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Gandy John B.

3000 acres

Rejected by Reg. and Rec.

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Report 2 No 96,  
1828.

Confirmed by Supr. Ct. E. F.

May 18. 1832.

Clamant

Spring Garden

Descriptive List No 707

G. n.º 11.

Florida

1905

14 Mayo

Año de 1818.

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D. Juan Bautista  
Gaudy solicitando Título  
de propiedad de 3000 acres  
de Tierra en Spring Garden

Memoriales y P. N. Gobernador = D. N. Bartolomé de Castro y  
Sucesor suyo general = Don Juan Bautista  
Pacheco admitido sup. la protección de S. M. Co-  
mo se acredita del testimonio que acudamente  
acompaña, con todo respeto a V. S. exponiendo. Que  
desearia dho. su señoría verificar con la máx.  
prontitud su establecimiento dedicándole al cul-  
tivo de las tierras, y a cuanto manijada pro-  
porcionarle su industria para el mejor fomento,  
ha solicitado saber donde hay tierras vacantes  
al Sur de esta dha. Provincia como parage mas  
precauido, o menor expuesto a las irrupciones q.  
frecuentemente se experimentan, y en efecto ha  
encontrado terreno apropiado a la Cabera del  
Rio de San Juan en el parage nombrado Spring  
Garden, lindando por todas partes con tierras va-  
cantes = A V. S. suplica y urga concederle tres  
mil acres de tierra en dho. sitio a fin de estable-  
cerse en el con su familia y treinta y cinco  
negros blancos bnales de su propiedad para los  
quales solicita como premio a su propia seguri-  
dad, comprar los correspondientes nombres  
que compongan Matrimonios, siendo indis-  
pensable abreviar dho. número de acres para  
aprovechar los diferentes parcos de tierra util.  
a este efecto, la que le servirán para pagar  
ganados, y dar el necesario descanso a la

intermision de años por la esterilidad de  
Pain cuyo fomento se conseguirá induda-  
blemente si se continúa el experimento  
como se espera. Se celebran en San Po-  
ludra, y en que expresa la justifi-  
cacion de U.S. = San Agustín de la Florida  
Vni de Octubre de mil ochocientos diez y  
siete = Bartolomé de Castro y Ferrer

Decreto. J. San Agustín de la Florida de mil ochocientos  
diez y siete = Concedase a D. Juan Benbita  
Gaudy los tres mil acres de Tierra que para  
el cultivo en esta sentencia se ordenó  
General Don Bartolomé de Castro y Ferrer,  
sin perjuicio de tercero en el concepto de  
que luego que haya cultivado la misma en po-  
sesion de ella y que la cultiva sin inter-  
mision se le expedirá el título de propiedad  
arreglado a la medida y plano que presen-  
tare de agrimensura, viéndole en el interior  
de título que acredite esta merced copia certi-  
ficada de este expediente que se le franqueará  
por Secretaría = Coppinger

Don Juan de Aguilar Subteniente de Intendencia  
y Secretario por D. M. del Gobierno de la Plaza de San  
Agustín y Provincia de la Florida oriental.

Certifico que la precedente copia  
está bien y fielmente hecha sacada de

pre de la letra de su original que queda en  
el archivo de mi cargo, a quien me remito; y  
en virtud de lo mandado en el decreto supe-  
rior inserto doy la presente en San J<sup>ca</sup> de  
la Florida a cinco de Octubre de mil ocho-  
cientos sesenta y siete.

Por disposicion del Secretario

Antonio Alvarez

Señor Gobernador

D.<sup>o</sup> Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer Apoderado gral d.d. Juan Bautista Gaudin nuevo Poblador de esta Prov.<sup>a</sup> ausente, con el Respeto debido a V. S. expone: Que su dho poderdante tiene concedidos por este Gobierno tres mil acres de tierra a la Caverna del Rio de San Juan en el parage nombrado Spring Garden, y deseando proceder a su medicion y deslinde para evitar disputas con sus Colindantes p.<sup>o</sup> tanto A. V. S. Suplica se sirva autorizar a Don Roberto M.<sup>c</sup> Hardy persona inteligente, por no haver Agimienon publico, para que verifique dha medicion y forme el correspondiente Plano, con arreglo a dha Concecion que devidamente acompaño; cuya gracia espera de la justif.<sup>on</sup> de V. S. San Ag.<sup>o</sup> de la Florida 10 de octubre de 1817—

Bartolome de Castro

Ferrer

San

Aguistin 10. de Octubre 1817 —

Como lo pide, previa la aceptacion  
y su juramento, y con citacion de  
los colindantes —

Coppino

Ausem

Juan de Euzalgoy  
E.º de E.º

En San Agustin en el mismo dia,  
mes, y año notifiqué el decreto que  
antecede a D.º Bartolome de Castro  
y Texer, day fe —

Euzalgoy

En tho dia notifiqué a D.º Rober  
to Mc Hardy tho decreto en la parte  
que le comprehende, y enterado en  
puro que aceptava el nombramien  
to que se le hace, prometiendo base  
de su juramento en forma de Dios  
y de su alma, y fielmente en mi cargo  
y en su feal suer y entender, y  
firmo de que day fe —

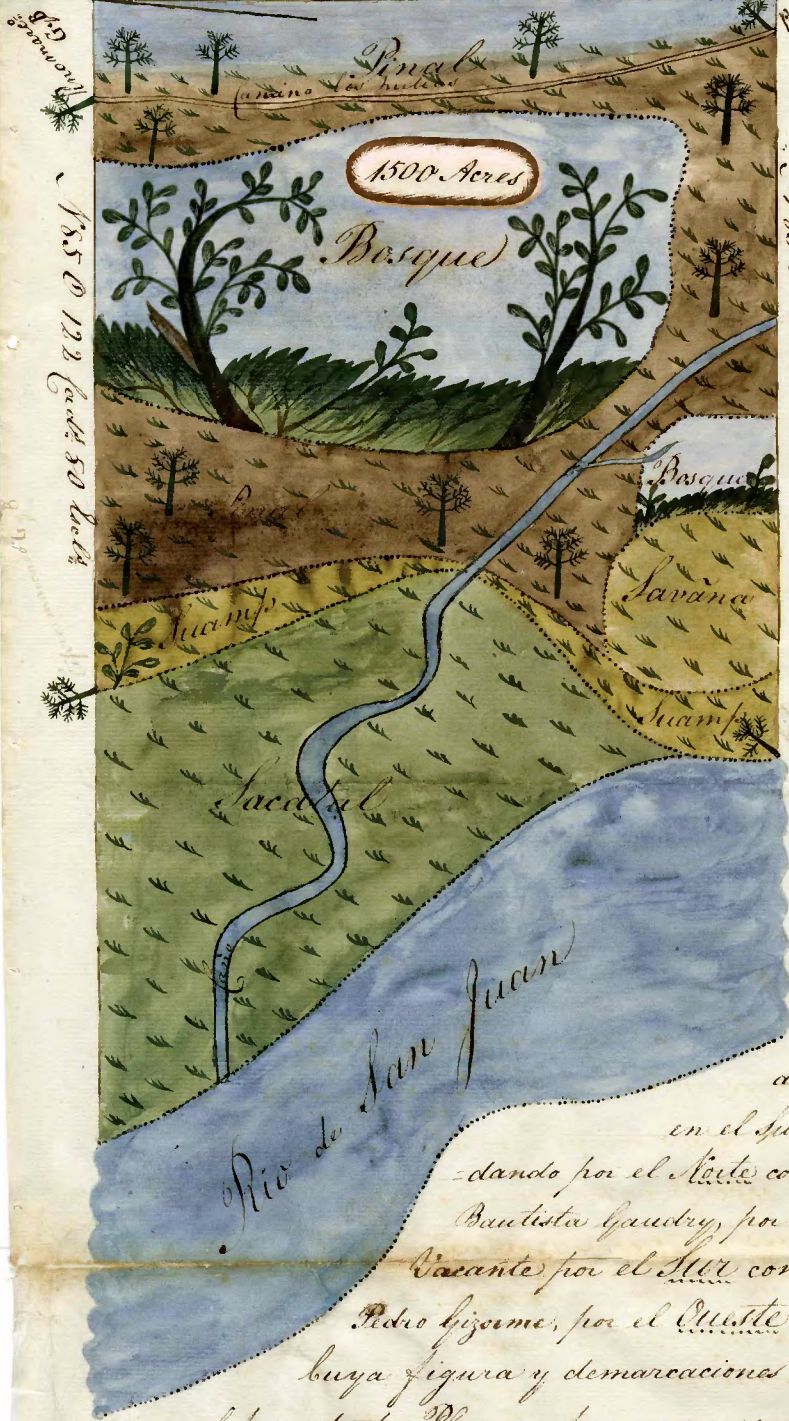
R.º Mc Hardy

Ausem  
Juan de Euzalgoy

Don Mariano B

20 badenos por Pulgado  
S 5 L. 122 bad. 50 Escl.

Don Mariano B  
Rio de San Juan



En Virtud de  
la Orden que se me  
ha conferido por el  
Don Jose Coppinger  
Teniente Coronel de  
las reales deerci-  
tas Governador (En  
terino) Politico y mil-  
itar de esta Plaza  
y su Provincia en  
el dia 10. de Setiembre  
de 1817.

Certifico que  
he medido y dis-  
tinto a Don  
Bartholome de Castro  
y Ponce, un pedazo  
tierrano que contiene  
mil y quinientos  
acres de tierra situado

en el Sur Spring, y adya, lin-  
dando por el Norte con tierras de Don Juan  
Bautista Gaudry, por el Este con Pinal de  
Vacante por el Oeste con tierras de Don Juan  
Pedro Figueras, por el Noreste con el Rio San Juan.  
cuya figura y demarcaciones son las que denota  
el precedente Plano y para que conste lo firmo en San  
Agustin en el dia 16. de Diciembre de 1817.

R. M. Hardy  
[Signature]




Fr. Gobernador

Dn Bartolomé Castro y Ferrer Vecino de esta Ciudad, y Apoderado gñal. de Dn Juan Bautista Gaudry nuevo Poblador de esta Provincia, con el respeto debido a V. N. expone: Que en ocho de Octubre Año proximo pasado se le concedieron al citado su poderdante Tres mil Acres de tierra a la vera del Rio de San Juan en el parage nombrado Spring Garden, baxo la condicion de que luego que hicierd constar hallarse en posesion de ellas, y que las cultivara, se le expediria titulo de propiedad anexo a la medicion y plano que presentare el agrimensor segun se acredita de la Certificacion q. devidamente acompaña: Y quanto el citado su poderdante ha cumplido con dichas condiciones, mediante a q. tiene esclavos cultivando dho. terreno, en el que ha hecho fabricas, habiendo llevado alli Operarios al efecto y Utencilios de labranza para verificar su establecimiento; por tanto -

A. N. Suplica se sirva habiendo por presentado el citado documento admitir.

le informacion de testigos para justificar lo  
expuesto, y en su consecuencia mediante a ser  
un Poblador de buena fe que coopera al fo-  
mento de esta dha. Provincia, y acreedor al  
agraciamiento de tierras gratis segun la Re-  
al Orden comunicada a este Gobierno por  
la Capitania genl. de la Isla de Cuba y de  
Florida en 29. de Octubre de 1790. Le he  
expedido titulo de absoluta propiedad de  
ciudad terreno, que ya tiene medido y  
destinado por el agrimensor particular  
Dn. Roberto M. Hardy en virtud de permu-  
to de N. segun lo califica el Plano que  
tambien acompaño solemnemente; gra-  
cia que espero de la justificacion de N.  
San Ag. de la Florida 9. de Mayo de 1818.

Bartholome de Larrea  
Jefe de la  


San Agustín 9 de Mayo de 1818 —

Por presentados los documentos  
que se acompañan: admitese la

informacion que esta parte ofrece, comen-  
do el examen de los testigos al presente  
Escribano con las formalidades de dho  
y fho traiganse para proveer —

Escribano

Autenti-

Man de Estralgo  
E. no de Eob. no

En San Agustín en el mismo dia, mes, y año  
notifique el decreto que antecede a D. Barto-  
lome de Castro y Texer Apoderado de  
D. Juan Bautista Gaudry, doy fe —

Estralgo

En la Ciudad de San Agustín de la Flori-  
da a trece de Mayo de mil ochocientos  
diez y ocho: D. Bartolome de Castro y  
Texer a nombre de D. Juan Bautista  
Gaudry para la informacion que ha  
ofrecido presento por testigo a D.  
Roberto M. Hardy Vecino y habitante  
del territorio de Mosquitos en esta P. de  
el estado Casado, y su ejercicio Planteo,

del qual Lo el Escribano en uso de la  
comision que me esta conferida recibí  
juramento que hizo conforme a dho, so  
cuyo cargo prometio decir verdad en  
lo que supiere de lo que fuere pregun-  
tado, y examinado al tenor del escri-  
to que antecede, dixo: Que ha estado  
en el terreno que porche D.<sup>no</sup> Frand  
Bautista Gaudry en el parage nombra-  
do Spring Garden, donde ha visto  
varios esclavos trabajando, haviendo  
en el dia pequeñas Casas para alo-  
jamiento de ellos, y parte de la  
tierras demoradas y cultivadas,  
en cuya operacion se continua para  
fomentar la Plantacion, cuya medici-  
on hizo el exponeuse el año proxi-  
mo pasado de mil ochocientos  
ocho y siete como a quinientos por  
tiular de orden de este Gobierno, en  
cuya Jta ya habian dado princi-  
pio a las mejoras de dho terreno,  
en el qual ha visto tambien pre-  
parativos para su fomento; y res-  
ponde que todo es la verdad a

cargo. En su juramento: que es de edad  
de quarenta y dos años, no le tocan las  
grales. de la ley de que fue impuesto,  
y siendolo del contenido de esta su decla-  
racion la firmo de que doy fe —

R. M. Hardy

Asesni

Juan de Estraboz  
E. de E. de E.

En este dia, mes, y año: D. Bartolome de  
Carras y Ferrer a nombre de D. Juan  
Bautista Gaudy, presento por testigo  
a D. Andres Burguin natural de  
Orleans en Francia, de estado casado  
vecino y habitante de esta Provincia,  
a quien lo el Escrivano en virtud de  
la comision conferida recibi juramento  
que hizo conforme a lo prometiendo  
decir verdad en lo que se le preguntare,  
y examinado al tenor del escrito  
que antecede de su produccion, dijo:  
Que es cierto que D. Juan Bautista  
Gaudy tiene demorrido parte del  
terreno que posee en Spring Gaudin  
en el qual se hallan trabajando va-  
rios Colonos desde que como poseedor

de el, y el deponente ha visto conituri-  
da una cara de maderos al uso de  
otras que hay en los Plazages de  
esta Provincia, y que tambien se  
ha desmuntado como de esa dicho par-  
te de las tierras que se han dedicado  
al cultivo con prospecto de otras  
mejoras en que se continuan para el  
su fomento; y responde que todo  
es la verdad a cargo de su juramento:  
que es de edad de treinta años, no le  
comprehenden las quales de la ley, de  
que fue impuesto, y siendolo del con-  
tenido de esta su declaracion la firmo  
de qui doy fe

Andrés Burguero

Autenti-  
Man de Estrada



En el propio dia, mes, y año comparecio  
D.<sup>n</sup> Francisco Terreyra natural y veci-  
no de esta Plaza, de estado casado y  
exercitado en el Campo, de quien es  
el Escribano en uso de la comision  
conferida recibí juramento que hizo  
conforme a lo en cuyo cargo

oficio de verdad en lo que supiere  
de lo que fuere preguntado, y siendolo  
como los anteriores, dixo: Que ha  
visto de parte del terreno de que se  
halla en posesion D. Juan Bautista  
Gandry en el parage conocido por  
Spring Garden donde se hallan  
trabajando varios esclavos que ya  
han desmoronado y preparando parte  
de las tierras para el cultivo, en  
que continuan, y que tambien ha  
visto en dho parage Casas para  
el alojamiento de los negros, y res-  
ponde que todo es la verdad a  
cargo de su juramento: que es de  
edad de veinte y cinco años, no le  
tozan las grades de la ley, y firmo  
de que day fe

Juan<sup>to</sup> Ferreras

Arzobispo

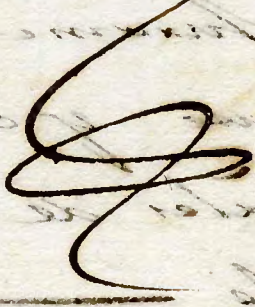
Juan de Cerralgo

San Agustin 14 de Mayo 1818

Vistos: En asension a que de la


informacion que antecede se justifica que  
D. Juan Bautista Gaudry ha tomado  
posesion de las tierras que se le con-  
cedieron en Spring Garden, y que ha  
dado cumplimiento a las condiciones  
que se le impusieron, por tanto y en  
virtud de las Reales Ordenes sobre fran-  
quicias de tierras gratuitas a las eme-  
rjentes Poblaciones, expedidas a favor de  
D. Jho Gaudry, el titulo de propiedad  
que solicita segun costumbre de  
Inglaterra a la indicacion y Plomo que  
se ha precedido

José Espingery




Ante mi

Juan de Entralgo  
C. de E. 110



En San Agustín en el mismo dia, mes, y  
año notifiqué el auto que antecede  
a D. Bartolomé de Castro y Ferrer  
como Apoderado de D. Juan Bautista  
Gaudry, doy fe

Entralgo





Translation.

In virtue of the order directed to me by Don  
Jose Goppinger Lieut. Colonel of the Royal Armies  
Political & Military Governor Gov. Gen. of this  
City and its Province, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1817.

I certify that I have surveyed and laid off  
for Don Juan Bautista Gaudoy a piece of  
land which contains three thousand acres  
of land, situated on South Spring Garden,  
bounded on the north by lands of Don Pablo  
Dupon, on the East by vacant Pine land, on  
the South by lands of Don Bartolome de Castro  
& Ferrer, on the West by the River St. John.

The figure & boundaries of which are those  
laid down in the foregoing that I for its  
confirmation I sign this in St. Augustin the  
12<sup>th</sup> of December 1817.

Roberto M Hardy.

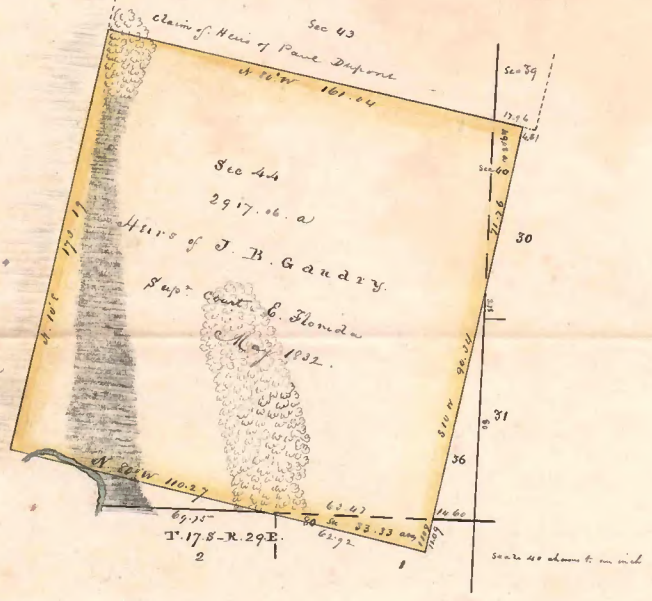
I certify the foregoing to be a true & correct  
translation from a Document in the Spanish Lan-  
guage

Offatio J. B. & C.

East Florida

T. 16. S - R. 29. E.

T. 16. S - R. 30. E.



surveyed in 1849  
 John Kapp  
 Andrew Peck  
 } Chairman  
 Approved 28 May 1849

I certify that pursuant to a Contract made with the Commissioner of the General Land Office dated Nov<sup>r</sup> 1848 and in conformity with a Decree of the Supreme Court of East Florida in May Term 1852. *J. M. Canrobert* Deputy Surveyor of Private Claims has surveyed measured and marked the Boundaries of a Tract of Land claimed by the heirs of S. B. Gaudry, Being in Township N<sup>o</sup> 16 of Range N<sup>o</sup> 29 South and East, and the Boundaries and Description thereof, as appear from the Plat of said Survey made and returned into this Office with the field Notes by said *J. M. Canrobert* and now on file, are as follows to wit: Begun as a

Post 4. 51. ch. W. of S E L. of claim of Paul Dupont - Post 5 20 W 55 x 6 and Ran S 10 W 173.19 ch. S E L. of Tract Paul N 62 W 52 x 6 (as 78.76 x line between Ranges 29 & 30 at 162.10 cross S line of Township into T. 17) Thence N 62 W 62.92 cross Marsh line into T. 16. 173.19 S W L. of claim on top of marsh. Thence W 16 E 173.19 along marsh to N W L. of claim - a Post which is also the S W L. of claim of Paul Dupont Thence along the S line of Duponts claim to place of Beginning Containing 110 thousand Nine hundred & Seventeen <sup>06</sup>/<sub>100</sub> (2917 <sup>06</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) Acres

Examined compared with field notes & original Plat & Approved  
*B. L. Peterson*  
 Surveyor General

Translation,

Señor Governador,

Don Don Tomáse de Castro y Ferrer  
an inhabitant of this city, and general ally  
of Don Juan Bautista Gaudoy, a new settler  
of this Province, with due respect states to  
y.<sup>ro</sup> Excelly. that on the eight of October of  
the year last past there were granted to his  
said principal three thousand acres of land  
at the head of the River St. John at a place  
named Spring Garden, under the condition  
that as soon as he shall manifest that  
he is in possession of them, & that he cultivates  
them, the title of property shall be despatched  
to him agreeable to the plan & survey pre-  
sented by the Surveyor as is proved by  
the certificate which duly accompanies  
this. & forasmuch as his said principal  
has complied with the said conditions  
& has slaves cultivating said land, upon  
which he has constructed buildings  
having carried workmen & materials  
there for that purpose of effecting his  
settlement. Wherefore.

He prays y.<sup>ro</sup> Excelly having before

you said document to allow of the ~~report~~  
statement of witnesses to prove what he  
has set forth, & in consequence as he is a  
settler in good faith who aids in the im-  
-provement of the said Province, & is entit-  
-led to the favor of lands gratis, agreeably  
to the Royal order communicated to this  
Government by the Captain General of the  
Island of Cuba & both Floridas on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
of October 1790. that a title in absolute pro-  
-perty shall be expedited to him for the  
said land which he has had surveyed &  
laid off to him by the private surveyor  
Don Robert McHardy in virtue of the per-  
-mission of J.<sup>o</sup> Escaloy. shewn by the Plat  
which duly accompanies this, a favor which  
he hopes from the justice of J.<sup>o</sup> Escaloy.

St. Augustin Florida the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1818.

Bartholome de Castro y. Ferrer

St. Augustin 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1818.

The accompanying documents being  
presented let the ~~proof~~ statement of

witnesses offered by this party be admitted,  
the examination of the witnesses being  
committed to the present Notary with  
the formalities of law, & when performed  
let it be brought forward to be decreed  
upon,

Coppinger =

Before me,

Juan de Entralgo.

Notary of Law.

In St. Augustin on the same day, month  
& year the foregoing decree was made known  
to Don Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer, Attorney  
of Don Juan Bautista Gaudoy, which I  
attest = \_\_\_\_\_ Entralgo

In the City of St. Augustin Florida the  
thirteenth of May one thousand eight  
hundred & eighteen: Don Bartolome de  
Castro y Ferrer in the name of Don Juan  
Bautista Gaudoy for the proof which he  
has offered produces as a witness, Don  
Robert McHardy, inhabitant of the  
Territory of Mosquitoes in this Province  
of the married state & a partner by  
profession, from whom I the Notary

in virtue of the commission conferred upon  
me received an oath which he made accord-  
-ing to law, under the obligation of which  
he promised to tell truth to the best of  
his knowledge in what should be asked  
him, & having examined the tenor of the  
foregoing writing said, that he has been on  
the land possessed by Don Juan Bautista  
Gaudoy at the place named Spring Garden,  
where I have seen several slaves at work,  
having at the time small houses for their  
lodging, & part of the lands cleared and cul-  
-tivated, in doing which he continued the  
improvement of the plantation the survey  
of which was made by the memorialist  
in the year last past of one thousand  
eight hundred & seven, as private surveyor  
by order of His Government, at which time  
they had already commenced the improvements  
on said lands, on which he had also seen  
preparations for its improvement, and answers  
that the whole is true under the obligation

of his oath, that he is forty two years of  
Age, he is not subject to the generalities of  
the laws which is imposed on the subject, &  
being informed of this declaration signed  
it which I attest =

Before me,

Juan de Entralgo

Notary of Governm.<sup>to</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Gaudry.

On the same day, month & year Don Bartolome  
de Castro y Ferrer, in the name of Don Juan  
Bautista Gaudry, presented as a witness Don  
Andres Bungeois native of Orleans in France  
of the married state a resident & inhabitant  
of this province, from whom I the Notary  
in virtue of the commission conferred on me  
received an oath which he made conformably  
to law, promising to tell truth in what  
should be asked, & examining the reports  
of the foregoing memorial which he has  
produced said: That it is certain that  
Don Juan Bautista Gaudry has cleared  
a part of the land which he possesses  
in Spring Garden, at which several

several slaves were working since he  
took possession of it, & the deponent has  
seen a wooden house built similar to  
others on the plantations in this Province,  
& that he has also cleared as has been said  
part of the land which has been dedicated  
to cultivation, with an prospect of other  
improvements which they continue for  
its cultivation, & answers that he is true  
under the obligation of his oath, that he is  
thirty years of age not included in the  
generalities of the law imposed on the subject,  
being informed of the contents of this his  
declaration he signed it which I attest  
= Andres Bungevia = Before me,

Juan de Estrada

On the same day, month & year appeared  
Don Francisco Ferrero, native inhabitant  
of this City of the married state, & farmer  
by business, whom I the Notary by virtue of  
the Commission conferred upon me received  
the oath which he made conformable to law  
under the obligation of which he offered



to say the truth as to what he knew of  
what should be asked him, & being informed  
as the former were, said that he had seen  
as he passed the land of which Don Juan  
Bautista Gaudoy is in possession at a place  
known as Spring Garden, where several  
slaves were working who had already  
cleared & prepared part of the land for  
cultivation, in which they continue, &  
that he has also seen in said place, houses  
for the lodging of the negroes, & answered  
that all is the truth under the obligation  
of <sup>an</sup> oath, that he is of the age of twenty  
five years that the generalities of the  
laws do not affect him, ~~which are imposed~~  
~~on the subject~~, and signed this which I  
attest =

Don Juan Ferrisera =

Before me,

Juan de Entralgo.

St. Augustin 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1818.

It having been seen, & in attention to the  
foregoing information proved that Don  
Juan Bautista Gaudoy, has taken possession  
of the lands which were granted to him

in Spring Garden, that he has complied  
with the conditions imposed upon him,  
wherefore and in virtue of the Royal Orders  
for the granting of land grants to New  
Settlers let there be expedited in favor of  
said Gaudoy the title of property which  
he solicits according to custom, agreeably  
to the survey & Plat which he has presented.

José Coppingera. Before me =

Juan de Entralgo:

Notary of Gov<sup>ty</sup>

In St. Augustin on the same day, month  
and year the foregoing decree was made  
known to Don Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer  
as attorney of Don Juan Bautista Gaudoy  
which I attest. Entralgo.

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Translation of  
Judicial proceedings

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Translation,

Memorial. Señor Governour

Don Bartholome de Castro y Ferrer general  
attorney of Don Juan Bautista Gaudoy admit-  
-ted under the protection of His Cath<sup>l</sup> Majesty  
as appears from the testimonial which duly  
accompanies this, with all respect states to  
y<sup>r</sup>. Excellency, that his said principal being  
desirous to accomplish in the most speedy  
manner his establishment, devoting himself  
to the cultivation of the lands, & to contribute  
all in his power to its improvement, has  
sought to know where there are vacant lands  
to the south of this said Province, as a place  
more protected & less exposed to the invasions  
frequently experienced, & in effect has  
found suitable land at the head of the  
River S<sup>t</sup>. John at a place named Spring  
Garden, bounded on all sides by vacant  
lands. He prays y<sup>r</sup>. Excellency to be pleased  
to grant him three thousand acres of land  
in said situation for the purpose of esta-  
-blishing himself on it with his family  
& seventy five head of Negro Slaves his  
property, for whom he intends as necessary

to his own security to purchase the corresponding  
females to contract marriage, it being indis-  
-pensable to embrace the said number of acres  
to profit by the different pieces of good land  
for this purpose, that which will serve for  
pasture for cattle, & to give the necessary rest  
in the interim of years from the sterility  
of the ~~place~~ country, the improvement of which  
would undoubtedly take place, if after the  
example of y.<sup>r</sup> memorialist as is to be expected  
other settlers are induced to come in, a favor  
which he hopes from the justice of y.<sup>r</sup> Excellency

St. Augustin Florida the sixth of October  
One thousand eight hundred & seven teen.

Bartolomé de Castro y Ferrer.

Decree = St. Augustin the eighth of October  
One thousand eight hundred & seven teen, -

Let there be granted to Don Juan Bautista  
Gaudoy the three thousand acres of Land,  
which his general attorney Don Bartolomé  
de Castro y Ferrer solicits for him in his  
Memorial, with injury to a third person  
under the understanding that as soon  
as he shall make it appear that he is

in possession of it & that he cultivates it  
without intermission the title of property  
shall be issued to him agreeably to the survey  
and plat which the Surveyor shall present,  
a certified copy of which accredits this  
concession serving him in the meanwhile  
as a title, & which the Secretary will  
give to him. = Loppinger =

I Certify the foregoing to be a true & correct  
translation from a Document in the Spanish  
Language

J. B. L. C.

Regulation A

Copy of Conception

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TO THE  
HONOURABLE THE COMMISSIONERS,

APPOINTED TO ASCERTAIN CLAIMS AND TITLES TO LANDS IN EAST FLORIDA.

The Petition of *John Baptist Gaudry*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That your Memorialist claims title to a tract of land consisting of *Three Thousand* acres, situated in East Florida on the river *S. John*, at a place known by the name of *Spring Garden*, bounded on the North by lands of *Jacq Dupon*, on the East by vacant land, on the South by lands of *Barto de Castro y Ferrer*, and on the West by the river *Saint John*, which was surveyed by *Robert M. Hardy* upon the *12<sup>th</sup>* of *December 1817*, which Survey will hereafter be submitted

which title your Memorialist derives from a *Concession* made to *Him: 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1817* by Governor *Coppington* in virtue of the Royal Order of *29<sup>th</sup> October 1790* who sold the same to a *certified copy of which Concession is herewith submitted together with the proceedings had for the purpose of obtaining a Royal Title, a certified copy of which is also herewith submitted dated upon 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1818.*

And your Memorialist further sheweth, that *He is Legally seized* ~~in actual possession~~ of said lands,

That, *He is a citizen of the United States* and resident of *Georgia. He prays Confirmation of title &c.*

*John Baptist Gaudry, by  
John Rodman, his atty.*

Don Gobernador

Don Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer Ap-  
dixado qual de Don Juan Bautista Landry  
admitido bajo la proteccion de S. M. Como  
se acredita del testimonio que deudamente  
acompaña, con todo respeto a V. S. expono:  
Que deseando S. M. Poderante verificar  
con la mayor prontitud su establecimiento  
dedicandose al cultivo de las tierras, y á qu-  
anto mas pueda proporcionarle su industria  
para el mejor fomento, ha solicitado saber  
donde hay tierras vacantes al Sur de  
esta dha Provincia como parage mas  
precauido, ó menos expuesto á las  
invasiones que frecuentemente se ex-  
perimentan, y en efecto ha encontrado ter-  
reno á proposito á la Cavera del Rio de  
San Juan en el parage nombrado Spring  
Garden, lindando por todas partes con  
tierras vacantes.

A V. S. Suplico se sirva concederle tres mil  
acres de tierra en dho sitio á fin de  
establecerse en el con su familia y setenta  
y cinco Negros piezas bozales de su pro-



piedad para los quales inserta como  
preciso a su propia seguridad, comprar  
las correspondientes lumbres que compon-  
gan Matrimonio. siendo indispensable abra-  
zar otro numero de acres para aprove-  
char los diferentes paños de tierra util  
a este efecto, la que le servira para pas-  
tos de Ganado, y dar el necesario descanso  
en la insercion de años por la estu-  
lidad del Pais, cuyo fomento se conse-  
guira indudablemente si al esempl. del  
esponente como es de esperan se esti-  
mularan otros Pobladores, gracia que es-  
pera de la justificacion de V. S. San Agun-  
tin de la Florida 6 de Octubre de 1817.

Barcelone de Casuso

San Agustin 6 de Octubre de 1817.

Comandante D. D. Juan Bautis-  
ta Gandri los tres mil acres de tierra  
que para el solicita en esta parte a-  
cia su apoderado General D. D. Barto-  
lome de Casuso y Ferrer, imprescri-  
bio de tercero, en el concepto de que  
nada que haga constar por el.

En prosecucion de esta y quid las cuti:  
va un intermision si le expedira el  
Titulo a propiedad anexada a la  
memoria y plano que presente a copri-  
memor, sirviendole en el interes de  
Titulo que acredite esta merced copia  
Certificada de este expediente que  
se le franquicara por lecretaria -

Copias exp

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N. 51.

Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer

for

3000

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John B Garry

Oct. 8/1817

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Superior Court - East Florida

John Baptist Gandy

vs:

The United States of America

Claim for three thousand acres of  
Land, situated on the St. Johns river  
at a place called Spring Garden

Statement of this Case

Petition for confirmation of said tract  
of Land filed in the Clerk's office of  
said Court the 6th April 1831.

Answer of United States attorney filed  
19th April 1831

Exhibit A, referred to in said answer  
and filed in this case on the 19th  
April 1831, being Report of Register  
and Receiver on this claim

Replication of claimant, filed 17th May 1832  
Evidence offered and filed therein on the  
part of the claimant, to wit: Proceedings  
entered into by Don Juan Bautista  
Gandy in order to obtain his title of  
property for 3000 acres of Land in  
Spring Garden - Royal title for said  
Land bearing date 14 Mar 1818 - Cer-  
tificate and plat of survey of said  
Land made by Robert M<sup>r</sup> Hardy and  
bearing date 12th December 1817

Decree of Confirmation bearing date  
the 18th day of May 1832, and  
entered of Record in said Court,  
in the words and figures following,

to wit:

John Baptist Landry } Land Claim  
against } 3000 acres  
The United States of America }

Whereas  
John Baptist Landry, did, in pursuance  
of the Act of Congress of the United  
States, entitled "An Act to provide for  
the final settlement of Land claims in  
Florida" and approved May 26th 1830  
on the sixth day of April 1831, file  
his petition for the confirmation of cer-  
tain lands therein mentioned, in the  
Clerk's office of the Superior Court for  
the Eastern District of Florida: And  
whereas the attorney of the United  
States for this District, did duly ap-  
pear and answer said petition: and  
this cause coming on to be heard this  
day, the said claimant by his coun-  
sel offered in evidence the paper or  
document issued herein by Don José  
Coppinger Governor &c and dated 14th  
day of May 1818, as additional evi-  
dence of his claim to said Land, to  
the documents before offered by him  
and filed herein, to the receiving of  
which in evidence the attorney of the  
United States objected alleging that  
the same bears date after the 24th  
January 1818, which objection the Court  
over-ruled and admitted said paper  
or document in evidence, considering  
it merely as evidence of subsequent  
proceedings to confirm and locate the  
land previously granted and surveyed,  
and not the grant itself which as

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appears to the Court was made on the eighth day of October One thousand eight hundred and seventeen - and such proceedings having been had here: in, as that this claim was submitted to the Court for its Decree thereon - and the said Court having examined the claim of the said petitioner and the answer of the attorney of the United States together with the Exhibits fo: led herein, and having maturely considered the same, Doth Order ad: judge and Decree that this claim is valid and that in accordance with the Laws and Customs of Spain and under and by virtue of the late Treaty of Amity Settlement & Limits between the United States of America and the King of Spain" ratified by the President of the United States on the 22nd: February 1821 and under and by virtue of the Laws of Nations and of the United States - It is hereby confirmed adjudged and Decreed unto the said claimant to the extent and agreeably to the boundaries as in the survey of the said Land made by Don Robert McHardy and cla: sed the twelfth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sev: enteen, and filed herein, is set forth, to wit, a tract of Land containing three thousand acres situated at the South Spaning Garden bounded on the North by lands of Don Pablo Dupon, on the East by vacant pine land, on the South by Land of Don

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Bartholo de Castro y Peres, and the west-  
by the river St. Johns. and has the  
following lines, to wit: the first line  
runs from a Live oak tree on the  
margin of the river St. Johns mar-  
ked D. & North eighty five degrees  
West one hundred and seventy three  
chains and nineteen links to a pine  
marked D. & the second line runs  
South five degrees East from said  
pine one hundred and seventeen  
chains and nineteen links to a pine  
marked G. B. the third line runs from  
said pine to a Live oak tree on the  
margin of the river St. Johns mar-  
ked G. B. —————

Certificate and Plat of Survey offered  
and received in evidence in said  
Case, and referred to in the fore-  
going Decree of Confirmation

Translation

In virtue of the order given to me by  
His Excellency Don Jose Coppinger Lieutenant  
Colonel of the Royal Armies, Civil and  
Military protero of this place, and of  
the Province thereof, on the 10th: October  
1817, I certify that I have surveyed and de-  
lineated for Don <sup>Juan</sup> Baptista Gaudry, a  
tract of Land which contains three thou-  
sand acres at the south Spanish Gardens,  
bounding North by Lands of Don Pablo Du-  
pon; East by vacant pine lands; South  
by lands of Don Bartolome de Castro y  
Peres, West by the river St. Johns. The  
figured and demarcation thereof are those

which are designated in the preceding plot, and in testimony thereof signed this 10th St. August. 1817  
Robt. Me Hardy

South 5° East 17 1/2 chains 19 links

North 82° West 17 1/2 chains 19 links

Pine Land

Indian Road

Hammock

Woods

5000 Acres

Pine Land

Swamp

Marsh

St. John River

Pine & B

Pine & B

Live Oak & B



— Superior Court —  
District of East Florida

To Wit:

I Kingsley B. Gibbs

Clerk of the said Court, Do hereby Certify, That  
the foregoing statement is truly and correctly  
made and copied from the Records of the said  
Court in my charge —

As Witness my Hand and the seal of  
the said Court this 20th day of Feb-  
ruary A D 1834 —

K. B. Gibbs Clerk

Ms. B. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Superior Court - East Florida

John B. Gandy  
vs:  
The United States

Land claim

Claim for three thousand acres of land situated on the St. Johns river, at a place called Spring Garden

Statement of this case

Petition for confirmation of said tract of land filed in the clerk's office of said court, on the 6th day of April 1831.

Documents filed and offered in this case, to wit: Memorial of, and concession to J. B. Gandy dated 8th October 1819. Certificate & plat of survey dated 12th December 1817. Proceedings to obtain Royal Title in 1819. Royal Title dated 14th May 1818.

Answer of the attorney of the United States filed the 19th of April 1831 & Exhibit A annexed to said answer filed same day.

Replication of claimant filed 17th May 1832.

Decree of confirmation bearing date the eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, and entered of record in said court, in the words figured following, to wit:

John Baptist Gandy  
against  
The United States of America

Land claim 3000 acres

whereas, John Baptist

Gandy, did, in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United States, entitled "an act to provide for the final settlement of Land claims in Florida" and approved May 26th: 1830, on the 6th day of April 1831, filed his petition for the confirmation of certain lands therein mentioned in the Clerk's office of the Superior Court for the Eastern District of Florida: and where at the attorney of the United States for this District did duly appear and answer said petition: and this cause coming on to be heard this day, the said claimant by his counsel offered in evidence the papers or document filed herein by Don Jose Cokberger Governor of and dated the 14th day of May 1818, as additional evidence of his claim to said lands, to the documents before offered by him and filed herein, to the receiving of which in evidence the attorney of the United States objected, alleging that the same bears date after the 24th of January 1818, which objection the court overruled and admitted said papers or document in evidence considering merely as evidence of subsequent proceedings to confirm and locate the lands previously granted and surveyed, and not the grant itself which as appears to the court was made on the eighth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventeen - and such proceedings having been had herein, as that this claim was submitted to the court for its Decree thereon - and the said court having examined the claim of the said petitioner, and the answer of the attorney of the United States together with the Exhibits filed herein, and having maturely considered the same, Doth order adjudge and Decree that this claim is valid, and that in accordance with the Law

and customs of Spain, and under and by virtue of  
the late "Treaty of Amity Settlement and Limits be-  
tween the United States of America and the King  
of Spain" ratified by the President of the United  
States on the 22nd February 1821, and under and  
by virtue of the Laws of Nations, and of the  
United States, It is hereby conformed, adjudged  
and Decreed, unto the said claimant to the extent  
and agreeably to the boundaries as in the survey  
of the said lands made by Don Robert McHardy  
and dated the twelfth day of December one thou-  
sand eight hundred and seventeen, and filed  
herein, is set forth, to wit: a tract of land  
containing three thousand acres situated at the  
south Spring Garden, bounded on the north by lands  
of Don Pablo Dupon, on the East by vacant pine  
land, on the south by lands of Don Bartolo de  
Castro y Jenes, and on the west by the river St  
Johns - and has the following lines to wit, the first  
line runs from a live oak tree on the margin  
of the river St. Johns marked D. G North eighty  
five degrees West one hundred and seventy three chains  
and nineteen links to a pine marked D. G - the  
second line runs South five degrees East from said  
pine one hundred and seventeen chains and nineteen  
links to a pine marked G. B - the third line runs  
from said pine to a live oak tree on the  
margin of the river St. Johns marked G. B -

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Certificate and plat of survey referred to  
in the foregoing Decree.

Translation

In virtue of the order given to me by His Ex-  
cellency Don José Coppinger, Lieutenant Colonel of  
the Royal Arms, civil & military Governor protem  
of this place and of the Province thereof on the 10th  
of October 1817. I certify that I have surveyed  
and delineated for Don Juan Baptista Gandy  
a tract of lands which contains three thousand  
acres at the South Spring Garden, bounding north  
by lands of Don Pablo Dupon; East by vacant  
public lands; South by lands of Don Bartolome  
de Castro y Tenes, west by the river St. John. The  
figure and demarcations thereof are those which are  
designated in the preceding plat, and in Testimony  
thereof, I sign this in St. Augustines on the 12th  
of December 1817

R. M. Hardy

[Here is to follow the annexed plat  
of survey]

St. Augustines 12th. May 1831. I certify that the pre-  
ceding is a correct translation of the Spanish  
document annexed.

A. Gay Translator & Clerk  
of the Sup<sup>r</sup> Court.

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— Superior Court —  
District of East Florida

I Kingsley B. Gibbs Clerk  
of the said Court, Do hereby certify, that the fore-  
going statement and copies of documents and orders  
are truly and faithfully made and copied from  
the records files of the said Court in the cases above  
named in my charge.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & affixed the seal of the  
said Court at the City of St. August  
this 27th day of August A.D.  
1839

K. B. Gibbs Clerk

Statement

John B. Gandy

3000 acres

filed Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1839

ST. J. O. H. R. S. J. V. E. I.

M. A. I. S. H.

S. W. A. T. H.

7,000 ACRES

H. A. M. M. O. K.

P. I. T. E. T. A. R. D.

Pin Sands

Woods

Anderson Road

North 88° West 1 1/2 miles

North 5° East 1 1/2 miles 19 miles

Pin oak G.B.

Pin oak D.C.

Pin D.C.

Pin G.B.

Pin G.B.

Pin D.C.



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Pinal

Bosque

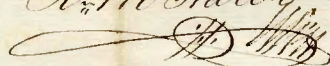
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Pastoral

Rio de San Juan

En Virtud de la Orden que se me ha conferido por el  
Don José Goppinger Teniente Coronel de las reales Exércitos y  
Gobernador (Entero) Político y Militar de esta Plaza y su  
Provincia en el día 10. Octubre de 1817. — — —

Certifico que he medido y distinguido a  
Don Juan Bautista Gaudry un pedaso terreno que con-  
tiene Tres Mil, Acres, de tierra situado en el Sur Spring  
Garden, lindando por el Norte con tierras de Don Pablo  
Dupon, por el Este con Rival Vacante, por el Sur con tierras  
de Don Bartolome de Castro y Ferrer, por el Oeste con el  
Rio San Juan, cuya figura y demarcaciones son las  
que denota el precedente Plano y para que conste lo fir-  
me en San Agustín en el día 12 Diciembre de 1817.

R. M. Hardy  


*C. P. M.*

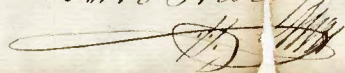
*Henry*

*A. 10*

*Gaudy & Co.*

En Virtud de la Orden que se me ha con-  
ferido por el Don Jose Coppinger Teniente Coronel de los  
reales Exercitos Governador (Interino) Politico y Militar de  
esta Plaza y su Provincia, en el dia 10. Octubre de 1817

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a Don Juan Bautista Gaudry un pedaso tierreno que con-  
tiene Tres Mil acres de tierra situado en el San Spring  
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tierras de Don Bartolome de Castro y Yrner, por el Oeste  
con el Rio San Juan. cuya figura y demarcaciones  
son las que denota el precedente Plano y para que Conste  
lo firmo en San Agustin en el dia 12. Diciembre de 1817

R. M. Hardy  


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