

## **Transfer of Land Records (1797)**

### **CHAPTER CCCV.**

#### **An Act Concerning the Original Title Papers of Land in this State remaining in the Register's Office in the State of Virginia.**

*Approved February 27, 1797, by the Kentucky General Assembly*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, That Edmund Thomas is hereby authorized and appointed to apply to the executive of the state of Virginia, for all the original papers in the register's office of that state on which the titles to land in this state depend, or in any wise relating thereto; and where the originals cannot be had, to take copies of all the warrants, plats and certificates; and also of all patents that have been issued for lands lying in this state, and enter the same in well bound books to be provided by him for that purpose. And the said Edmund Thomas is hereby authorized and empowered to demand and receive from the register of the land office in the state of Virginia, all monies by him received on plats and certificates for which the patents have not issued, together with a list of their names, and the several sums paid by them as well on lands whereon the patents have not been issued as otherwise; and shall pay and account for the same to the treasurer of this state on oath, and lodge the said list with the register. The said Edmund Thomas shall secure all the books and papers that he is hereby directed to receive from the state of Virginia, in sufficient trunks, and transport the same to this state, and lodge them in the register's office, and take the register's receipt therefor.

The said Edmund Thomas shall enter into bond with sufficient security, to the governor of this state, for the time being, in the penalty of two thousand pounds, for the due and faithful performance of the duties that are enjoined him by this act, within ten months from the passage of this act. And the said Edmund Thomas shall be furnished with the sum of one thousand dollars out of the public treasury, to enable him to obtain and bring the said papers to this state; and he shall be entitled to a compensation for his services when performed.

The auditor shall grant a warrant to the said Edmund Thomas for the amount of the sum allowed by this act; and the treasurer upon the said warrant being produced to him, shall pay the same.

REF: "The Statute Law of Kentucky", Vol. I., by William Littell, page 652.