loss in any of those locations, uncovering a female's identity becomes even more difficult. Researching her friends, family, neighbors, and associates is the best strategy to discover her origins.

Few records serve to identify Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford. Only three federal censuses name Clemsy Weatherford, 1850, 1860, and 1880.¹ Those censuses report a birth in Alabama or

¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 726, family 726, Henderson Weatherford household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 408.

1860 U.S. Census, Dallas County, Texas, population schedule, Scyene post office, page 120 (penned), dwelling 834, family 835, H. Weatherford household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M653 roll 1292.

1880 U.S. Census, Wise County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 3, enumeration district (ED) 127, sheet 164B (stamped), p.30 (penned), dwelling 215, family, 226, Clemsy Weatherford household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1333.

Illinois between 1817 and 1825. The death certificates of two of her children provide her maiden name of Cline.²

The 1850 census was the first to list all household members by name and showed Clemsy residing in Morgan County, Missouri, in the household of her husband, Henderson Weatherford, with presumed children. Although this census states no relationships, the enumerator's instructions were to list the head of household, wife, children, and then other household members such as laborers or borders.³ Interestingly, the Weatherford household included two Cline children, Telitha, age ten, and John, age eight, both born in Arkansas. The list below shows the household with the age of each person and their birthplace as reported by the informant. The head of the household was to have provided the information, but it could have been the wife or another individual.

- Henderson Wetherford 35 Tennessee, farmer, \$300 real estate
- Clemsy Wetherford 30 Alabama
- Eliza Jane Wetherford 10 Arkansas
- Mary Ann Wetherford 6 Arkansas
- John W Wetherford 4 Arkansas
- Clemsy D Wetherford 2 Arkansas
- **Telitha Cline** **10** **Arkansas**
- **John Cline** **8** **Arkansas**

The same 1850 census page lists the household of Jacob Cline. What connection could he have to Clemsy?⁴ At age 39, he might be an older brother or cousin. Jacob's birthplace of Virginia could point to a family migration from Virginia to Alabama between his birth in 1811 and Clemsy's in 1820. Jacob's household comprises a wife, Telitha, and five children whose birth locations point to the migration from Kentucky to Missouri. This family does not seem to have lived in Arkansas like the Weatherfords, but interestingly, a Mahala and Robert Cline are listed

² New Mexico Department of Public Health, death certificate 3682 (1942), Isabelle Royston; Vital Records Unit, New Mexico Health and Social Services Department, Santa Fe; image uploaded on *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/2ZS7-V16> : accessed 1 Jan 2019).

"Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," for S.H. Weatherford, #10895 Haskell County, 1929 Jan-Mar, database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancstry.me/2rZrmuG> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing Texas Dept of State Health Services.

³ United States Census Bureau, "1850 Census Instructions to Enumerators," *Census.Gov* (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census> : accessed 9 November 2022.).

⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 729, family 729, Jacob Cline household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 408.

last. Mahala's birth in Alabama and Robert's birth in Arkansas correlate more closely to Clemsy's birth in Alabama and the birthplace of Arkansas for the Weatherford children and Telitha and John Cline. Could these Clines be part of an extended Cline family?

The list below shows the household of Jacob Cline in 1850 in Morgan County, Missouri.

- Jacob Cline 39 Virginia, farmer, \$300 real estate
- Telitha Cline 43 Kentucky
- Reuben Cline 13 Kentucky
- John M Cline 12 Kentucky
- Elizabeth Cline 11 Missouri
- Jacob Cline 7 Missouri
- Basil Cline 2 Missouri
- **Mahala Cline 22 Alabama**
- **Robert Cline 5 Arkansas**

Comparing the two households of Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford and Jacob Cline in Table 1, similarities in birthplaces discussed previously are highlighted.

Table 1. Comparison of the Cline and Weatherford Households in 1850, Morgan County, Missouri	
Name, age, and birthplace	Name, age, and birthplace
Jacob Cline, 39, Virginia	Henderson Weatherford, 35, Tennessee
Telitha Cline, 43, Kentucky	Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford, 30, Alabama
Reuben Cline, 13, Kentucky	Elizabeth Jane Weatherford, 10, Arkansas
John M Cline, 12, Kentucky	Mary Ann Weatherford, 6, Arkansas
Elizabeth Cline, 11, Missouri	John W Weatherford, 4, Arkansas
Jacob Cline, 7, Missouri	Clemsy D Weatherford, 2, Arkansas
Basil Cline, 2, Missouri	Telitha Cline, 10, Arkansas
Mahala Cline 22 Alabama	John Cline, 8, Arkansas
Robert Cline, 5, Arkansas	

Telitha and John Cline may have been the children of Jacob and Talitha Cline and either visited or lived for a time in the Weatherford household. A conflict arises, however, with the two Johns. Since Jacob and Telitha Cline have a John M. Cline in their household, they probably would not have named another son John. Also, the children of Jacob and Telitha Cline were all born in Missouri, about the same time that the Arkansas Cline children were born. Who are these Arkansas Cline children? They are almost certainly family members and had recently moved from Arkansas to Missouri.

The oldest Weatherford child, Eliza Jane, was born about 1840, so Clemsy and Henderson likely married about 1839. With the Weatherford children born in Arkansas, the family would have lived there from at least 1840 to 1848 when Clemsy D. was born. Perhaps when they moved to Morgan County, Missouri, they brought the Arkansas Cline children with them.

Izard County, Arkansas, tax records provide proof of residence with Henderson Weatherford taxed in 1839 and again in 1845. He paid a poll tax, but the tax records show no land ownership.⁵ The 1840 census could show the Henderson Weatherford household, but the family is missing from the Izard County enumeration. Perhaps they were living with another family under the name of that head of household or in a different county.⁶ If Henderson Weatherford and Clemsy Cline were indeed married in Izard County, Arkansas, no record would have survived the record loss when the courthouse burned.⁷

Who was the father of Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford? He would likely have been born in Virginia before 1800. Perhaps he migrated first to Illinois, then south to Alabama, where he met Clemsy's mother, reportedly born in Georgia.⁸ They could have married about 1815 or before. Learning about the Clines associated with Clemsy could provide clues to her origins.

Clines of Izard County, Arkansas

With Izard County, Arkansas, identified as the earliest known location for Clemsy and Henderson Weatherford per the 1839 and 1845 tax records, previous research identified a group of three Clines in the federal land patents for Izard County: John Cline, John C. Cline, and

⁵ Desmond Walls Allen, comp., *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866*, (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1886), 165-166, 1839 entry for Henderson Weatherford and 1845 entry for H. Weatherford.

⁶ 1840 census, Izard County, Arkansas, negative search for Henderson Weatherford, page by page search.

⁷ *Handybook for Genealogists: United States of America*, 10th ed. (Draper, Utah: Everton Pub., 2002), Izard County, Arkansas. Page 68.

⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Wise County, Texas, population schedule, precinct 3, enumeration district (ED) 127, sheet 164B (stamped), p.30 (penned), dwelling 215, family, 226, Clemsy Weatherford household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1333.

Mahala Cline.⁹ The final patent gives the date, land description, and the patentee's residence, which included Izard, Fulton, and Pulaski counties. The following image shows the approximate locations of the land patents in the north portion of Izard County.

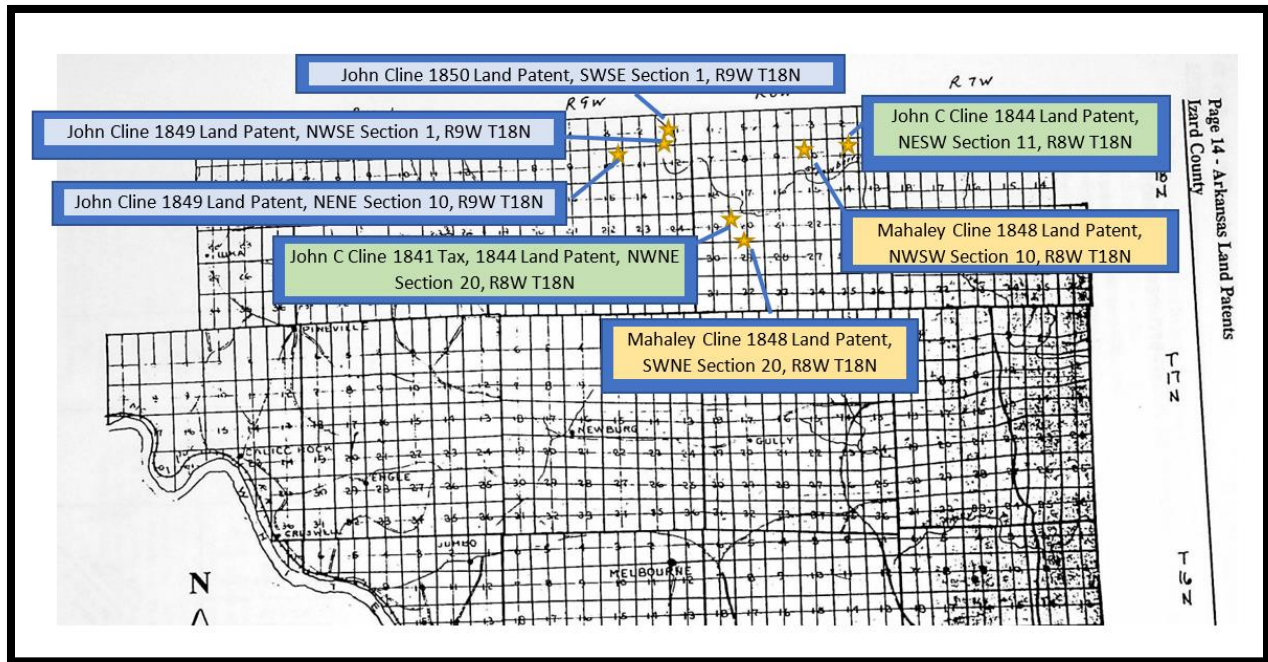


Figure 1 Cline Federal Land Patents in Izard County, Arkansas¹⁰

Some conclusions can be drawn from the mapping:

- John C. Cline of Izard County patented land in two locations in 1844, and then Mahaley Cline of Fulton County patented nearby land in 1848. A connection between the two likely exists.

⁹ John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 2229, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

John C. Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 2346, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

Mahaley Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 2855, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

Mahaley Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 2856, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 3108, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 3107, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

¹⁰ Desmond Walls Allen and Bobbie Jones McLane, *Arkansas Land Patents: Izard County* (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1991), 14, annotated by Diana Elder.

- John Cline of Fulton County, who patented land in 1849, and John Cline of Pulaski County, who patented land in 1850, may have been the same individual since the land patents are near each other.
- John Cline and John C. Cline could be the same individual or two different men.

How do the three locations of Fulton, Izard, and Pulaski Counties relate to each other? With at least one Cline claiming residence in each county, geographical county boundary changes could be instructive. Fulton County was created from its parent, Izard County, on 21 December 1842. The following map (Figure 2) shows the location of Fulton and Izard Counties in northern Arkansas and Pulaski County in the state's center.

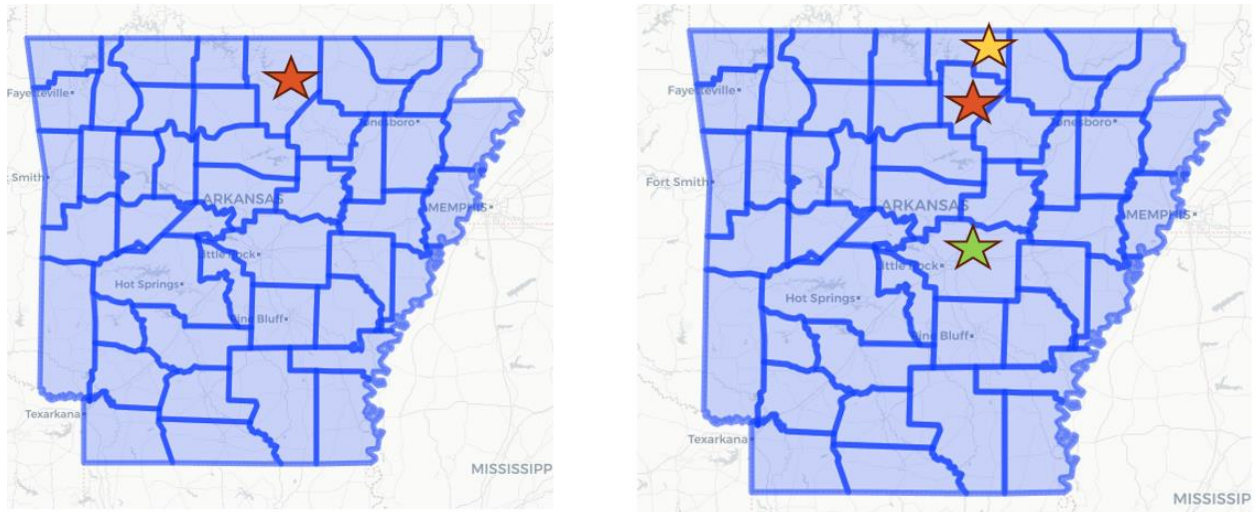


Figure 2 Arkansas Counties 1841 (left) and 1843 (right) Izard County - red star, Fulton County - yellow star, Pulaski County – green star¹¹

Reviewing the Arkansas tax lists for Izard County found that John C. Cline was taxed in 1839 and 1841 and was present on the 1840 census of that county.¹² The 1844 land patents stated his residence in Fulton County, and he did reside there in 1850.¹³ He may never have

¹¹ Newberry Library, Arkansas 1841, 1843, *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* (<https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/map/map.html#AR> : accessed 12 October 2023).

¹² "Desmond Walls Allen, comp., *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866*, (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1886), 47.

1840 U.S. Census, Izard County, Arkansas, population schedule, Blue Mountain, p. 190 (penned), line 27, John Cline; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 November 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 18.

¹³ 1850 U.S. Census, Fulton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Union Township, p. 158b (stamped), p. 17 (penned), dwelling 36, family 36, John C. Cline, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 October 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 26.

moved, but more likely, the county boundary shifted, finding him a Fulton County resident in 1843.

John Cline of Pulaski County did not remain in that location long as he was not listed on the 1850 census or in any tax, land, or probate records.¹⁴ No other records in Arkansas have been found for this John Cline. However, he could be the same John Cline who was listed on the 1840 census of Morgan County, Missouri, two lines before Jacob Cline.¹⁵

Mahala Cline, who resided in Jacob Cline's 1850 Morgan County, Missouri, household, married Thomas Shockley on 16 September 1854 in Morgan County, Missouri.¹⁶ Mahala and Thomas Shockley moved to Camden County, Missouri, by 1860 and resided there for several years. They had at least five daughters.¹⁷ Mahala died on 1 August 1899. Her daughter, Mary E. (Shockley) Edwards, died in 1965, and her death certificate states her parents as Mahalia Cline and Thomas Shockley.¹⁸ This clarifies that Mahala Cline, on the 1850 Morgan County, Missouri, census, residing in Jacob's household and near Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford, was almost certainly an unmarried woman and could be a Cline sibling, not an in-law. Could Mahala have been the patentee of the IZARD County land?

¹⁴ 1850 U.S. Census, population schedule, negative search for John Cline in Arkansas, Pulaski and surrounding counties, database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 October 2022).

"Arkansas, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1818-1998," negative search for John Cline, database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8638/?name=john_cline&count=50 : accessed 27 January 2023).

Pulaski County, Arkansas, Tax Records, 1848 - 1853, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLG-SSWX-V> : accessed 27 January 2023), microfilm 2,322,550, DGS 8200198, negative search for Cline.

Pulaski County, Arkansas, Deed Index, Grantor, CI-HE 1819-1906, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3QG-C9QF-G> : accessed 27 January 2023) FHL microfilm 1,302,636, DGS 7899416, negative search for John Cline.

Pulaski County, Arkansas, Index to Deeds A-EL, 1819-1906, Grantee, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSL2-1346-P> : accessed 27 January 2023), DGS 008198757, negative search for John Cline.

¹⁵ 1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 191 (stamped), line 15, John Cline household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 Jan 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M704.

¹⁶ Sherida K. Eddlemon, *Morgan County, Missouri, Marriage Records 1833-1893*, (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990).

¹⁷ "Public Member Trees," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 November 2022), "Shults_Kelsey," family tree by Diana Elder, profile for Mahala Cline (1828-1899, married to Thomas Shockley).

¹⁷ *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107910486/mahala-shockley>: accessed 03 November 2022), memorial page for Mahala Cline Shockley (1826–1 Aug 1899), Find a Grave Memorial ID 107910486, citing Macks Creek Cemetery, Macks Creek, Camden County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Linda Dukes (contributor 46842176) .

¹⁸ "Missouri, U.S., Death Certificates, 1910-1969," for Mary E. Edwards, St Louis, 1965, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/79377722:60382> : accessed 3 November 2022); citing Missouri State Archives.

Connections Between Clines of Morgan County, Missouri, and Clines of IZard County, Arkansas

It's important to note that there are many connections between the Clines of Missouri and Arkansas despite the distance of about 200 miles, beginning with Jacob Cline of the 1850 census of Morgan County, Missouri. Jacob was born in 1811 in Virginia, correlating with Clemsy's father's birthplace from her 1880 census. Jacob married Telitha Ard in Wayne County, Kentucky, in 1835 and moved to Morgan County, Missouri, by the 1840 census.¹⁹ As mentioned previously, also appearing on the 1840 census two lines below Jacob Cline is a record for John Cline, age 20-29, his wife, and a young female.²⁰ Could he be John Cline, who patented land in IZard County a few years later?

Naming patterns between these Clines show the name John in common among three possible generations. Although John is a common name, it could be that John C. Cline was the father of Clemsy, Jacob, John, and Mahala and grandfather of the next generation of Weatherfords and Clines.

- John C. Cline - born 1785
 - John Cline born 1810-1820
 - John M. Cline (son of Jacob Cline) born 1838
 - John W. Weatherford (son of Clemsy Cline) born 1846

Location significantly connects the Clines of IZard County, Arkansas, and Morgan County, Missouri. Table 2 outlines the connections.

¹⁹ "Kentucky, County Marriage Records, 1783-1965," for Jacob Cline and Talitha Ard, Wayne County, 1835, database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 January 2019); citing Wayne County, Kentucky, Marriages 1801-1860.

1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 191 (stamped), line 13, Jacob Clyne household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M704.

²⁰ 1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 191 (stamped), line 15, John Clyne household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 Jan 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M704.

Table 2. Cline Connections in Morgan County, Missouri, and Izard County Arkansas

Event	Morgan Co., Missouri	Event	Izard Co., Arkansas
		Land patent application for John Cline	1838
		Land patent application for John C. Cline	1839
		Tax for Henderson Weatherford (Clemsy's spouse)	1839
		Tax for John C. Cline	1839
		Tax for John Cline	1839
Census for John Cline and Jacob Cline	1840	Census for John C. Cline	1840
		Tax for John C. Cline	1841
		Land patent applications for John C. Cline & Mahaley Cline	1844
		Tax for H. Weatherford (Clemsy's spouse)	1845
		Land patent applications for John Cline	1847 & 1848
Census for Clemsy Cline & Henderson Weatherford, children born in Arkansas	1850	Census for John C. Cline - Fulton Co, formerly Izard	1850
Census for Jacob Cline and Mahala Cline with Robert, Age 5, born in Arkansas	1850		
Marriage for Mahala Cline	1854		

RESEARCH FINDINGS

With the previous research analyzed, research commenced. Because of the courthouse destruction in IZARD and FULTON counties, state tax lists and federal land records were used as substitutes.

Federal Land Patents

Previous research had located the final patents for the Cline land in IZARD County, Arkansas, but other records could be checked.²¹ The original applications for the federal land patents are kept at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and can provide additional identifying details such as the date of original filing. Those were obtained and transcribed. Also, each land entry was recorded in the tract books, and those entries were viewed to see if additional information was given for any of the patentees. Table 3 gives the pertinent details. See Appendix A for the complete transcriptions of the land applications.

Table 3. Compiled Data from the Land Entry Tract Books, Applications, and Final Patents

Name of Patentee	Certificate # and Date of Filing	Date of Final Patent & Residence	Land Description
John Cline ^a	#2229, 23 Dec 1838	10 Jul 1844, of IZARD Co.	NW ⁴ NE ⁴ Sec 20 Twp 18N Range 8W
John C. Cline ^b	#2346, 23 Feb 1839	10 July 1844, of IZARD Co	NE ⁴ SW ⁴ Sec 11 Twp 18N Range 8W
Mahaley Cline ^c	#2855, 12 Dec 1844	10 July 1848, FULTON Co.	NW ⁴ SW ⁴ Sec 10 Twp 18N Range 8W
Mahaley Cline ^d	#2856, 12 Dec 1844	10 July 1848, FULTON Co.	SW ⁴ NE ⁴ Sec 20 Twp 18N Range 8W
John Cline ^e	#3107, 2 Nov 1847	1 Oct 1849, FULTON Co.	SW ⁴ NE ⁴ Sec 10 Twp 18N Range 8W
John Cline ^f	#3108, 2 Nov 1847	1 Oct 1849, FULTON Co.	NW ⁴ SE ⁴ Sec 1 Twp 18N Range 8W
John Cline ^g	#3343, 1 Aug 1848	1 Jul 1850, PULASKI Co.	SW ⁴ SE ⁴ Sec 1 Twp 18N Range 8W
<p>a. John Cline, (IZARD County, Arkansas), application, 1838, cash entry patent no. 2229, 1844, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, Compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for John Cline, 1838, Arkansas, database with images, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-99W3-717P : accessed 10 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 13 > image 138 of 255; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.</p> <p>b. John C. Cline, (IZARD County, Arkansas), application, 1839 cash entry patent no. 2346, 1844, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, Compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for John C. Cline, 1839, Arkansas, database with images, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-99W3-71WG : accessed 10 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 13 > image 135 of 255; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.</p> <p>c. Mahaly Cline, (IZARD County, Arkansas), application, 1844, cash entry patent no. 2855, 1848, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, Compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for Mahala Cline, 1844, Arkansas, database with images, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9W3-71W4 :</p>			

²¹ See John Cline, John C. Cline, and Mahala Cline (IZARD County, Arkansas), cash entry patents, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

accessed 10 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 13 > image 134 of 255; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.

- d. Mahaly Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), application, 1844, cash entry patent no. 2856, 1848, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, Compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for Mahala Cline, 1844, Arkansas, database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-99W3-717P> : accessed 10 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 13 > image 138 of 255; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.
- e. John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), application cash entry patent no. 3107, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for John Cline, 1847, # 3107, Arkansas, database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-89W3-SJK5> : accessed 11 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 14 > image 5 of 249; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.
- f. John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), application, cash entry patent no. 3108, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for John Cline, 1847, Arkansas, database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-89W3-SJK5> : accessed 11 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 14 > image 2 of 249; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.
- g. John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), application, cash entry patent no. 3343, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, compartment 2, Shelf 3. "United States Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800-c. 1955," entry for John Cline, 1848, Arkansas, database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-89W3-SJK5> : accessed 11 October 2023), Arkansas > Vol 14 > image 2 of 249; Records Improvement, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.

The land patent applications gave the original date of filing but little additional information for the Clines. However, the references to affidavits at the beginning of both applications were interesting additions to the land patent applications for Mahaley Cline.²²

I hereby certify that the affidavit required by the act of fifth April 1832 and the circular of the com[mittee] gene[ral] Land office of 17th May 1833 has been made and filed with the application. Robert C. Newland Register.

The Congressional Act of 5 April 1832, referenced in the application, allowed for an individual to purchase 40 acres if he or she intended to cultivate or improve it. "The person making application to make an entry under this act shall file his and her affidavit . . . that he or she makes the entry in his or her own name, for his or her own benefit, and not in trust for another."²³

Mahaley would have entered her land patent application under the General Preemption Act of September 4, 1841. Bien and Cook, in their article condensing the various Congressional land acts, wrote the following passage describing the 1841 act.

²² Mahaly Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), applications, 1844, cash entry patent no. 2855 and 2856, 1848, National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, Compartment 2, Shelf 3.

²³ Acts of the Twenty-Second Congress of the United States, Sess. I. Ch 65,66. 1832, Chap. LXV, p. 503; digitized *Library of Congress* (<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/service/l1/lsl/lsl-c22/lsl-c22.pdf#page=8> : accessed 11 October 2023).

"This Act provides that 'every person being the head of a family, or widow, or single man, over the age of twenty-one years, and being a citizen of the United States, or having filed his declaration to become a citizen,' who since June 1st, 1840, has made, or shall thereafter make settlement in person on surveyed public land and shall live upon and improve the same, may enter not exceeding 160 acres at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. No person was entitled to make more than one such entry, nor could any one make such entry who was the owner of 320 acres of land."²⁴

The land applications were issued under the authority of the Act of April 24th, 1820. This Act changed how an individual paid for the land. Before the act, a credit system had been in place. After the Act of 1820, one was required to pay cash for the land. In 1832, a person could purchase quarter-acre sections of 40 acres, making land entry more accessible. Before that, one had to purchase between 80 and 320 acres.

Mahaley Cline may have qualified for a land patent as a widow or single woman head of household. Additional research could shed light on her status at the time.

Izard and Fulton County Tax Records

Previous research into the Izard County tax lists had used the abstract compiled by Desmond Walls Allen.²⁵ This project located the original tax lists that were copied and sent to the state. With the heavy record destruction in both Izard and Fulton Counties, the tax lists provide information on residence, property transfer, and probate. Izard County's available tax lists are 1829-1833, 1839, 1841, 1843-1848, 1853, 1858, 1859, 1861, 1865, and 1866.²⁶ Fulton County's available tax lists are 1849 - 1851, 1853, 1856, 1859, 1861, 1867, and 1868.²⁷ Although not every year exists, the lists that do exist help further identify the Clines of the federal land patents.

Table 4 details the tax lists for Clines in both counties and correlates the land description with the land applications and patents. The land description was used to identify the two

²⁴ Morris Bien, and Brian J. Cook, "The Public Lands of the United States." *The North American Review* 192, no. 658 (1910), 395; *JSTOR* (<https://doi.org/25106763> : accessed 13 October 2023).

²⁵ Desmond Walls Allen, comp., *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866* (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1886).

²⁶ "Desmond Walls Allen, comp., *Izard County, Arkansas Tax Records 1829-1866* (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1886).

²⁷ Desmond Walls Allen, comp., *Fulton County, Arkansas Tax Records 1849-1868* (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1987).

different John C. Clines, with the color coding showing the elder John C. Cline in green and the younger John C. Cline in peach. Mahala Cline was only listed in the tax records once when she was noted as the original owner in 1850. The 1849 tax list is missing the page for "C," so the only entry for that year was in the "W" section under Wiseman, administrator for John Cline's estate.

Table 4. Clines Mentioned in Tax Lists in Izard and Fulton Counties

Year and County	Individual	Details	Land Correlation
1839 Izard County ^a	John C. Clean	1 poll tax, 1 horse = \$35, 4 cattle = \$40, Total = \$75	
1839 Izard County ^b	John Clean	Original land owner: John Clean, Present owner of all property taxable: John Clean 1 poll tax NW NE Sec 20 Twp 18, R 8, 40 acres Value of land = \$120 1 year taxable 1 horse = \$35, 1 cow = \$12, total = \$167	Same land description as the land application for John Cline, applied for in 1838 The land patent issued in 1841 is for John C. Cline
1841 Izard County ^c	John C. Cline	1 poll tax NE SW Section 11, Range 8W Township 18 40 acres	Land applied for in 1839 and patented in 1844 by John C. Cline
1841 Izard County ^d	John Cline	John Cline same as above, [no poll tax] NW NE Section 20 Township 18 Range 8W 40 acres 1 horse = \$30, 4 cattle = \$40	Land applied for in 1838 and patented in 1841 by John C. Cline
1849 Fulton County ^e	John Cline estate, A.B. Wiseman admin	SE NE 10 18 9 40 acres; 1.65 1 year taxable NW SE 1 18 9 40 acres 3.00 1 year taxable SW SE 1 18 40 acres 1.20 1 year taxable no other property listed and no poll tax	Land applied for in 1847 & 1848, patented in 1849 & 1850 for John Cline
1850 Fulton County ^f	John Cline	No poll tax, no land description, 1 town lot = \$10, 2 horses = \$40, 3 cattle = \$31, Total = \$81	The land appears to have been sold by this date and John C. Cline moved to town
1850 Fulton County ^g	John Cline estate, A.B. Wiseman admin	SE NE 10 18 9 40 acres; 1.65 1 year taxable NW SE 1 18 9 40 acres 3.00 1 year taxable SW SE 1 18 40 acres 1.20 1 year taxable no other property listed and no poll tax	Land applied for in 1847 & 1848, patented in 1849 & 1850 by John Cline
1850 Fulton County ^h	George French, original land owner John Cline	NW NE 20 18 8 40 acres	Land applied for in 1838 and patented in 1841 for John C. Cline. Evidence that the land had been sold to George French.
1850 Fulton County ⁱ	George French, original land owner Mahala Cline	SW NE 20 18 8 40 acres NW SW 10 18 8 40 acres	Land applied for in 1844 and patented in 1848 by Mahaley Cline. Evidence that the land had been sold to George French.
1851 Fulton County ^j	John C. Cline Estate, A.B. Wiseman admin	SE NE 10 18 9 40 acres NE SE 1 18 9 40 acres SW SE 1 18 9 40 acres	Land applied for in 1847 & 1848, patented in 1849 & 1850 by John Cline
1851 Fulton County ^k	John Cline	1 poll tax (erased), 1 town lot valued at \$5. 3 horses = \$75, 4 cattle = \$32	The land appears to have been sold by this date and John C. Cline moved to town

1852 Fulton County ^l	John Cline	no poll tax or land description, 2 town lots = \$20, 2 horses = \$50, 5 cattle = \$50	The land appears to have been sold by this date and John C. Cline moved to town
1852 Fulton County ^m	Sally Cline	1 poll tax SE NE 10 18N 9W 40 acres	Land applied for in 1847 and patented by John Cline in 1850
1852 Fulton County ⁿ	Sarah Blair, original land owner John Cline	NW SE 1 18 9 40 acres SW SE 1 18 9 40 acres	Land applied for in 1847 & 1848, patented in 1849 & 1850 for John Cline
1853 Fulton County ^o	Irvin Blair, original land owner John Cline	NW SE 1 18 9 40 acres SW SE 1 18 9 40 acres	Land applied for in 1847 & 1848, patented in 1849 & 1850 for John Cline
<p>a. Arkansas, IZARD County Tax Records 1829-1858, John Clean, John C. Clean, 1839, digitized microfilm, image 673 of 902, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9Y6-3 : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,278, DGS film 8,343,034, item 5.</p> <p>b. Ibid.</p> <p>c. Arkansas, IZARD County Tax Records 1829-1858, John Clean, John C. Clean, 1841, digitized microfilm, image 673 of 902, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-Z9Y6-3 : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,278, DGS film 8,343,034, item 5.</p> <p>d. Ibid.</p> <p>e. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline estate, 1849, digitized microfilm, image 618 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS39-J : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>f. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1850, digitized microfilm, image 712 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3M-W : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 10, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>g. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline estate, 1850, digitized microfilm, image 725 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSP-5 : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 10, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>h. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, Mahala Cline, original owners of George French land, 1850, digitized microfilm, image 713 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3M-9 : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 10, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>i. Ibid.</p> <p>j. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, estate of John C. Cline, 1851, digitized microfilm, image 644 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-M?mode=g&cat=636459 : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>k. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1851, digitized microfilm, image 627 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSB-B : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>l. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1852, digitized microfilm, image 655 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-Z : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>m. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, Sally Cline, 1852, digitized microfilm, image 655 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-Z : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>n. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline original owner, Sarah Blair, digitized microfilm, image 652 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSY-G : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p> <p>o. Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline original owner, Irvin Blair, digitized microfilm, image 683 of 858, <i>FamilySearch</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS37-P : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.</p>			

Analysis of the Izard and Fulton County Land and Tax Records

Table 4 identified several key pieces of information for the Clines. Some conclusions can be extrapolated in the absence of deeds, marriage, and probate records. For clarity, the older John C. Cline will be referred to as Sr. and the younger as Jr., although the records give no such designation.

John C. Cline Sr., born about 1785

In the land and tax records, John C. Cline, Sr. was known as both John Cline and John C. Cline. The land description of the three land parcels he patented differentiates him from the younger John Cline.

John Sr. had moved to Izard County, Arkansas, by 1838, where he applied for a land patent. He was taxed on that land in 1839 and then applied for a second land patent in 1839. In 1840, he headed a household and was the male age 40 thru 49, giving him the birth range of 1790-1800. His household consisted of a female, likely his wife, and seven children under the age of 14. Any older children would have been in their own households at this time.

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5:	2
Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49:	1
Free White Persons - Females - Under 5:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 5 thru 9:	2
Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 14:	2
Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39:	1

In 1841, John C. Cline paid a tax for the two land parcels he had patented. This land became part of Fulton County with the county boundary change. John sold his land to George French by 1849, where George paid the tax on a land parcel originally owned by John Cline. The tax listing for John Cline reveals that he was not charged a poll tax and was only taxed on a town lot, two horses, and three cattle. The poll tax was to be paid by all males between the ages of 21 and 60.²⁸ By 1849, John was over the age limit for the poll tax. Perhaps John was too old to farm the land and had purchased the town lot.

²⁸ Desmond Walls Allen, *Fulton County, Arkansas Tax Records 1849-1868* (Conway, Arkansas: Arkansas Research, 1987), introduction.

In 1850, John C. Cline headed a household in the Union Township of Fulton County.²⁹ The enumerator was to list the head of household, his spouse, then the children. The difference in age of 22 years between John and Milky hints that this is likely a second marriage. The Cline children's birth information shows a migration from Illinois to Arkansas between 1835 and 1839. The Illinois connection is interesting since one of Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford census listings gives Illinois as her birthplace. John C. Cline and Milky's marriage could have occurred in Illinois or the children listed in the 1850 household could be Milky's from a prior marriage and not born Cline. Further research could examine this possibility. The designation of "dumb" for John likely indicates an age-related health issue such as a stroke leaving him unable to speak.

John C Cline	65 M	Pennsylvania, farmer, dumb
Milky Cline	43 F	Virginia
Jesse Cline	15 M	Illinois
Abner Cline	13 M	Illinois
Ann Cline	11 F	Arkansas
Amanda Cline	9 F	Arkansas

John was taxed twice more in Fulton County in 1851 and 1852 for the town lot (2 lots in 1852), horses, and cattle.³⁰ He then disappears from the tax lists and the census. He likely died. If any probate records were created upon his death, they would not have survived the record loss of 1870 with the courthouse disaster.

John Cline, Jr.

John Cline, Jr., was not listed in the land or tax records as Jr. but will be referred to here for clarity. Like John C. Cline, Sr., he also paid a poll tax in 1839 in IZARD County, so would have been between 21 and 60 years old. In 1839, he had not yet acquired land.

²⁹ 1850 U.S. Census, Fulton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Union Township, p. 158b (stamped), p. 17 (penned), dwelling 36, family 36, John C. Cline, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 October 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 26.

³⁰ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1851, digitized microfilm, image 627 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSB-B> accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, 1852, digitized microfilm, image 655 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-Z> : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

John Cline, Jr. applied for three land patents in 1847 and 1848 but had died by 1849, as that year's tax list shows his estate administered by Absalom Wiseman.³¹ He likely died intestate, and Wiseman was appointed administrator. If John had written a will, he would have named an executor. John Cline Jr. does not appear on the 1850 census of Fulton County, nor in any records of Pulaski County, his stated residence in the 1849 land patent.³² He likely only lived in Pulaski County briefly.

The estate of John Cline Jr. was listed twice more in the tax lists of Fulton County in 1850 and 1851.³³ Each time, the land description matches the land patented by John Cline Jr. By 1852, John Cline's three land parcels had been distributed - either sold or inherited. Sarah Blair paid the taxes on two parcels adjoining her land.³⁴ Sarah had patented land directly north of the Cline land and had purchased it from the estate.³⁵ With the courthouse loss, no deed exists to mark the transaction. There is likely no relationship between John Cline and Sarah Blair.

³¹ John Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), application cash entry patent no. 3107, 3108, 1847, 3343, 1848 National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, Arkansas, Batesville Land Office, Stack Area 13W3 Row 9, compartment 2, Shelf 3.

Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline estate, 1849, digitized microfilm, image 618 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS39-J> : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

³² Pulaski County, Arkansas, Tax Records, 1850, *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLL-YWL5> : accessed 27 January 2023), microfilm 2363109, DGS 8200219, item 3, image 145-147 for C, negative search for Cline.

1850 U.S. Census, population schedule, negative search for John Cline in Pulaski County, Arkansas ; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 26 Jan 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll.

Pulaski County, Arkansas, Deed Index, Grantor, CI-HE 1819-1906, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 January 2023) FHL microfilm 1,302,636, DGS 7899416, negative search for John Cline.

Pulaski County, Arkansas, Index to Deeds A-EL, 1819-1906, Grantee, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 27 January 2023), DGS 008198757, image 404, negative search for John Cline.

Arkansas, U.S., Wills and probate Records, 1818-1998," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8638/?name=john_cline&count=50 : accessed 27 January 2023), negative search for John Cline.

³³ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline estate, 1850, digitized microfilm, image 725 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSP-5> : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 10, DGS film 008343037.

Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, estate of John C. Cline, 1851, digitized microfilm, image 644 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-M?mode=g&cat=636459> : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

³⁴ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline original owner, Sarah Blair, digitized microfilm, image 652 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSY-G> : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

³⁵ Sarah Blair, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 3348, and 3349, "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 5 November 1823).

Sally Cline paid taxes on the other parcel and a poll tax in 1852.³⁶ Sally may have been John's widow and paid the poll tax for a male over 21 in the household. A Sarah Cline appears on the 1850 census in Fulton County in the household of F. Herron.

F Herron	60 Farmer, VA
John Herron	19 Tenn idiotic
Sarah Cline	24 Tenn, cannot read or write
Henry Cline or Herron	2 Ark
William Cline or Herron	2 Ark

Could Sarah be John Cline Jr.'s widow and named as Sally Cline in the tax list? If so, she may have paid the poll tax for a male over 21 who was a farm laborer, boarder, or another relative. John Herron in the 1850 Herron household would have been 21 by 1852 when the tax was paid.³⁷ The two young boys, Henry and William, are listed below Sarah in the 1850 census enumeration and appear to be her children. Their surnames are indicated only by a ditto mark. With their placement below Sarah, it seems most likely that they are Clines and not Herrons.

10	F. Herron	60	Male	Farmer	VA		
11	John	19	Male		Tenn		"idiotic"
12	Sarah Cline	24	Female		Tenn	1	
13	Henry	2	Male		Ark		
14	William	2	Male		" "		

Figure 3 1850 Census, Sarah Cline, Fulton County, Arkansas

If Sarah were the widow of John Cline Jr. and the mother of twins born at the time of her husband's death, it would explain why his possible sisters, Mahala Cline and Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford, took his other children to Morgan County, Missouri, by 1850. As a young widow, Sarah could not run a farm and care for twins and three other children.

³⁶ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, Sally Cline, 1852, digitized microfilm, image 655 of 858, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3C-Z> : accessed 10 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

³⁷ 1850 U.S. Census, Fulton County, Arkansas, population schedule, Franklin Township, p. 167A (stamped), p. 333 (penned), dwelling 2, family 2, Sarah Cline in the household of F. Herron, digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 November 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 26.

The 1860 census found Henry and William Herron in the household of Ferguson Herron.³⁸ Sarah is not present, having possibly died. It seems unlikely that she would have remarried and left her sons behind. The census copy is very faint and William's age which should match Henry's as 14 is undecipherable. The addition of two younger daughters raises the question of their mother. Did Sarah remarry and Jane and Marie are also her children? Did Ferguson remarry? Are these all his children? Was Sarah Cline his daughter and not the mother of Henry and William? Further research could uncover connections between the Clines and the Herrons.

Ferguson Herring	66 Virginia
Henry Herring	14 Arkansas
William Herring	1? Arkansas
Jane Herring	6 Arkansas
Marie Herring	3 Arkansas

In 1853, Irvin Blair paid the tax on the two parcels previously owned by John Cline and previously paid by Sarah Blair.³⁹ This was the last mention of John Cline in the tax lists. The land parcel owned by John Cline Jr. and taxes paid by Sally Cline in 1852 was not listed in the 1853 tax accounting.⁴⁰ With the tax not paid, perhaps the land reverted to federal land.

If John Cline Jr. was the same John Cline who resided in Morgan County, Missouri, in 1840, he likely had moved with his father, John C. Cline Sr., to IZARD County, Arkansas, paid the poll tax in 1839, then traveled north to Missouri and resided there for an unknown number of years before returning to Arkansas to apply for a land patent in 1847. The 1840 census of John Cline suggests that he had a young family and that he was born between 1811 and 1820.⁴¹

³⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, IZARD County, Arkansas, population schedule, Harris Township, p. 449 (stamped), p. 125 (penned), dwelling 806 family 804, William and Henry Herron in the household of Ferguson Herron, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 November 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 43.

³⁹ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline original owner, Irvin Blair, digitized microfilm, image 683 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS37-P> : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 6, DGS film 008343037.

⁴⁰ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, negative search for SE NE sect. 10 18 N 9 W, 1853, digitized microfilm, digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZSSB-M> : accessed 5 November 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 11, DGS film 008343037.

⁴¹ 1840 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 191 (stamped), line 15, John Clyne household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 Jan 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M704.

Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29: 1
Free White Persons - Females - under 5 1
Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29: 1

At age 24 in 1850, Sarah Cline would not have been the female listed in John Cline's 1840 household, age 20 through 29, but she could be a second wife. The three Cline children taken to Missouri may have been children from the first wife – another reason Sarah may not have wanted to care for them.

With John's death by 1848, it is plausible that the three Cline children who appear in the 1850 households of Clemsy (Cline)Weatherford and Jacob Cline in Morgan County, Missouri, are his. Telitha, John, and Robert may have traveled north with their kin, Mahala Cline and Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford when the Weatherford family moved. Born about 1840, Telitha may be the female under 5 in the 1840 census household of John Cline in Morgan County, Missouri. Jacob, John, Clemsy, and Mahala may have been siblings and children of John C. Cline, Sr.

Mahala Cline

Who then was Mahala Cline, who patented land in 1844 near John C. Cline?⁴² Is she the same woman who appeared in the 1850 household of Jacob Cline in Morgan County?⁴³ Mahala of the 1850 census married Thomas Shockley in 1854, and census and cemetery records give her a birth year of 1828.⁴⁴ By law, a land patentee was to be a head of household, widow, or single male age twenty-one years and older. In 1844, Mahala would have been only 16 years old, but perhaps she was already a widow or a head of household as a single woman. Because the land patent application notes an affidavit was given that she was not being forced to patent the land, it hints at her status as a woman and perhaps a young woman.

The land patented by Mahala Cline in 1844 was sold to George French by 1850 when George paid the taxes. John C. Cline, Sr., also sold his land to George French and perhaps

⁴² Mahaley Cline, (Izard County, Arkansas), cash entry patent no. 2855 and 2856, 1848, "Land Patent Search," images, General Land Office Records (www.glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 18 October 2022).

⁴³ 1850 U.S. Census, Morgan County, Missouri, population schedule, Buffalo, p. 270 (stamped), dwelling 729, family 729, Jacob Cline household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 1 Jan 2019); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 408.

⁴⁴ Sherida K. Eddlemon, *Morgan County, Missouri, Marriage Records 1833-1893* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990).

Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107910486/mahala-shockley>: accessed 03 November 2022), memorial page for Mahala Cline Shockley (1826–1 Aug 1899), Find a Grave Memorial ID 107910486, citing Macks Creek Cemetery, Macks Creek, Camden County, Missouri, USA; Maintained by Linda Dukes (contributor 46842176).

facilitated the transaction⁴⁵ Likely Mahala had sold the land and moved north to Morgan County, Missouri. Mahala (Cline) Shockley probably was the Mahala Cline who patented land in 1844.

Could Mahala Cline have been the widow of another son of John C. Cline Sr.? The 1840 census shows only two young males under five in the household of John, so if there was another son, he was not listed in Izard County in the 1840 census under Cline.⁴⁶ Without extant marriage records, connecting Mahala to a possible Cline is difficult. No further tax record names Mahala Cline in Fulton or Izard County. Did Mahala remarry? Further research could explore the 1850 census of these counties for a possible Mahala with a different surname.

CONCLUSION

This research project successfully met the objective to identify further the three Cline individuals who patented land in Izard County, Arkansas, between 1838 and 1850.

John C. Cline, Sr. first appeared in Izard County, Arkansas, in 1837, applying for a land patent for 40 acres that was finalized in 1838. He went on to patent two additional 40-acre parcels in 1838 and 1844, bringing his total land to 120 acres. When Fulton County was created from Izard, he became a resident of that county. He paid taxes on the Izard County land in 1839 and 1841 but had sold the land by 1850, when the tax lists show George French paying tax on the land originally granted to John C. Cline. John was taxed instead on first one, then two town lots, having sold his 120 acres. John, age 65, headed a household in 1850 in Fulton County, Arkansas, then likely died by 1860, not appearing on that census.

John Cline, Jr. paid a poll tax in Izard County, Arkansas, in 1839, headed a household in Morgan County, Missouri, in 1840, and then applied for three land patents in Izard County, Arkansas, in 1847 and 1848. Those patents state his residence as Fulton County (1847) and Pulaski County (1849). John Cline Jr left no records in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Still, tax lists of Fulton County reveal his death by 1849 when Absalom Wiseman, administrator for the estate of John Cline, paid the taxes on his patented land. Sally Cline paid the tax for one of the land parcels in 1852 and Sarah Blair for the other two. By 1843, Irvin Blair paid the tax for the two

⁴⁵ Arkansas, Fulton County Tax Records 1849-1861, John Cline, Mahala Cline, original owners of George French land, 1850, digitized microfilm, image 713 of 858, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTT-ZS3M-9> : accessed 23 October 2023); microfilm 1,955,156, item 10, DGS film 008343037.

⁴⁶ 1840 U.S. Census, Izard County, Arkansas, population schedule, Blue Mountain, p. 190 (penned), line 27, John Cline; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 November 2022); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 18.

parcels; no mention is made of Sally Cline or the other parcel. Sarah Cline, residing in the household of F. Herron in 1850 in Fulton County, could be the widow of John Cline, Jr. With twins born in 1848, she may have been his second wife and, upon his death, sent his three other children north to Missouri with Mahala Cline and Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford. The twins lived with Ferguson Herron in 1860, but Sarah had possibly died as she is not present. Two other younger girls are listed in the household and could be her daughters or other relations to Ferguson Herron.

Mahala Cline likely applied for her land patents as a young woman in 1844. The 1850 tax list revealed George French paying taxes on land originally patented by her. She then likely moved north to Missouri and was the same Mahala Cline, age 22, who resided in the 1850 Morgan County, Missouri, household of Jacob Cline with Robert, age 5, and married Thomas Shockley in 1854.

The overall research question to discover a connection between the Missouri and Arkansas Clines and the accompanying research resulted in the hypothesis that John C. Cline, Sr., was the father of Jacob, John Jr., Clemsy, and Mahala. No evidence so far discovered disproves the hypothesis, and in fact, finding that John Cline Jr. died by 1849 provides evidence that the three Cline children found in the 1850 households of Clemsey (Cline) Weatherford and Jacob Cline could indeed be the children of their brother, John Cline Jr.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Research Illinois marriage records for the marriage of John C. Cline and Milky. If the marriage occurred in Arkansas, the children born in Illinois possibly would be Milky's from a prior marriage.
- Research each of the Cline children in the 1850 households of Jacob Cline and Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford of Morgan County, Missouri: Tabitha, age 10, John, age 7, and Robert, age 5.
- Search for Mahalas in the 1850 census in Fulton or Izard County, Arkansas, who could be Mahala Cline, the land patentee. If she patented land as a widow, she may have remarried.
- Research the wife (Milky) and possible children of John C. Cline, who resided in the 1850 census of Fulton County, Arkansas.
- Search court records of Morgan County, Missouri, for guardianship records of the three Cline children.

- Research Ferguson Herron, from the 1850 and 18609 Fulton County, Arkansas censuses for connections to the Cline family.
- Search for John C. Cline in the 1820 and 1830 censuses. Seek to eliminate candidates for his household based on subsequent records.
- Trace descendants of Mahala (Cline) Shockley for a mitochondrial DNA testing candidate to compare with the descendant of Clemsy (Cline) Weatherford.
- Use autosomal DNA cluster analysis to find any connections among the various Clines.

APPENDIX A

John Cline #2229, 1838

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2229 Batesville

Noted in track book 1-22-34- O. W.

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Private Entry. No. 2229

Batesville Land Office Dec 3, 1838

John Cline

of IZARD Co., Arkansas, on this day purchased the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section No. 20 in Township no. 18N Range 8West 40 acres, \$1.25 per acre, totaling \$50.

John Cline made payment

Isaac Folsom register.

Page 4 Receipt

No. 2229 Batesville December 3, 1838

Received from John Cline of IZARD Co., Arkansas, the sum of \$ 50 being in full for the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section No. 20 in Township no. 18N Range 8West for the track ascertained not to be claimed by a valid right of pre-emption.

\$50.00 A.W. Lyon Receiver

John Cline #2346, 1839

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Noted in track book

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Pat. 10 July 1844

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Private Entry. No. 2346

Batesville Land Office Feb 23, 1839

John C. Cline

of Izard Co., Arkansas, on this day purchased the SW 1/4 of Section No. 11 in Township no. 18N Range 8 West 40 acres, \$1.25 per acre, totaling \$50.

John C. Cline made payment

Isaac Folsom register.

Page 3 Receipt

No. 2346 Batesville Feb 23, 1839

Received from John C. Cline of Izard Co., Arkansas, the sum of \$ 50 being in full for the SW 1/4 of Section No. 11 in Township no. 18N Range 8 West for the track ascertained not to be claimed by a valid right of pre-emption.

\$50.00 A.W. Lyon Receiver

Mahaley Cline # 2855, 1844

Page 1 #2855 Batesville

I hereby certify that the affidavit required by the act of fifth April 1832 and the circular of the com[ittee] gene[eral] Land office of 17th May 1833 has been made and filed with the application.

Robert C. Newland Register

Noted in track book 1-29-34- O. W.

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Private Entry. No. 2855

Batesville Land Office Dec 12 1844

Mahaley Cline of Fulton Co., Arkansas, on this day purchased the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section No. 10 in Township no. 18N Range 8 W 40 acres, \$1.25 per acre, totaling \$50.

Mahaley Cline made payment

Robert Newland register.

Page 3 Receipt

No. 2855 Batesville Dec 12, 1844

Received from Mahaley Cline of Fulton Co., Arkansas, the sum of \$ 50 being in full for NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section No. 10 in Township no. 18N Range 8 W for the track ascertained not to be claimed by a valid right of pre-emption.

\$50.00 D.J. Champman Receiver

Mahaley Cline # 2856, 1844

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#2856 Batesville

I hereby certify that the affidavit required by the act of fifth April 1832 and the circular of the com gene Land office of 17th May 1833 has been made and filed with the application. Robert C. Newland Register

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No. 2856

Batesville Land Office Dec 12 1844

Mahaley Cline of Fulton Co., Arkansas, on this day purchased the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section No. 20 in Township no. 18N Range 8 W 40 acres, \$1.25 per acre, totaling \$50.

Mahaley Cline made payment

Robert Newland register.

Page 3 Receipt

No. 2856 Batesville Dec 12, 1844

Received from Mahaley Cline of Fulton Co., Arkansas, the sum of \$50 being in full for SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section No. 20 in Township no. 18N Range 8 W for the track ascertained not to be claimed by a valid right of pre-emption.

\$50.00 D.J. Champman Receiver

John Cline #3107, 1847

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#3107 Batesville Ark

Noted in Tract book 2-1-34 O. W.

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No. 3107 Land office at Batesville, Ark Nov. 2nd 1847

John Cline of Fulton County, State of Arkansas on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section No. ten (10) in Township No. Eighteen (18) North of Range No. nine (9) west containing forty (49) acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, mountain to fifty dollars and -- cents, for which the said John Cline has made payment in full as required by law. . . . the said John Cline shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described John Miller Register

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No 3107 Receiver's Office at Batesville Arkansas Nov 2nd, 1847

Received from John Cline of Fulton County, Arkansas, the sum of fifty being in full for the South East quarter North East quarter of Section No. ten (10) in township No. eighteen north of range no. nine west containing forty acres, at 1.25 per acre

\$50. D. J. Chapman Receiver

John Cline #3108, 1847

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#3108 Batesville Ark

Noted in Tract book 2-1-34 O. W.

Vo P 434 Pct 1st 1849

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No. 3108 Land office at Batesville, Ark Nov. 2nd, 1847

John Cline of Fulton County, State of Arkansas on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or North

West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. one (1) in Township No. Eighteen (18) North of Range No. nine (9) west containing forty (40) acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, mountain to fifty dollars and -- cents, for which the said John Cline has made payment in full as required by law. . . . the said John Cline shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described John Miller Register

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No 3108 Receiver's Office at Batesville Arkansas Nov 2nd, 1847

Received from John Cline of Fulton County, Arkansas, the sum of fifty being in full for the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. one (1) in township No. eighteen north of range no. nine west containing forty acres, at 1.25 per acre

\$50. D. J. Chapman Receiver

John Cline #3343, 1848

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#3343 Batesville Ark

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No. 3343 Land office at Batesville, Ark August 1st 1848

John Cline of Pulaski County, State of Arkansas on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. one (1) in Township No. Eighteen (18) North of Range No. nine (9) west containing forty (49) acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, mountain to fifty dollars and -- cents, for which the said John Cline has made payment in full as required by law. . . . the said John Cline shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described John Miller Register

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No 3343 Receiver's Office at Batesville Arkansas August 1st 1848

Received from John Cline of Fulton County, Arkansas, the sum of fifty being in full for the South West quarter South East quarter of Section No. one (1) in township No. eighteen north of range no. nine west containing forty acres, at 1.25 per acre

\$50. D. J. Chapman Receiver