1875 CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION of Forfeited Land to Benoit Oct. 21 de St. Clair.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

. B. FAVROT OLLECTION

Auditor's Office

Certificate of Redemption of Forfeited Land to Benoit de St. Clair.

I hereby certify, That Benoit de St. Clair has this day paid into the State Treasury the sum of Four hundred Seven Dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of Taxes and damages for the years, 1871, 1872, & 1873 on the following described property, assessed in his name which was returned on the Tax Collector's List of Forfeited Lands, from the parish of Lafayette filed in Auditor's Office, on the 15th day of December 1872, 1873 & 1874.

To wit: One certain tract of land situated in this Parish and containing sixteen hundred acres more or less, bounded on the north by Melancon and on the south by le Webbre.

And in consequence of the payment of said Taxes and damages, I do hereby certify that the above described property is redeemed to said Benoit de St. Clair as provided for by the sixty-ninth section of Act No. 42, approved March 3, 1871, entitled "An Act to provide a revenue for the support of the State Government of Louisiana, and the manner of collecting the same."

(signed): F. Martin for L. Esalle, Dpty.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office, at New Orleans

this 21st day of Oct. A. D. 1875

Auditor's Fees, \$2.00 Advrty. & Records, \$391.00 Collector & auetrs., \$8.00 \$407.50

(signed): Charles Clinton, Auditor

1875 Oct. 21 (con't.) I hereby acknowledge and declare that the above certificate of Redemption was obtained by Alexander Declouet who for many years past has been and is now the only lawful owner of the property therein mentioned and that the payment of said redemption as well as of State and Parish Taxes was made by said Alexander Declouet out of his own funds.

T. B. FAVROT

declare that this assessment in that name and receipts have been erroneously made in my name instead of his.

Parish of Lafayette, Oct. 23rd, 1875

(signed): B. de St. Clair

Witnesses: le de Baillon

C. H. Mouton

State of Louisiana

Parish of Lafayette

I, William Brandt, Recorder in and for the Parish of Lafayette, duly commissioned and sworn as such do hereby certify that on this the eight day of May, Anne Domins one thousand eight hundred and seventy six personally came and appeared Conrad Delenllin, Esqr., of said Parish, and one of the subscribing to the foregoing Instrument, who after having been duly sworn by me according to law, declares and says that he saw Mr. B. St. Clair sign said Instrument for the purposes therein specified and he recognizes his own signature thereto and that of the other attending witnesses C. H. Mouton Esqr.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at St. Martinville on the day month and year first above written.

(signed): Wm. Brandt, Recorder

1875 Oct. 21

(con't.)

I, the undersigned Recorder of the Parish of Lafayette do duly

certify that the above and foregoing was this day inscribed and recorded

in my office, in

Book Q at pages 137 & 138.

May 8, 1876

T. B. FAVROT COLLECTION

Wm. Brandt, Recorder

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