

# Claims to French and Spanish Land Grants



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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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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