Claims to French and Spanish Land Grants

Survey map, La Saline Salt Works, near Ste. Genevieve, 1806. Missouri State Archives
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Henry Peyroux received a land grant of 9,077 arpents or 7,760 acres in 1787. His land was along the Mississippi River and both sides of the Saline Creek in the Ste. Genevieve district. The land grant included a salt works that is shown on the map. The United States Government approved a survey of the property in 1806. The first land board refused Henry Peyroux’s claim. The second land board approved Peyroux’s ownership in 1834, almost 50 years after the land was first granted.

ANALYZING MAPS

OBSERVE

What do you notice first? _____________________________________________________________

Describe what you see. _________________________________________________________________________________________________________

PHYSICAL QUALITIES OF THE MAP (Check one or more)

____Title       ____ Compass            ____Handwritten                      ____Date

____Scale       ____Legend (key)      ____Name of mapmaker          ____Notations

What on the map looks strange or unfamiliar? ______________________________________________

Describe anything that looks like it does not belong on a map. __________________________________________

What place or places does the map show? _____________________________________________________

What, if any, words do you see? ______________________________________________________________

REFLECT

Why do you think this map was made? _______________________________________________________

Who do you think was the audience for this map? _____________________________________________

If the map was made today, what would be different? What would be the same?

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What can you learn from examining this map? _________________________________________________

QUESTION

What question/questions would you like to ask the mapmaker? _________________________________

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