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Dear Sir

There was an unconditional Certificate issued to me by the Board of Land Commissioners of Harris County as the representative of John Loper Smith's heirs on the 31 of August 1854. Which was located by James W. Henderson and when he applied for a Patent the Commissioner of the General Land Office wrote him that this Certificate was rejected by the Commissioner of Claims on the 16 of Decr 1857 for the reason that an unconditional had issued to the heirs of John Loper Smith on the 8 of September 1843. I then to the records and found to my great surprise that these two Certificates were issued to me I had no knowledge of the Certificate that was issued to me on the 8 of September 1843. Until then for I forgot all about it was and is lost. And you will do me a favour if you will be so kind as to tell me what I must do to rectify this bungleson mistake

Yours Respectfully

Jim White