

CASE No.

287

**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

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PART OF SAN RAMON GRANT

GEORGE NORRIS "LEO"

CLAIMANT:

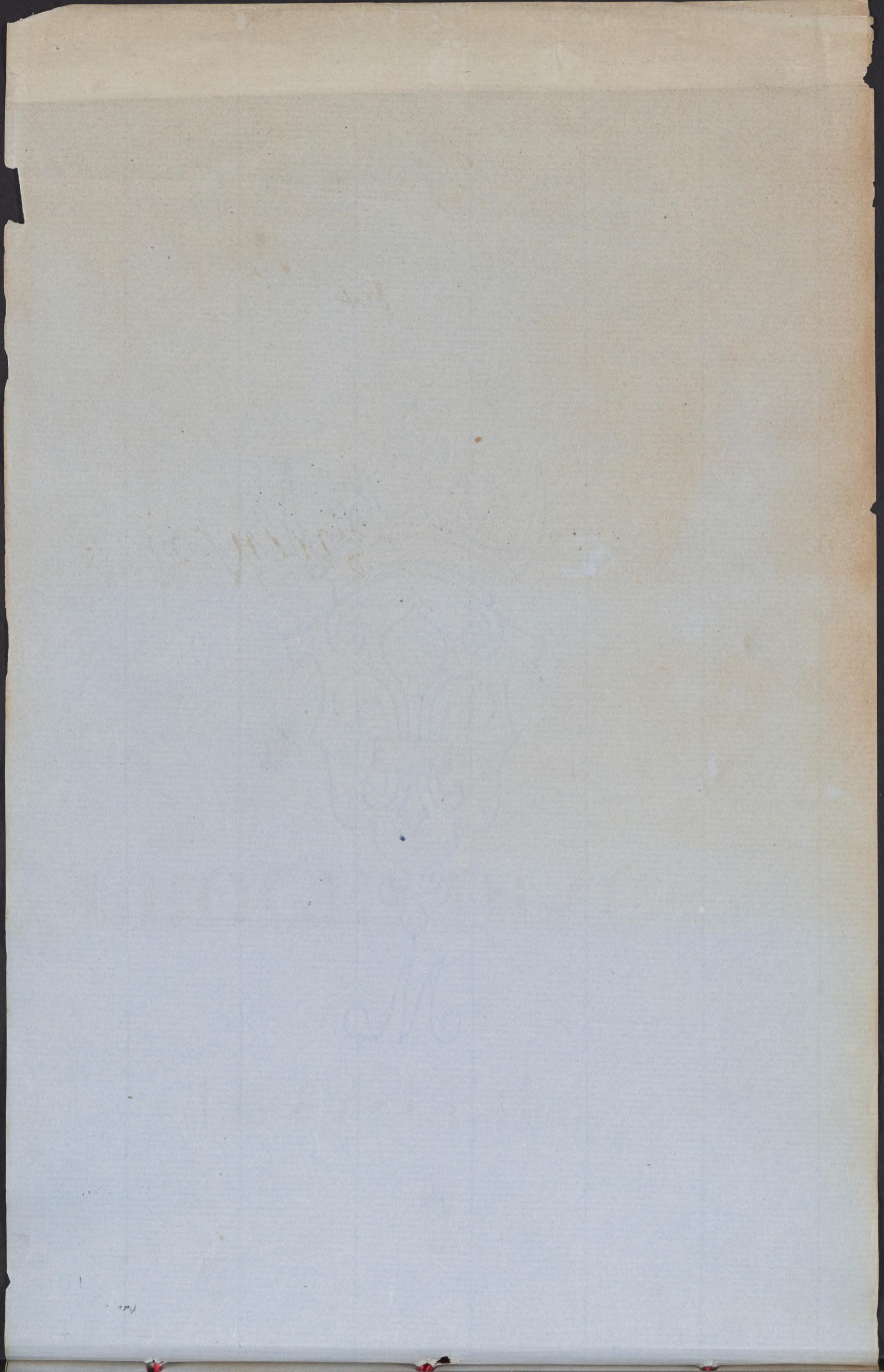
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# TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 349

*George Norris*

CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

*part of*  
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*San Ramon*

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Be it Remembered, that on this  
Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty=, before  
the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in  
the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San  
Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America,  
the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

The Petition of George Norris  
for <sup>part of</sup> the Place named  
"San Ramon",  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 349, and  
is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)

Upon which Petition the following subsequent Proceedings were  
had in their chronological order, to wit;

San Francisco Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1853,  
Case no. 349, George Norris for part of the place named  
"San Ramon", on Motion of the Counsel for the  
Claimant, was ordered to the foot of the Docket.

San Francisco April 18<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case the Counsel for the Claimant  
filed the following affidavit, to wit;  
(vide page 67 of this Transcript.)  
Ordered, That the name George be discontinued,  
and the name Leo be substituted in the further  
prosecution of this Claim.

San Francisco, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1854,  
In the same case the Counsel for the Claimant  
filed the following stipulation, to wit;  
(vide page 69 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco June 6' 1854.

In the same case the counsel for the claimant filed certified copies of the following documents, the originals being filed in case no. 128, Jose Maria Amador for the place named "San Ramon", as evidence in behalf of the claimant, in accordance with the stipulation entered into with the Law Agent, and filed on the 6<sup>th</sup> May last in this case, to wit:

1. Deposition of Pedro Chavoya of April 9<sup>th</sup> 1852 before Commissioner Melinao Hall;

(Vide page 6 of this Transcript.)

2. Deposition of Agustin Bernal of June 24<sup>th</sup> 1852 before Commissioner Melinao Hall;

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

3. Deposition of Manuel Miranda of April 6' 1853. before Commissioner Melinao Hall;

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

4. Deposition of Elam Brown of July 28' 1853 before Commissioner Alpheus Felch;

(Vide page 19 of this Transcript.)

5. Deposition of John C. Hays, Aug. 27' 1853. before Commissioner Thompson Campbell;

(Vide page 15 of this Transcript.)

6. Deposition of Thomas O. Sarkin of Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>a</sup> 1853, before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with copy of document marked "A" (original title) annexed thereto;

(Vide pages 14 & 15 of this Transcript.)

7. Deposition of Robert Livermore of January 14<sup>th</sup> 1854, before Commissioner Alpheus Felch;

(Vide page 17 of this Transcript.)

8. Expediente A, filed July 23<sup>a</sup> 1853;

(Vide page 19 of this Transcript.)

9. Expediente B filed July 25' 1853.

(Vide page 101 of this Transcript.)

10. Measurement of the Rancho filed March 30<sup>a</sup> 1852.

(Vide page 105 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, June 20<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
Case no. 349 was submitted on briefs and taken  
under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case the counsel for the claimant  
filed the following stipulation, to wit:  
(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1854.  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the opinion of the Board confirming  
the claim:

(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case, on motion of the U. S. Law Agent,  
the following order was made, to wit:  
(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

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Section

1840 Sandstone in layers

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Petition

Before the Board for ascertaining and settling  
Rancho Land claims in California

George Farris

gives notice that he claims a tract of land in said  
State about three leagues or sitios of 4,428 acres each  
each in extent situated in the County of Contra Costa  
and forming part of the Rancho of San Ramon as the  
same is more particularly set out in the grants of said  
land and accompanying documents

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Said tract of land  
together with a greater quantity was granted to Jose Maria  
Amador on the 1st day of August 1834 by Don Jose  
Figueroa Political Chief of the Territory of Upper Cali-  
fornia in accordance with the provisions of the  
the Territorial Deputation or Government of  
said Territory

Said land was duly taken possession  
of by said Amador who continued to occupy the same  
upto 25th October 1850 when he sold and conveyed  
the same to this Petitioner who has held and occupied  
it since that time except such occupation has been  
held by said Amador

Petitioner knows no compli-  
cating claim to said land. A copy of said original  
grant as the same exists in the Archives is herewith  
filed marked A. and a translation marked B  
and a copy of the conveyance from said Amador  
to the claimant marked C. are herewith filed  
and prayed to be taken as part of this Petition

The  
original of said grant as delivered to the said gran-  
tee has never been in the power of this claimant  
and he does not know where it is

The copies or dup-  
licates existing in the Archives are properly attested  
and signed This land has never been surveyed by the  
Surveyor General of the United States or under his  
direction

By his Attorneys  
Jones Thompson & Stodd

Filed in Office Septemr 24th 1852

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Original Copy

San Francisco April 9th 1852

Department of Cu this day before Heland Hall one of the Commis  
Pedro Leaboya witness for ascertaining and settling Private Land  
claims in California came Pedro Leaboya a  
witness produced in behalf of the claimant in the  
case of Jose Maria Amador being No 128 on the  
Docket of the Commission and was duly sworn

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The Law Agent was duly notified and attended

In answer to inquiries propounded by the Counsel for  
the Claimant the witness testified as follows viz  
the testimony being given in the Spanish Language  
and interpreted by the Secretary of the Board

My name is Pedro  
Leaboya I am about sixty six years of age and I  
reside in the Town of San Jose

I am acquainted with  
Jose Maria Amador and with the Rancho San Ramon  
which is about five leagues from the Mission of San  
Jose said Amador has been in possession of said  
Rancho about twenty six years

He built a house on the  
land in 1826 situated between two Springs it was an  
adobe house The Springs to the South of the house are  
called Alamillos I never knew the boundaries of the  
land Amador has been in possession of the Rancho  
ever since 1826 and is still in possession

In answer  
to inquiries by the Law Agent the witness says that by  
Amador's having possession of the land he means that  
he occupied it built a house on it cultivated the land  
and had stock on it He lived on the land I do not  
know that the Mission of San Jose claimed the land  
prior to the grant to Amador

I don't know but I think  
Amador occupied the land by the permission of the  
Mission because the Mission had shipped some with them  
them about the year 1835. The witness explains and says  
that the shape of the Mission only upon land adjoining  
San Ramon after Amador took possession in 1826  
Amador was Mayor Deuro of the Mission but I can not  
tell at what time at the same time he owned the Ran-  
cho San Ramon Pedro Leaboya

Sworn and subscribed before me Heland Hall Commis

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George Fisher Secretary of the U S Land Commission  
to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in  
the State of California hereby certify the foregoing to be a  
true and correct copy of the original Deposition in  
Case No 128 wherein Jose Maria Alcedo is Pla-  
-intiff vs The United States and which is now pending  
in this office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
signed my name  
Office of the Secretary of the above men-  
-tioned Commission at the City of  
San Francisco California  
this 24th day of May A D 1834  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Filed in Office June 6th 1834

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Autopia copy Office of the Board of Commissioners of California  
Deposition of Land Claims San Francisco June 24th 1832  
Agustin Bernal on this day before me I did see of the Com-  
-missioners for ascertaining and settling Private  
Land Claims in the State of California came Ag-  
-ustin Bernal a witness produced in behalf of the  
-claimant Jose Maria Alcedo whose Petition  
is No 128 in the Docket of the Board and was duly  
- sworn his evidence being given in the Spanish  
Language was into written by the Secretary

The Law Agent was notified and did attend

The following questions by the Counsel for the Pla-  
-intiff were answered as follows

Question 1 What is your name age and residence

Answer Agustin Bernal fifty years nearly live in  
the Rancho of San Agustin in the County of Contra  
-Costa

Question 2 How long have you lived in California  
and how long in the neighborhood where you now  
live

Answer I have lived in California ten years

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born and in this neighborhood all the time  
Question 3 Do you know Jose Maria Alvarado and  
if so how long have you been acquainted with him  
Answer I know him we were brought up together  
since we were children

Question 4 Do you know upon what Rancho or in  
what place he resides

Answer He lives on the Rancho of San Ramon in  
Central Vista County

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Question 5th What did he first go to live in that  
Rancho

Answer In the year 1830

Question 6 State the circumstances of his going  
upon that Rancho to live as far as you know  
them

Answer He built an adobe house on the Rancho in that  
year and also a corral and took his cattle upon  
the Rancho

The house might be 25 varas long He took  
about 100 cattle upon the Rancho and also about  
50 horses he commenced farming grain in the year 1831  
in which year he sowed a great deal Don't know  
exactly how much he has sowed a great deal every  
year since

At first the sowed lands were not fertile  
but afterwards some two years when the cattle got into  
his crops he found in the cultivated lands The cattle  
for many years increased very much at present  
time he has less than formerly

He has always occupied  
and cultivated this Rancho personally since he  
first went upon it and has never since lived  
any where else

He has since built a new house about  
1842 and has put many improvements upon the  
Rancho In 1846 he pulled down the last house  
and built another larger He has brought up a  
large family upon this Rancho I have seen him and  
his men from time to time ever since 1830 cultivating  
all kinds of crops in the Rancho such as grain  
potatoes onions and other vegetables

Question Do you know whether or not the possession of  
Alvarado has at any time been interrupted

Answer I never heard of any interruption except in regard to a  
small piece where Don's lives where the time was in question

small piece of land which was the true owner in question

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Question 8, What was the boundary area what was the extent of the Rancho of which Amador took possession in 1830

Answer the Rancho was two leagues square extending south from the Bay of San Ramon two leagues to the sea and San Francisco. The house stood on one side of the Rancho.

Question 9, How often have you been upon the Rancho of San Ramon since 1830

Answer Every year several times I have been there on various occasions and am familiar with the Rancho

In answer to questions by the Law Agent the witnesses testified as follows

The distance of the nearest point of the land from the coast of San Francisco is about five leagues. The distance from the coast of the Bay to the furthest point of the Rancho may be about eight leagues. I cannot tell the distance of the land from the coast of the ocean. I cannot tell the number of vinas cultivated it was a considerable field.

Agustín Borrero  
in court

Subscribed and sworn  
Before me

Helena Hall  
Commissioner

I George Fisher Secretary of the U.S. Land Commission do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original deposition in case No 128 wherein Jose Maria Amador is claimant vs The United States and which is now on file in this case.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name Office of the Secretary of the above named Commission at the City of San Francisco California this 24th day of May AD 1834

Geo Fisher

Filed in Office June 10th 1834

Secretary  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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10 Certified Copy Office of the U S Land Commission for the  
Deposition of California San Francisco July 28th 1853

Elam Brown This day before me Alphons Titch one of the Com-  
missioners to ascertain and settle Private Land Claims  
in the State of California came Elam Brown  
a witness produced in behalf of the claimant  
Jose Maria Alcazar being No 128 on the Docket  
of the Commission and after being duly sworn  
testified as follows

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Questions by Mr Titch Attorney for the claimant

Question What are your name and place of  
residence

Answer My name is Elam Brown and res-  
ide in Contra Costa County

2 Question How long have you resided there  
and have you held any public office there

Answer I moved into that county in the year  
1847 I think in the month of March the county  
was not then organized in the month of April the  
same year I received a commission from Jose  
Masero who was then acting Governor of Califor-  
nia as Alcalde Centinuda to act as a Alcalde  
until the year 1849 About the first of January  
of that year I resigned that office

3 Question Do you know the Rancho of San Ramon  
or Alcazar's Rancho

Answer I do

4 Question Is it within the limits over which you  
had jurisdiction as Alcalde

Answer It is

5 Question Was you at any time while acting  
as Alcalde called upon to act with regard to the  
boundaries and possession of said Rancho and  
if so please state all you know respecting such  
actings

Answer In the year 1847 I think in April  
I was called upon by Mr Alcazar to give him  
legal possession as he termed it of his rancho I  
went with him on the day appointed He had Mr  
Lovershire there to interpret as I could not understand  
the Spanish Language I had no chain or compass there

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was none within my reach. There was none in the  
 country at that time. So far as I know we measured  
 with the rope we first measured the rope and  
 measured the land with the rope we commenced in  
 the highlands at the North West corner of the Ran-  
 cho about three quarters or half a mile from the  
 valley of San Ramon. From this point we run  
 in a straight line across the valley touching the  
 Southern most bend of the San Ramon creek I can  
 not tell the precise direction of this line. It was  
 in an Easterly direction but I cannot tell whether  
 it runs North or South of East. We run in the di-  
 rection East Montanoa until we reached the  
 Tusegera Creek then we run in a South West  
 westerly direction following the creek to a point where  
 we erected a stake on the East bank of the creek.

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From this  
 point we run in a Westwardly direction to the high-  
 lands across the valley at a point where the Arroyo  
 de los Muertos comes out of the mountains we con-  
 tinued this line to a point about a half a mile  
 into the highlands by the course which we run  
 thence we run with the highlands in a westerly  
 direction to the place of beginning several persons  
 were present at the time when the line on the South  
 side was run perhaps eight or ten persons. Not  
 at Livermore and Valentins Arroyo and some  
 others.

Nothing further was done by me except  
 to give Mr. Andara a certificate of the Survey or  
 Measurement.

Mr. Howard Law Agent objects to this testimony  
 as incompetent to prove judicial possession or Sur-  
 vey by an Alcalde appointed and acting in 1847  
 Testimony taken subject to the objection.

Question Do you know the house of one Tallon  
 and if so state in what direction from that house  
 the Southern line of the Rancho as given by you  
 runs.

Answer I know the house it is north of the line above  
 mentioned and I should think between a quarter  
 and half a mile distant.

Question Do you know the house of Andara  
 Answer I do know the house he built and lived in

8 Question How far East is it of the western boundary of the Rancho

Answer It is situated between the third three quarters of a mile or more It should not exceed a mile

9 Question When was the Adobe House built

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Answer I do not know except from others I first saw it in the fall of the year 1847 or in August of that year on reflection I find I have made a mistake in the date of the Survey and measurement and in the date of my appointment as Alcalde the year should be 1848 instead of 1847 as above written

10 Question State the character and value of the improvements if any which you saw on the Rancho at the time of the Survey

Answer The house was a large and well finished adobe house for the country at that time there was also a long row of small adobe buildings used for looms and spinning and a good corral He had some sugar cultivation but not forced except a garden which I believe was forced I cannot tell how much land was cultivated but suppose there were thirty acres I should say the improvements were worth at that time two thousand dollars or more

Alam Brown

Mr Herman San Agustin was present at the taking of this deposition but proposed no questions to the witness

Salt Cuba and I am to before me at San Francisco this twenty eighth day of July A.D. 1853

Alphus Fitch  
Commissioner

I George Fisk to the U.S. Land Commission to ascertain and settle the private Land claims in the State of California hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original Deposition in Case Number 128 wherein

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Jose Maria Amador is claimant vs the United States and which is now on file in this office  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name  
Office of the Secretary of the above named Commission at the City of San Francisco Cal  
this 24th day of May A.D. 1834

Gen Fisher  
Secretary  
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Gen Fisher  
Secretary

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Ante facio  
Deposition of  
Manuel Miranda

San Francisco April 6. 1833  
On this day before Commissioner Helena Hall  
Manuel Miranda came Manuel Miranda a witness on the part  
of the claimant Jose Maria Amador Petition  
No 128 and was duly sworn his evidence being  
interpreted by the Secretary

The W G Associate Law Agent was present

In answer to inquiries by counsel for the claimant  
and the witness testified as follows

My name is Manuel Miranda reside in Contra Costa County  
and am thirty eight years of age I own the  
Rancho called San Ramon and have owned it  
all my life time a house was first built on the Rancho  
in the year 1830 by Jose Maria Amador I  
then lived with him and have lived with him  
until about six years since

Amador has since then  
and residing on the place to the present time the  
house before mentioned near the Sulphur Springs  
he has built two houses on the land since the  
first He occupied the land with horses cattle  
and sheep and cultivated a portion of it I know  
that part of the land occupied by Munoz and  
Fallow cultivated the land when they were here  
for said Amador after his house was built

at the  
place where fallow live we raised wheat and corn  
and beans all the land there is now owned

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in by Murray and Fallow was occupied by  
Amador

his  
Mariano <sup>his</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>Mariano</sup>

Sum and Submitted

Before me

Richard Hall

Commissioner

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I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission  
do hereby certify and attest the private Land Claims  
in the State of California hereby certified foregoing  
to be a true and correct copy of the original deposition  
in Case No 128 wherein Jose Maria Amador is  
Claimant vs The United States and which is  
now on file in this office

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto signed my name  
Office of the Secretary of the above  
named Commission at the  
City of San Francisco Cal  
this 24th day of May A.D. 1854  
Geo Fisher

Secretary

Filed in Office June 6th 1854

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

certified copy  
Deposition of  
Thomas O  
Larkin

Office of the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners  
San Francisco Dec 23. 1853

This day before me Commissioner Alphonse Fitch  
came Thomas O Larkin a witness in behalf of  
Claimant Jose Maria Amador and being duly  
sworn depose as follows

Question by Mr Williams attorney for claimant  
Question What are your name age and place of  
residence?

Answer My name is Thomas O Larkin my age  
is fifty one years and I reside in San Francisco  
in California

Question Are you acquainted with the bearing  
witness of Jose Figueroa and Francisco del Cas-  
tello Depose if you look on the documents now  
here shown to you marked Exhibit No 1 with the  
initials A F purporting to be a grant to

...als of ... purporting to be a grant to  
Jose Maria Amador and annexed to this  
deposition and state whether the signatures of  
said persons when they occur in and upon said  
document are true and genuine signatures

answer I am acquainted with the handwriting  
of both the persons named in this interrogatory  
and have often seen them write the said sig-  
natures as they are true and genuine signatures  
Thurs as C. L. Lubin

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Mr Green here associate Law  
Agent was present at the taking  
of this deposition but propounded  
no questions to the witness.

Sworn and Subscribed to before  
me this 23rd day of December 1853

Alpheus Fitch  
Commissioner

I, Geo Fisher Deputy to the W G Land Comm-  
issioner to ascertain and settle the private Land  
claims in the State of California hereby certify the  
 foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the  
original Deposition in Case No 128 where in  
Jose Maria Amador is Claimant of The United  
States and which is now on file in this office

In  
testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name  
Office of the Secretary of the above named Comm-  
ission at the City of San Francisco California  
this 24th day of May A D 1854

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Filed in Office June 6th 1854

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Certified Copy Office of the Commissioner of Land Claims in  
Depositions of California San Francisco  
John C Stays This day before Commissioner Thomas Campbell  
came John C Stays a witness in behalf of the  
claimant Jose Maria Amador case No 128  
who after being duly sworn depose as follows

What is your name age and place of residence  
My name is John C Stays age thirty six years and I

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reside in the City of San Francisco  
Will you state what the distance of the Meridian  
line crossing the Mountain Diablo is from the  
Shore of the ocean at base line of Township (2)  
two South according to the United States official  
Survey

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The above question not answered

What is the distance of the Meridian line cross-  
ing Monte Diablo from the Shore of the Ocean where  
it is intersected by the Township line between  
township one and two South of Monte Diablo

The distance is near about thirty two miles

Question by the Law Agent

What is the distance of the same point from the  
nearest point on the Shore of the Bay of San Fran-  
cisco

To which Question the attorney for claimant objected

It is about fifteen (15) Miles

John C. Hayes

Sworn and subscribed  
Before me this 27th day of  
August AD 1853

Thompson Campbell  
Commissioner

I George Fisher Surveyor to the United States  
Land Commission to ascertain and settle the  
private Land claims in the State of California  
hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct  
copy of the original Departmental case No 128 wherein  
Jose Maria Amador is claimant as The United  
States and which is now on file in this office

In testimony whereof I have here-  
unto signed my name Office  
of the Surveyor of the above named  
Commission at the City of San  
Francisco California this 24th  
day of May AD 1854

Geo Fisher Surveyor

Filed in Office June 6th 1854 Geo Fisher Surveyor

Notarial Office of the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners  
Deposition of  
Robert  
Liversmore

San Francisco 14th 1854

This day before Commissioner Joseph Fitch  
came Robert Liversmore a witness in behalf  
of claimant Jose Maria Amador Petition  
No 128 who after being duly sworn depose as follows

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Question by Mr Williams Attorney for claimant

Question What are your name age and place  
of residence

Answer My name is Robert Liversmore my age  
is fifty four years and I reside in Alameda  
County in California

2 Question Are you acquainted with the Rancho  
called San Ramon or Amadors Rancho if you  
state how long you have known it and what  
are its boundaries

Answer I have been acquainted with said Rancho  
ever since 1832 It is bounded on the North by the Arroyo  
de San Ramon on the East side by the San as  
altas on the West side by the Sierra and on the South  
by the line of the Mission lands of San Jose

3 Question What quantity of land is contained  
within the boundaries above stated

Answer Four Leagues and eight hundred  
varas measured it with Escam Brown

4 Question State what you know in regard  
to the occupation and cultivation of this land  
by Amador the original grantee

Answer I know he has occupied it since the  
year 1832 with his cattle and with cultivation  
he has built three houses on the place he has lived  
in it with his family all the time from the year

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1833 until last year The first house was  
built by him on the place in 1832 The cultivation  
commenced in the year 1833 and he moved  
his family on it in that year

Testimony by Mr Grant his Associate Land Agent

Newton where does the survey of San Ramon  
above mentioned empty and what lands does  
it separate from this Rancho

Answer It empties into the survey of Siskiyous  
and that empties into the Survey of Bay Meadows  
the Rancho of San Ramon from the Rancho of the  
Valley of San Ramon which is the Land of Bartolo  
Pacheco

Robert Livermore

Subscribed and sworn to  
Before me this 4th day of  
January AD 1854

Alphons Felch  
Commissioner

I Gen Fisher Secretary to the U S Land Commission  
in to ascertain and settle the Private Land  
Claims in the State of California hereby certify  
the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the  
original Deposition in Case No 128 wherein  
Mranda Uruador is Claimant vs The United  
States and which is now on file in this office

In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto signed my  
name Office of the Secretary  
of the above named Commission  
at the City of San Francisco Cal  
-ifornia this 24th day of May  
AD 1854

Gen Fisher  
Secretary

Filed in Office June 10th 1854

Gen Fisher Secy

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L. S. D. H.

Jurisdiccion del Pueblo  
de S<sup>ta</sup> José Guadalupe

n<sup>o</sup> 44. i 64.

Año de  
1833.

Titulo and Expediente.

Expediente

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Sobre el paraje nombrado las Fuentes de San  
Fuentes Manuon solicitado por

José Maria Amador.

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A. L. D. H.

Sello Cuarto una cuartilla.

Habilitarlo provisoriamente por la Aduana Marít.  
del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California por  
los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ocho  
-cientos treinta y dos.

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Revalidado por el expresado oficio por los años de 1833. y 34.  
Victoria. J. J. Gomez.

Monterey. Abril Sr. Comand.<sup>te</sup> General.

22 de 1833.

El Ciudad<sup>o</sup> José Maria Amador

De conformidad con las leyes de la materia presente ante V.S. por medio de  
suprime el Ayuntamiento este escrito a V.S. presente  
del puerto de San José que habiendo echo la solicitud de  
Guadalupe si el sitio un parage nombrado las Fuentes  
-erolo obtiene las a sus señores ante cesores y hasta  
requisitos prevenidos la fecha a tenido ningun proveido  
para ser atendido en de ninguna de los das solicitudes  
sa solicitud: si el terreno que echas. Dicho parage dista  
que pretiene esta com de la Misión de S. José. 17 leguas  
-prevedido en las bu poco mas o menos, asi al norte  
leguas límites o sea por haber estado los parages mas  
litonales que espresa inmediatos ocupados por la  
la ley de 18 de Agosto inmediata Misión y habiendo los  
de 1824: si ha perten ocupados el año proximo pasado.  
-eciolo a propiedad y siendo mas del agrado del  
particular, Corporacion solicitante un parage nombrado  
o pueblo o si conoce por su Oracion (distante de esta Misión  
valdrio con todo lo siete leguas al Norte) para el fomento  
de bienes de Ganado Mayor y  
-niente a la agricultura: Caballada y agricultura, para  
la manutencion de su familia  
haciendo & que el y siendo le propuesto al R. P.  
intacado presente el Prioste de esta Misión: si pesaria  
obieno del terreno de estacion a la referida Misión  
que solicita que se fomentando dicho parage con  
agregaria a continu bienes de Ganado y Caballada  
-acion de este escrito. y respordiendo que uba fomentando

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que no le a fomentado con la cantidad de seiscientas  
 caberzas de ganado vacuno, una manada de aguas  
 yeguas, cincuenta caballos mansos, cinco yuntas  
 de bueyes, y fabricada en dicho paraje una casa  
 de adobe de veinte y ocho banas y una yerta de  
 mil quinientas sepas, y cincuenta arboles frutales  
 y nutriendo unas de sus cortos ueritos para ser  
 a encolar a la gracia que solicita: lo primero ser  
 hijo del pais y lo segundo habiendo su padre fundador  
 de estas tierras y despues de exercido fundador sirio  
 en la carrera Militar 24 años y el citadano obrer  
 habido en la Milicia 2 años y en la Caballeria 10  
 años once meses.

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Por tanto Suplica a v. s. le conceda el dicho paraje  
 en atencion de lo que yeba espuesto y lo encontrare  
 meritorio, de que le habria reconocido.

Mision de Sn. José 15 de Abril de 1839.

José Maria A. mañer.

En cumplimiento del Superior Decreto debo decir que el  
 interesado es Ciudadano natural, con servicios de la  
 patria en la Guerra y milicia de conducta onrada  
 Casado con tres de familia barones con sobrados bienes  
 de campo para obtener sitio y laborioso el terreno q.  
 solicita ha estado desamparado de la yuca de 28 v<sup>as</sup> en  
 casa de S. José que tiene haci ha el norte legua y tres  
 cuartos asta el paraje de S. Praxen q. cita y de  
 esta a la parte del sur que demuestra su derecho la  
 Laguna: corre una legua la que ocupaba en un  
 tiempo la Mision de S. José y Colindia: asta asta en  
 el seno de la jurisdiccion ce no tiene las 10. leguas  
 literales para el uso preciso que obsecutoca al Pto.  
 de S. Praxen. Sin embargo ha tener la termin de  
 Sierra angosta y aunque no yunexado propiamente  
 en el paraje que cita mas a en las Confines del ya  
 paraje nombrado el Alamo de Gentil Cipacta.

Pueblo de S. José Guadalupe. Mayo 13 de 1839

Salvio Pacheco.

Sello Cuarto una cuartilla.

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Rehabilitado por desperado oficina para los años de 1833 y 1834.

Monterrey Mayo 15 de 1833.

Informe el Comandante Militar de Sr. Fran<sup>co</sup> sobre los particulares a que se contrae este expediente y sobre si el interesado ha servido en la carrera militar acompañando copia de su filiación. Evacuado su informe pasará con igual objeto el Expediente al Sr. P. Ministro de la Merced de San José quien de nuevo y en cargo se servirá exponer lo que se le ofrezca.

Figueroa. Agustín V. Zamora. Sr.

Sr. Jefe Sup<sup>or</sup> Político.

Consecuente al decreto 15 del presente que V. S. está en el Memorial del Ciudadano José M<sup>o</sup> Aguador Digo en mi concepto el citado no tiene las requisitos precisos para que se los atienda a la solicitud que él me supone que el terreno que pretende usar. Razon pues de donde esta fabricada su casa etc. Razon hay legua tres cuartos el dicho rancho lo desocupo la Merced de S. José por un año al terreno q. pretende el solicitante no está comprendido en las veinte leguas limítrofes con ninguna nación extranjera ni las diez literales a que se refiere el artículo 1<sup>o</sup> de la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824.

S. D. H.

San Fran<sup>co</sup> Mayo 21 de 1833.

José Sanchez.

Sr. Jefe Superior Político.

El terreno que en este expediente se pide en ninguna manera, está comprendido en la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, y aunque solo pertenece a esta Comisaria no lo es necesario para ella sino

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de agosto de 1821 y aunque solo se trata de una  
 comunidad no se le conceda lo necesario para ella sino  
 solo que el ganado menor se inferte de alguna parte  
 y necesite traslado a otro terreno para su conservación  
 por en este caso, protesta el postulante recibir las borregas  
 en todo tiempo y en cualquier punto del porraje llamado  
 San Primon que esto unico que el solicita, lo que sera  
 demarcado en el arroyo plano por una linea de  
 tinta negra y lo que tan solamente esta Mision puede  
 ceder atendiendo a la honradez y genua laboriosa el  
 quien lo pide.

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Mision de Sr. J. José y Ste. 23. de 1833.

Sr. José M<sup>a</sup> de Jesus Gom?

Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

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 Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos  
 treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por el apremio oficina para los años de  
 1831 y 1832.

Compañia de laballeria del real Periodo de San  
 Fran<sup>co</sup> = fili enon = pres = pres = In = José Maria  
 Omeador hijo de D<sup>o</sup> Pedro y de D<sup>a</sup> Ramona  
 Noriega natural del Periodo de S<sup>o</sup> Francisco dep  
 - endente del coronamiento del Gob<sup>o</sup> de Monterey  
 y arrolado en el Pueblo de San José en oficio lampista  
 en su estatura 5 pies, pulgadas y lineas, su edad  
 veinte y quatro años su Religión P. A. N. sus señas  
 estas: pelo y cejas castaño ojos pavelos, nariz regular  
 color tropeno, bari lampista, sentor plena voluntaria  
 mente por diez años, en el referido periodo de  
 S. Fran<sup>co</sup> el dia quince de Octubre = de mil ocho  
 - cientos diez y ocho = y se le lettera las penas que  
 previene la ordenanza y adisiones a ella. y por  
 no saber firmar hizo la señal del cruce, quedando  
 advertido de que la justificacion y vote servira  
 de disculpar alguna, fiendolo testigos el cabo  
 José Redles Benetteya y el capataz D<sup>o</sup> José Moraga  
 otino su casado = Luis Arguello =

José Guadalupe Moraga. = José Belles Berrayeta.  
Notas. =

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El C. Mariano G. Vallejo, Comand<sup>te</sup> de la Comp<sup>a</sup>  
de Caball<sup>os</sup> Permanente de S. Francisco.

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Certifico que la copia que antecede es sacada de la  
original y existe en el archivo de la Comand<sup>ta</sup> de  
mi mando.

S. Fran<sup>co</sup> 21 de Mayo de 1833.

M. G. Vallejo.

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Sello Terceero Dos reales.

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Subalterna Interina del puerto de Monterrey de  
la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos  
treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por el espediente opina para los años  
de 1833 y 1834.

Monterrey. Dic<sup>te</sup> 10. de 1833.

Don al Alcalde del Pueblo de San José Guadalupe  
ante quien la parte de José María Aguador produce  
una suplicacion de tres testigos idoneos que sean  
interrogados sobre los puntos siguientes: 1<sup>o</sup> Si el  
solicitante es Ciudadano Mexicano por nacimiento  
Si es casado y tiene hijos, Si es de buena conducta  
2<sup>o</sup> Si el terreno que pretende pertenece a la  
propiedad de algun particular, Mision, pueblo  
o Corporacion: Si es de regadío temporal o abrevado  
y que estension tendrá. 3<sup>o</sup> Si tiene bienes de campo  
con que poblarlo o posibilidad de adquirirlos. Vaca  
- adas estas diligencias, vuelva el espediente para  
su resolucion. El Sr. D. José Figueroa General de  
Brigada, Comandante Gen<sup>l</sup> Imp<sup>o</sup> y Jefe Sup<sup>o</sup>  
Politico de la Alta California asi lo mandó, decretó  
y firmo de que oyo fe.

tró. José Figueroa. Agustín V. Camorano. Srío.

10. S. D. H.

Sello Terceero Dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion  
de la Aduana de Monterrey para los años de

mil ochocientos treinta y tres y mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa.

José Rafael Gouzales.

Concurren al sup<sup>o</sup> decreto que antecede de fecha 16 del que corre y estampa en el memorial del e<sup>o</sup> José M<sup>o</sup> Amador en cuya virtud este Ayuntamiento hizo comparecer al interesado a quien y igualmente se le pedieron los h. testigos necesarios y presentó al C. Carlos Castro Linauro Flores y Luis Chaveso.

En el mismo tiempo se ase presentar al primero el juraba de ver bondad en todo lo que se leba a interrogar Digo que si que se llama Carlos Antonio Castro natural de la villa del pinto casado y su oficio gobierno y que conoce al e<sup>o</sup> José M<sup>o</sup> Amador p<sup>o</sup> con data ocuroado Mexicano de nacimiento casado desquidos nupcias con 3 de familia que el cito que pretende sabe que pertenecía en un tiempo a la Micion de S. José mas en el dia esta desocupado que es de temporal únicamente y abrevadero que su extensión regula de 3 a 4 Seguas y que tiene sobrados bienes de campo pa poblarlo lo que firmo y ologee.

Salvio Pacheco.

Carlos Castro.

Tomás Pacheco. Castañanes.

En el mismo dia se yfo comparecer al segundo testigo Leonardo Flores y preguntado de Juraba de ver bondad en todo lo que se leba a interrogar Digo que si que se llama Linauro Flores, natural del Presidio de Sta. Barbara casado con 3 de familia que conosa al e<sup>no</sup> José Maria Amador de conducta ocuroado Mexicano de nacim<sup>to</sup> y que ha que lo conoce mas de 10 años, casado con 3 de familia que el terreno que este solicita sabe que esta desocupado a aunque en un tiempo lo ocupaba la Micion de San José que solo es de temporal y abrevadero y que le considero la extensión de 3 a 4 Seguas en circunferencia que tiene sobrados campos pa ocuparlo de lo que

olofse y p<sup>o</sup> no saber firmar lo así con la señal de cruz.  
Salvio Pacheco.

Licauvo Flores. Tomas Pacheco. Cuernavacas.

En este momento se yso comparecer al tercer testigo Luis Chaboya y preguntado si juraba decir verdad en todo lo que se le va a interrogar. Digo que si se juraba Luis Chaboya, casado natural del Presidio de S<sup>o</sup> Francisco que conuse al intercedido José Maria Amador de conduto onrado Mexicano de nacimiento que es casado con B de familia que el terreno que este solicita esta desocupado que en un tiempo tenia la Mitcion de San José Guadalupe que solo es de temporal y abrevadero que le regula la extension de 3 a cuatro leguas que sabe tiene mas de mil reses p<sup>o</sup> poblarlo con lo que quedo concluido el auto de q. olofse.

Pueblo de S. José Guadalupe. Febr. 23 de 1833.

Salvio Pacheco. Luis Chaboya.

Tomas Pacheco.

12. F. D. K.

Sello terreno Dos reales.

Habilitado porcionadamente por la Administracion de la Armada Maritima de Montevrey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y tres, y mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa.

José Rafael Gurrules.

Montevrey. Enero. 22 de 1834.

Vista la peticion con que se p<sup>o</sup>ncipio este expediente el informe de la autoridad Municipal del Pueblo de S<sup>o</sup> José Guadalupe el del Comandante Militar del Presidio de San Francisco, el del R. P. Ministro de la M<sup>o</sup>cion de San José la exposicion de testigos con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver convido de congruencia con lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia se declara a José Maria Amador dueño en propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon colindante con el Rio yba de la llamada de este nombre de Norte a Sur y de Este a Oeste con las tierras laterales Augusto a la izquierda y

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que se estipularon; librese el despacho correspondiente tomese razon en el libro respectivo y diligencie este expediente para la debida aprobacion de la Exma. Diputacion Territorial en cuyo caso el interesado a quien se le hubi' saber este decreto, presentara' nuevamente su titulo para que se le revalide. El Sr. D. Jose' Figueroa General de Bayuda, Comandante General, Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico del Territorio de la Alta Calif<sup>a</sup> asi lo mando decretó y firmo de que doy fe.

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13. SDK.

Jose' Figueroa. Agustín V. Zamora. Sr.

En veinte y ocho dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro habiendo ocurrido a esta Secretaria el ciud<sup>no</sup> Dolores Pacheco a nombre del Ciud<sup>no</sup> Jose' Maria Amador se le hizo saber el decreto que antecede del Sr. Jefe que lo oye y queda conforme con este responcio y para la debida constancia lo firmo con miigo el Secretario.

Agustin V. Zamora.  
Dolores Pacheco.

Monterrey. Julio 28 de 1834.

Previamente pase a la Seleccionada Diputacion Territorial para su aprobacion.

Figueroa.

Monterrey. Julio 29 de 1834.

En sesion de este dia acordó la E. Diputacion pase este expediente a las comisiones unidas de colonizacion y terrenos baldios.

Figueroa. Jose' Maria Mealdonado. Sr.  
E. Sor.

14. SDK.

Las comisiones unidas de colonizacion y terrenos baldios impuestos del Expediente que se mandó practicar p<sup>a</sup> pretencion que el Ciud<sup>no</sup> Jose' M<sup>o</sup> Amador hizo del parage llamado San Ramon y no encont<sup>o</sup> en el objecion alguna que hacer si en lo en todo conforme con la ley de 18 de A<sup>to</sup> de 1824 y el art<sup>o</sup> 5<sup>o</sup> del reglamento de 25 de A<sup>to</sup> de 1828 ofrese a la deliberacion de esta Exma. Diputacion

la siguiente proposicion. Se aprueba la concesion hecha al ciuud<sup>o</sup> José M<sup>o</sup> Anuador del parage nombrado San Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834. Monterrey. 30 de Julio de 1834.

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José A. Estudillo. Carlos Ant<sup>o</sup> Carrillo.

José F. Ortega. José Castro.

Se da cuenta a la E. Deputacion en sesion de hoy con el anterior dictamen, aprobó la E. Deputacion la unica proposicion en q. concluye que dice.

„ Se aprueba la concesion hecha al C. José Maria Anuador del parage nombrado San Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834. „

Y en consecuencia se devuelve el expediente al S. G. L. Político para su curso. Monterrey. Julio 31 de 1834.

José Figueroa. José M<sup>o</sup> Malolouando. Srío.

Sello tercero Dos Reales.

15. S. D. H.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Armada Maritima de Monterrey por los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. Rafael Guzman.

Monterrey. Aq<sup>te</sup> 29 de 1834.

En vista del acuerdo de la Exma. Deputacion Territorial del dia 31 de Julio ultimo en confirmacion del terreno de San Ramon pretendido por el Ciudadano José Maria Anuador: librese el titulo respectivo: tomese razon en el libro a que corresponde y entreguese al interesado para su resguardo y demás fines. El Sr. D. José Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político de la Alta California así lo mandó decretó y firmó de que doy fe.

José Figueroa. Agustin V. Ramonano. Srío.

16. S. D. H.

José Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana y Comandante General Inspector

Jose Figueroa Secretario de la Comandancia General Gubernativa  
 Mexicana y Comandante General Gubernativa  
 y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta  
 California.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano José María Amador  
 Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su  
 beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno  
 envejado con el nombre de S<sup>o</sup> Ramon, colindante  
 con la Mision de San José, Arroyo de S. Ramon  
 y la Sierra, practicadas previamente las diligencias  
 y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto por  
 leyes y reglamentos, usando de las facultades que  
 me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo  
 de la Exma. Diputación Territorial del día 31 de  
 Julio p. p.<sup>o</sup> aprobando la concecion del citado terreno  
 de San Ramon echo en decreto de 24 de Enero del  
 presente año al referido Ciudadano José María Amador  
 a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en  
 concederle el repetido terreno declarandole la propi-  
 edad de el por las presentes letras y sujeto a las  
 condiciones siguientes.

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1<sup>o</sup> Que se someterá a las condiciones que  
 estableciere el reglamento que se ha de formar  
 p.<sup>a</sup> la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que  
 entretanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podran  
 dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica: ni poner  
 censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen  
 aunque sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo a  
 manos muertas.

2<sup>o</sup> Podrá sercarlo, sin perjudicar las  
 traversias, caminos y servidumbres: podrá serlo  
 libre y esclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo  
 que mas le acomode: q.<sup>o</sup> dentro de un año  
 a lo mas fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3<sup>o</sup> Podrá solicitar del Jefe respectivo q.  
 le dé posesion Juridica en virtud de este  
 despacho por el cual se señalaran los linderos  
 en cuyos limites podrá a mas de las mencion-  
 eras algunos arboles frutales o sembrar de

de alguna utilidad.

4.<sup>o</sup> El terreno de que se hace mención es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor segun esplica el diseño que corre en el expediente. El Quez que tiene la posesion lo hará medir conforme a ordenanza: quedando el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

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5.<sup>o</sup> Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perderá su derecho a los terrenos y será denunciado por otro.

En consecuencia mandado que teniendo se firme y valderno este título se tome razon de él en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y otros fines. Dado en Monterrey a 1.<sup>o</sup> de Agosto de 1834. - José Figueroa. - Agustín N. Imurriano. *pro*

19. S. D. H.

Sello Primero seis pesos.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la administración de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

(Seal) Figueroa. Rafael Gouzales.

José Figueroa, General de Brigada del Ejército Nacional de la Republica Mexicana, Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior del Policia del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el ciudadano José Maria Amador Mexicano ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia, el terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon y la Sierra: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos respecto de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Seleccionada Diputación territorial del dia treinta y uno de Julio proximo pasado aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de San Ramon echa en virtud de veinte y seis de Enero del presente año al

de veinte y seis de Enero del presente año al referido ciudadano José María Amador: o nombre de la Nación mejicana he venido en conferirle el repetido terreno, declarándole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras y sujeto a las condiciones siguientes.

1.<sup>o</sup> Que se someterá a las que estableciere el reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribución de terrenos baldíos y que entretanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica: imponer censo, vínculo, finca hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni putarlo a manos muertas.

2.<sup>o</sup> Podrá llevarlo sin perjudicar las Arroyos, Caminos y Servidumbres: lo disfrutará libre y esclusivamente destinándolo al uso o cultivo que más le acomode: pero dentro de un año a lo más fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3.<sup>o</sup> Solicitara' del Yuez respectivo que le dé la posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se señalaran los linderos en lugares límites por una a' mas de las molineras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4.<sup>o</sup> El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado Mayor segun está en el pliego que corre en el expediente. El Yuez que tiene la posesion lo hará medir conforme a' ordenanza, quedando el sobrante que resulte a' la nacion para los usos convenientes.

5.<sup>o</sup> Si contraviere a' estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será inalienable por otro.

En consecuencia mando que legitime por firme y valido este titulo se tome razón de él en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su guarda y gozo firme. Dado en Montevideo a primera de Agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

José Figueroa. Agustín V. Zamorano. Sr.

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21. D.H. Questa tomada razón de este título sobre adquisición de terrenos a fojas cuarenta y seis. Numero cuarenta y cuatro. que obra en la Secretaría de mi cargo. En Montevideo a cuatro de Agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.  
Zamorano.

22. D.H. Mancho de S. Ramon. Julio 5 de 1833.  
Sr. D. José Figueroa.

Al respetado Gral. y Señor. despues de haberlo con el respecto debido. pose amolestarlo, y es que espero de su bondad benigna se digna mandar lo autorizar mi segundo expediente que V. S. presente en la Misión de S<sup>ta</sup> José: en mi nombre y en mi nombre como Comandante de la Misión de San José en mi nombre y en el de Pacheco. hago a V. S. esta suplica de mis papeles por hallarme actualmente en pliego con mis vecinos, Montolo Pacheco y Mauricio Castro y estimo que V. S. se digna hacer lo que mande mis otras papeles para llevarme definitivos con mis otras tierras y con este juramento de no poderlo peder V. S. mandar ha en un menor subdito que azeito. B. S. M.

José Maria Amador.

note. By the Surveyor Genl. of the United States. The following is the exterior demerits to the above letter.

Al Sr. D<sup>o</sup> José Figueroa, Gral. Encargado de los Ejercitos Mexicanos y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio.

23. D.H.

Contestación.

Sr. D. José M<sup>o</sup> Amador.

Montevideo. Julio 11 de 1835.

El segundo expediente que en su carta me dice presentar ha sido scrupulosamente buscado en la escritura i no se ha encontrado por lo que tendra q. responder la presentada otra nueva, aunque se le haran seguir

la presentada otro nuevo, al que se le hayan seguido

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otro nuevo, al que se le hayan seguido sus linderos sin delacion es justificado si la tierra esta medida i cuada son los linderos, todo lo que se mira al expediente prometivo que es el que sustentaba.

Secretario. Soi su ofno. J.F.

M.D.M.

Sello tereno Dos reales.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Administracion de la Aduana Mexicana de Monterrey de la Alta California, para los años de mil ochocientas treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

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Figueroa.

A. Ramirez.

Monterrey. Julio 24. de 1835.

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| <p>Informe el Sr. D. P. M. de la Mision de San Jose lo terreno que solicita el interesado en esta instancia por ese o por la Union. El Sr. D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Político de la Alta California así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe.</p> | <p>El Luisadeano José Ma. Amador ante V. S. con el debido respeto comparece haciendo presente que si existe evidencia de haberse perdido un documento en que solicite la posesion de un terreno adyacente al sitio que ya poseo he temido que reiterar la misma solicitud heudo el espresado terreno de mil y ochocientos varas medidas desde una linea deseguada como linderos de las tierras de la Mision de San Jose hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del alamillo (tanto lo que se espresa en el diseño que ya he presentado) en donde estoy fabricando una casa de adobe. A. V. S. Por lo que Suplico se dignen de proveer como me ha perdido jenuando no ser de malicia. Le.</p> |
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Jose Figueroa.

Fco del Castillo Negrete mi.

Jose Ma. Amador.

Mision de San-Jose. y Julio. 18 de 1835.

D. S. S. d. K.

Sor. Jefe Superior Político.

He visto el superior decreto de V. S. el día 24 del corriente en el que se me ordena informar si el terreno que

Solicita el ciudadano José María Amador pertenese ó no á la Misión, y obsecante siempre á las ordenes de V. S. digo: si es indubitablemente perteneciente este terreno á la Misión de mi cargo.

S. José. y Julio 28 de 1835.

Fr. José M<sup>o</sup> de Jesus Guet.

Monterrei Agosto 1<sup>o</sup> de 1835.

Quelva este Expediente al Sr. P<sup>o</sup> Ministro de la Misión de S. José, para que espese si se podrá ó no conceder á Amador el terreno que pretende si lo posee ó se le ha permitido ocupar, en el caso de prestamo, ó si se perjudica la Misión si se para falta dicho terreno: informará igualmente todo lo q. se le ofusca relativo a este negocio. El Sr. D. José Figueroa, General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana, Comandante Grad.

26. D. M.

Ello Fereeno Los Reales.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la administracion de la Armada Mexicana de Monterrey de la Alta California, para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco. A. Moreno.

Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del territorio de la Alta California así lo mando, decreto y firmo de que doy fe.

José Figueroa,

De lo del castillo negro. Srio.

José Jefe. Sup<sup>o</sup> Político.

El terreno que se en este expediente se solicita y ocupa á la fta. el C. José M<sup>o</sup> Amador, no en calidad de prestamo sino con el objeto de solicitarlo de ese Superior Gobierno aunque seria muy útil a esta Misión de mi cargo, no lo contemplo necesario para este como principalmente el parage llamado S. Manuel, cediendo ya antes antes p<sup>o</sup> esta comunidad en favor del estado Amador, tiene la precisa conviccion y servidumbre

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de admitir las bovegas de esta Mision siempre que  
le conveniga: de consiguiente, no lo consueple este  
terreno como necesario e indispensable le tiene puede  
V.S. si fuere de su superior agrado el agraciado  
con el al que lo solicita.

Esto es por todo lo que me ocurre de exponer  
a V.S. conforme al superior decreto del 5 del corriente.

S. José y Agosto 3. de Agosto de 1835.

D. F. M<sup>de</sup> de Jesus Gou<sup>n</sup>.

Monterrey. Agosto. 4. de 1835.

Vista la peticion con que dá principio este expediente  
la impugnacion del Ayuntamiento del Pueblo de  
S. José Guadalupe, el informe del Comandante  
Militar de S. Man<sup>do</sup> el del B. A. Ministro de la  
Mision de S. José la exposicion de testigos, las solicitudes  
que con fecha 18 de Julio de este año preta pidiendo  
ampliacion, con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente  
i ver convenio de conformidad con lo dispuesto por  
las leyes i reglamentos de la materia se declaró  
a D<sup>o</sup> José Maria Amador, dueño en propiedad

25. S.D.H.

Sello tercero dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion  
de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la U<sup>ta</sup>  
California, para los años de mil ochocientos treinta  
y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. A. Ramirez.

del terreno conocido con la ampliacion que debió  
el interese de mil ochocientos varas desde una  
linea distinguida como lindero de las tierras de  
la Mision de S. José, hasta el ojo de agua nomb-  
rado del alarito que le servian de linderos  
menciones, sujeto a las condiciones que se estipul-  
aron. Leñese el despacho correspondiente, tomarse  
razon en el libro respectivo y dirigirse este exped-  
iente p<sup>a</sup> la devota aprobacion a la D<sup>na</sup>. S<sup>ra</sup>.  
Territorial en cuyo caso el interesado a quien  
se le haga saber este decreto procurara ante

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su título para que se le revalide. El S. D. José Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante Gral. Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California, así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe.

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29. S. D. N.

José Figueroa. T.º del Castillo Negro S.º  
José M.º Anador.

n.º 64. José Figueroa General de Brigada de la República Mexicana, Comandante General i Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el Sr. José María Anador ha pretendido para su beneficio personal i el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon y la tierra Practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes, segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas i de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Junta. D.º Territorial al dia veinte y uno de Julio pp.ºº aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de San Ramon hecha en decreto de veinte y dos de Enero del año pp.ºº de 1831, al referido José María Anador a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en conferirle el repetido terreno con la ampliacion que se le concedio por el decreto de catorce de Agosto de este año, declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras i sujeto a las condiciones siguientes.

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1.ª Que se someterá a las que establece el Reglamento que se ha de formar p.ª la Subvencion de terrenos baldios i que entre tanto ni el comprador ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica, imponer seuso, vinculo, fianza hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa preciosa ni pasarlos a manos muertas.

2.ª Podrá ser usado sin perjudicar las haciendas y servidumbres: lo disfrutará libre y esclusivamente deteniendo el uso i cultivo que mas le

que mas le acomode p<sup>o</sup> dentro de un año a lo mas fabricará casa i estará abitada.

3<sup>o</sup> Solicitara del Guex respectivo que le de jurisdiccion y jurisdiccion en virtud de este despacho p<sup>o</sup> el cual se señalaran los linderos en cuyos limites podran a mas de las maderas algunos arboles frutales frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4<sup>o</sup> El terreno que se hace mención es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor con un aumento i ampliacion de mil y ochocientos v. y p<sup>o</sup> decreto de febrero de Agosto se le concedio en este presente año entendiendose esta ampliacion desde una linea obliqua como lindero de las tierras a la Nacion de San José hasta el ojo de agua nombrado el Manillo como el diseño que corre en el expediente. El Guex que tiene la posesion la avrà medir conforme a orden -anza quedando el sobrante que resalte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

5<sup>o</sup> Si contraviniere a estas condiciones podra su decreto al terreno i sera denunciado p<sup>o</sup> otro.

En consecuencia mando que teniendose por firme y valedero este título se tome razon de él en el libro que corresponde i se entregue al interesado para su resguardo i fines. Dado en Monterrey a diez y siete de agosto de 1835.

Agosto 24. de 1835.

En Sesion de esta obra acordó la l. Diputacion pasar a la comision de terrenos baldios

Figueroa. José M<sup>o</sup> Maldonado. Sr.  
Excmo. Sr.

La comision de terrenos baldios impuesta del expediente que se mandó practicar ha prevenido al civ. José M<sup>o</sup> Arce por el terreno nombrado 1<sup>o</sup> Pramon no en contrario en el objeto alguna que haya hecho en tanto conforme a la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1826 como el art<sup>o</sup> 5<sup>o</sup> del Reglamento de 21 de Nbre. de 1828

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32. D.H.

Mre. de 1828 ofese a la deliberacion de V. E. la siguiente  
proposicion.

Se aprueba la concesion hecha al Ciudadano  
Jose M<sup>o</sup> Amador del paraje nombrado 1<sup>o</sup> Nacion  
concedido en diez y siete de Agosto de 1835.

Monterrey. 28. de Agosto de 1835.

Jose Castro.

Agosto 19. de 1839.

En sesion de hoy se aprobo el dictamen que  
antecede y se acordó pase este expediente al S. E. P.<sup>o</sup>  
Conclusion.

Jose Castro. Jose Maria Maldonado

Office of the Surveyor General of the United States  
for California.

I Samuel D. King, Surveyor General  
of the United States for the State of California and  
as such now having in my office and under my  
charge and control a portion of the archives of  
the Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department  
of Upper California do hereby certify that the thirty  
two preceding and herewith annexed pages, of  
tracing paper numbered from one to thirty two  
includive, exhibit true and accurate copies of certain  
documents on file and forming part of the said  
archives in this Office.

In testimony Whereof I have  
herewith signed my name, officially and affixed  
my private Seal (not having seal of office)  
at the City of San Francisco, Cal. this ninth day  
of April 1852.

Samuel D. King.

Surveyor Genl. Cal.

Filed in office. Sept. 20. 1852.

Geo. Fisher. Secy

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Expediente.

Jurisdiction of the Town of San Jose Guadalupe  
No. 44 & 64 In the Year 1833

Expediente

Relating to the place named San Ramon  
solicited by José Maria Amador - 86 //

Fourth Seal one quarter of a Seal.  
Provisionally qualified by the Sub-Commissariat  
ad interim of the Port of Monterey, Upper Calif  
ornia for the years 1831 & 1832

Ratified by the said Office for the years  
1833 & 1834

J. P.

J. P.

To the Commandant General.

Citizen José Maria Amador with all due respec  
t before you appears by means of this writing  
representing that having made an application for  
a place named "Las Juntas" to the Gentlemen  
your predecessors up to this date he has got no  
decision for neither of the times applications made  
by him already; said place is twelve leagues  
a little more or less distant from the Mission  
of San José towards North for having been the  
nearest places occupied by the immediate Mission  
and it having granted them in the year last past;  
& pleasing the applicant best a place named  
"San Ramon" (seven leagues distant from this  
Mission to the North) for the breeding of stock  
black cattle and steed of horses for a agreee  
there for the support of his family; Having  
proposed it to the Rev. F. Presid. of the Mission  
whether it would be to the inconvenience of the  
said Mission to breed in said place stock of  
cattle & horses & he answering that it does not  
he has breeded therein a number of six hun  
dred head of black cattle, a steed of mares  
fifty horses, five yokes of Oxen & beett in  
said place an adobe house of twenty eight  
varas, & an Orchard for fifteen hundred stocks  
of wine & fifty fruit trees; & having been little  
more to be necessary to the gift he solicits  
1<sup>st</sup>. For being a native of the Country. &

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2nd. for his father having been a settler of these  
lands & after having been a settler he served in  
the Military Career 47 years & the party interested  
having served the Militia 8 years & the Country  
10 years & 5 months

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Wherefore he prays you to  
grant him said place in consideration of the  
above statement, & I shall find it necessary  
& for which I shall ever thank

Mipim of San Jose April 13th. 1833

(Signed) Jose Maria Amador

Monterey April 24th 1833

In conformity with the  
laws on the subject, let the Ayuntamiento of the  
port of San Jose Guadalupe report whether  
the party has the provided requisites to be  
attended in his application; whether the land  
he solicits is included in the 20 limitary  
Leagues or in the 10 littoral ones mentioned  
in the Law of 18 of August 1834 whether it  
has appertained or it appertains to private  
property Corporation of Town, or is it known  
to be vacant, with all other matters concerning  
the subject; Making the party present the  
sketch of the Land he solicits to be annexed  
to this decree

(Signed) Figueroa

In compliance with the Superior decree I have  
to state that the party is a Native citizen;  
he has served the Country in the  
Militia, of honorable conduct; he is married  
& with a family of three sons, with a handsome  
Cattle to obtain a trace; & is industrious;  
The trace applied for has been vacant, & is  
from the house, which is of all of 28 Varas  
towards the North a league & three quintas  
to the place of "San Ramon" above mentioned  
& from these to the South, where the sketch  
shows the lagoon, runs one league, which  
the Mission of San Jose occupied at one  
time, being bounded thereby, this is amidst the  
jurisdiction; it is not in the 10 littoral leagues

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up to the sea, which impies to the Port of San Francisco, although it has the top of the narrow mountain & although it is not <sup>in the place</sup> "el alamo del General Cipriano" which he mentions, but the confines there of and the place named "el alamo del General Cipriano" Town of San Jose Guadalupe. May 13th 1833  
(Signed) Felicio Pacheco

Monterey May 15th 1833.

Let the Military Commandant of San Francisco report on the particulars to which this Expediente refers; & let the party has service in the Military be annexing hereto a copy of his personal description "Felicion", after his report having been made, let this Expediente be referred to the Gov of Mexico of the Mexican of San Jose for the same purpose who at request & at solicitation will be pleased to report as it may seem to him

(Signed) Figueroa

(Signed) Augustin V. Samorano Secretary

Mr. Superior Polite Chief

Pursuant to the decree of the the 15th Instance which your Honor entered on the Memorial of Citizen Jose Ma. Amador I state that in my opinion the party mentioned has the requisites provided to be attended in the application to which this report refers. That the tract of land he solicits is not San Ramon, for from his house is to "San Ramon" there are leagues and three quarters; the Mexican of San Jose has quitted the said place a little over a year; the land the Applicant seeks to obtain is not included in the 20 limiting leagues with any foreign Nation, nor in the 10 littoral ones, which the Article 4th. of the Law of 18th. of August 1834 refers

San Francisco May 21st 1833

(Signed) José Sanchez

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Mr. Superior Potetic Chief

The trace of land asked for in this Expediente, by no means I conceive to be comprehended under the Law N. 18 of Aug. 1st of 1824; and although it only appears to this Community I do not think it necessary to it; but only when the sheep &c are infested with any plague and need to be removed to another place for their preservation; but in this case the petitioner promises to receive the sheep &c. at any time, & in any part of the place named "San Ramon" which is the only one that he solicits & which is marked out in the annexed plan by a black line & which this Mepion can only cede, attending to the honesty & laboriousness of the applicant.

Mepion of San José Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833

(Signed) Fray J. Ma de

José González

Leavelly Company of the Royal garrison of San Francisco - feet - inches - lines -  
 José María Amador Son of Mr. Pedro & of Mrs. Ramona Noriega Native of the Presidio of San Francisco, a dependant of the Corregimiento of the Government of Monterey Residing in the Town of San José, a Yeoman by trade his height 5 feet inches & lines - twenty four years Old, his religion P. C. & C. his marks are these: - hair and eye brows of Chestnut Color, Eyes of Mock Sea, regular nose, of a brownish complexion, beard deep; he voluntarily entered into the service for ten years in the same presidio of San Francisco On the 15<sup>th</sup> of October of the year 1818; & the penalties provided by the ordinance & additions thereto were read to him & for not being able to sign he made a mark of a cross being admonished that it is for his Reservance & nothing shall excuse him from it - being elected Corporal, José Reyes Barayosa, & Licente Don. José Moraga said to be married  
 (Signed) Luis Arguello

José Gerónimo Moraga, X

José Reyes Barayosa = Notes =

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Citizen Mariano G Vallijo Commandant of the  
Company of Cavalry of the line of San Francisco.  
I certify that the foregoing copy is taken from the  
Original Existing in the file in the Office under my  
Command.

San Francisco. May 31<sup>st</sup> 1833

(Signed) M. G Vallijo

Monterey December 16<sup>th</sup> 1833

Let it be referred to the  
Magistrate of the Town of San Jose *Seaca de alcego*  
before whom the party Jose Amada shall produce  
an information by those competent witnesses;  
who shall be interrogated about the following  
points -

1<sup>st</sup> Whether the Applicant is a Mexican citizen  
by birth; whether he is married & has any chil-  
dren; whether he is of good reputation;

2<sup>a</sup> Whether the tract he solicits appertains to the  
property of any private individual, Mission,  
Town or Capitanía, whether it is susceptible  
of irrigation, or dependant upon the sea, or  
a pasture land, and what extent it may  
have -?

3<sup>o</sup> Whether he has any Cattle with which to  
stock it, or probability of acquisition - After  
these informations having been taken let the Expe-  
diente be returned for its decision -

Sr Don Jose Figueroa, Brigadier General, Com-  
mandant General, Inspector & Superior Police  
Chief for the Upper California, thus Commanded  
Decided & Signed which I attest

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

( " ) Augustin <sup>of</sup> Lamana Secy

Pursuant to the foregoing Superior Decree bearing  
date the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. entered on the Minutes  
of Citizen Jose de Amada - in <sup>virtue</sup> whereof this  
Ayuntamiento caused the party interested to  
appear, of whom likewise were required the  
necessary witnesses; he produced Carlos  
Castro, Leonardo Flores & Luis Lechaboya; at  
the same time the former one was caused to  
state whether he would swear to tell the truth

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in all matters upon which he shall be interrogated - he states he would; that his name is Carlos Antonio Castro, Native of the Town of "Huante", he is married, & a soap maker by trade, and that he knows Citizen Jose Maria Amada of honorable department, Mexican by birth, married of second marriage, thus three children; that he knows the tract asked for to be occupied one time to the Mission of San Jose, but at this time it is unoccupied it is only dependant upon the seasons of pasture land; that he calculates its extent from 3 to 4 leagues; & that he has abundant cattle to stock therein - To which I sign my name & attest -

(Signed) Salvo Pacheco  
( " ) Carlos Castro  
( " ) Tomas Pacheco Secy

On the same day the second election of Leonardo Flores was caused to appear & asked whether he would tell the truth in every matter, upon which he should be interrogated, he states he would; that his name was Leonardo Flores a native of the military post of Santa Barbara, married & has 3 children that he knows Citizen Jose Maria Amada, of honorable department, Mexican by birth & that it is for upwards of 30 years that he knows him; he is married & has 3 children, that he knows the tract which the Culla Society to be unoccupied, although at one time the Mission of San Jose occupied that it is only dependant upon the seasons of pasture land & that its extent is considered to be from 3 to 4 leagues in circumference; that he has abundant cattle to stock it which I attest and as he cannot sign, he makes a mark of a cross.

(Signed) Salvo Pacheco  
( " ) Leonardo Flores  
( " ) Tomas Pacheco  
Secretary.

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At this moment the three witnesses Luis Chaboya is caused to appear & asked whether he would swear to tell the truth upon all, which he should be interrogated, he stated he would; that his name is Luis Chaboya Munice, native of the Military post of San Francisco; that he knows the party Jose Maria Amada, of honorable department, Mexican by birth; that he is married & has 3 children; that the land he solicits is unoccupied; that at one time the Mission of San Jose had cattle upon it; that it is dependent upon the seasons, & pasture land; that he estimates its extent from 3 to 4 leagues; that he knows he has resources of one thousand head of cattle to stock it with, where with these proceedings were concluded which I attest.

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Town of San Jose Guadalupe 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1833

(Signed) Salvo Pacheco

( " ) Tomas Pacheco Secy

( " ) Luis Chaboya

Monterey January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1834

In view of the petition where with this Expediente begins, the report of the Municipal authority of the Town of San Jose Guadalupe, that of the Military Commandant of the Presidio of San Francisco, that of the Rev. J. Minister of the Mission of San Jose, the depositions of witnesses, with all the further proceedings had present which was proper to be received; in accordance with the provisions of the laws & regulations upon the subject, Jose Maria Amada is declared owner in property of the tract of land known by the name of "San Ramon" bounded by the River & mouth of the Valley of this name from North to South & from East to West by the lateral mountains; subject to the conditions which shall be stipulated; let a proper dispatch be issued, an entry be made in the respective book of this Expediente be sent to the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation for its due approval; in which case the party

interested, to whom this decree shall be made known, shall necessarily present his title in order to be confirmed, I am Don Jose Figueroa, Brigadier General, Commendant General, Inspector, & Superior Political Chief of the Territory of the Upper California, these Commanded decreed & signed which I attest  
(Signed) Jose Figueroa  
( " ) Augustin V Lamorano  
Secy

On the twenty eighth day of the month of July 1834 Citizen Dolores Pacheco in the name of Citizen Jose Maria Amador having called at this Secretary's Office the foregoing decree of Mr. Superior Political Chief was made known to him & being apprised of it, he states that he heard it & he conforms to it - thus he answered & for proof he signed with myself the Secretary  
(Signed) Augustin V Lamorano  
( " ) Dolores Pacheco

Monterey July 28th 1834

Let it be referred just to the Most Excellent Intendant Department for its approval. (Signed) Figueroa

Monterey July 29th 1834

In Sepcion of this day the Most Excellent Intendant Department has resolved - let this Expediente be referred to the joint Committee on Colonization and Vacant Lands

(Signed) Figueroa

( " ) Jose Maria Maldonado

Most Excellent Sir

The joint Committee on colonization and Vacant Lands having been apprised of the Expediente which was ordered to be performed by an application which Citizen Jose Maria Amador made for the place named San Ramon not having any objection thereto, it being in every respect agreeable with the Law of the 18th. August

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1834 and the article 5th of the Regulation of 21<sup>st</sup> of Nov. 1828 offer for the deliberation of this Most Excellent Deputation the following proposition.

"The grant made to citizen Jose Ma Amador for the place named "San Ramon" granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1834 be approved  
Monterey July 30<sup>th</sup> 1834

(Signed) Jose A Estrella  
(") Carlos Ant<sup>o</sup> Camacho  
(") Jose J Ortega  
(Signed) Jose Leos.

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Account having been given to the Most Excellent Deputation in Spain of to day of the foregoing report, the Most Excellent Deputation approved the only proposition wherein it encage this

"The grant to Citizen Jose Maria Amador of the place named "San Ramon" granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1834 is approved"

Therefore the Expediente is returned to the Superior Potetic Chief for its Coase.  
Monterey July 31<sup>st</sup> 1834

(Signed) Jose Figueroa  
(") Jose Maldonado Secy

Monterey August 1<sup>st</sup> 1834

In view of the resolution of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July last in Confirmation of the tract of Land of "San Ramon" solicited by Citizen Jose Maria Amador, let a title respecting that to be issued; an Entry be made in the proper Book, and let it be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes. Senor Don Jose Figueroa Regua in General, Commanding General Inspector and Superior Potetic Chief for the upper California, thus Commanded decreed and signed  
Which I attest

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

(Signed) Augustin V Zambrano  
Secretary

Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the Mexican Republic, Commandant General of the Mexican Republic, Commandant General Inspector & Superior Potestatal Chief of the Territory of the Upper California:

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Whereas Citizen Jose Maria Amador, Mexican by birth has solicited for his personal benefit & that of his family the tract of Land known by the name of "San Ramon" bounded by the mission of San Jose, Creek of San Ramon & the Mountains, all the steps and investigations <sup>expedients</sup> there <sup>of</sup> having been previously taken according to the dispositions of the Laws & Regulations; Enacting the powers conferred upon me in conformity with the resolution of the most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July last past appearing the grant of the said tract of "San Ramon" made by decree of 22<sup>o</sup> of January of the present year to the said Citizen Jose Maria Amador: in the name of the Mexican Nation I have conferred to him the said land declaring to him the Ownership thereof by these present letters & subject to the following Conditions 1<sup>st</sup> That he shall be bound to those which the Regulation, that is to be formed for the distribution of vacant Lands shall establish and that in the meantime neither the grantee nor his heirs shall dwell or cultivate what is being granted to him, impose ground rent, Enclave, Security Mortgage, or any other liability although for a process Cause nor transfer it to Mortmain

2<sup>o</sup> He may fence it without injury the papers, access and servitudes; he may enjoy it freely and exclusively, applying to the use or Cultivation, that may seem him best; but within One year at the most he shall build a house & it shall be inhabited

3<sup>o</sup> He shall solicit from the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession by virtue of this

by whom the boundaries shall be marked, in the limits of which he shall put besides the same marks some fence or useful forest trees

4th. The land of which mention is made is of four leagues "sitios de ganados Mayor" as it appears by the sketch annexed to the Expediente. The Magistrate giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to ordinance, the surplus thereof to remain to the Nation for the proper uses.

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5th. If he shall contravene these conditions he shall lose his right to the land and it shall be denounced by another.

Wherefore I command that this title being held from Valdez an entry thereof be made in the proper book & it be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes.

Given in Monterey on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1834

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

( " ) Augustin Lamorance  
Secretary

Jose Figueroa, Brigadier General of the National Army of the Mexican Republic Command and General, Inspector & Superior Police <sup>Chief</sup> for the Territory of the Upper California.

Whereas citizen Jose Maria Amador, Mexican by birth, has solicited for his personal benefit & that of his family the tract of Land known by the name of "San Ramon" bounded by the Mission of San Jose, heretofore of San Ramon & the Mountains, all the Steps & investigations concerning thereof having been previously completed taken according to the dispositions of the Decrees & Regulations; Enacting the power conferred upon me, and in conformity with the resolution of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July last past approving the grant of the said tract of San Ramon made by the Decree of 22<sup>nd</sup> of January of the

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present year to the said Citizen Jose Ma. Amador: in the Name of the Mexican Nation I have conferred to him the said lands, declaring to the ownership thereof by these present titles & subject to the following conditions

1<sup>st</sup> That he shall submit to those, which the Regulation, that is to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands, shall establish; and that in the mean time neither the grantee nor his heirs shall divide or alienate what is conceded to him, impose ground rent entail Secrecy Mortgage, or any other liability although for a period of years, nor transfer it to Mortmain.

2<sup>nd</sup>. He shall solicit from the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession by virtue of this despatch, by whom the boundaries shall be marked in the limits of which he shall find besides the land marks some fruit or useful forest trees.

3<sup>rd</sup>. The land of which mention is made, is of four leagues "sitios de ganadero Maya" as shown by the sketch annexed to the Especifico. The Magistrate giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to Occurrence, the Surplus thereof to remain to the Nation for the proper uses.

4<sup>th</sup>. If he shall contravene these conditions he shall forfeit his right to the land & shall be denounceable by another.

Wherefore I command and that this title being held firm valid and entry thereof be made in the proper books it be delivered to the party interested for his Secrecy and other purposes.

Given in Mexico on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1834

(Signed) Jose Figueroa

( " ) Augustin V. Lamorance  
Secretary

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An entry of this title is made of dedicated  
 lands at folio 46 No. 44 which is in the  
 Secretary's Office under my charge.  
 At Monterey On the 4th of August 1834  
 (Signed) Lamorano

Rancho of San Ramon July 5th 1835  
 For Don Jose Sequera  
 My respected General

After saluting you  
 with due respect, I will trouble you, that is  
 I hope from your kind heart you will be  
 pleased to order to be attested my second  
 Expediente which I presented to you at the  
 Mission of San Jose in my name & that  
 of my Companion Dolores Pacheco; I make  
 you this request of my papers for I am  
 at present in a case suit with my neigh-  
 bors, Bartolo Pacheco & Mariano Castro & I  
 shall thank you if you will be pleased  
 to cause my said papers to be sent to me  
 to get rid myself of quarrels with my said  
 neighbors; & so I am sorry to trouble you  
 you may command as you please

Your Obedt Subject  
 (Signed) Jose Ma. Amador

To Señor Don. Jose Sequera, Brigadier General  
 of the Mexican Army, and Superior Politic  
 Chief for the Territory of Monterey  
 Answer

Mr. Jose Ma Amador

Monterey July 11th 1835

The second Expediente which in your letter  
 you say, you have presented, has been care-  
 fully searched in the Secretary's Office & it  
 is not found; therefore you will to replace  
 it, presenting another one; which will be  
 made to follow its course without delay  
 specifying whether the land has been meas-  
 ured & which meets boundaries & all that  
 shall be joined to the first Expediente, which  
 is the one existing in this Secretary's Office

I am - Yours Affly (Signed) J. J.

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Citizen José Ma. Amador before your Honor with due respect appears, representing that in consequence of having been lost one document wherein I solicited possession of a tract of land adjacent to the tract I already possess. I was obliged to reinstate the same application, the said tract being of one thousand & eight hundred varas measured from a line designed as boundary of the lands of the Mission of San José to the Spring named "Alamillo" (all which is mentioned in the sketch that I have already presented where I am building an adobe house.

Therefore I pray your Honor will be pleased to grant as I have above prayed & see among it is not molestous &c

(Signed) José Ma. Amador  
Mission of San José July 18th. 1835

To the Superior Politic Chief

I have seen the Superior decree of your Honor of the 24th Instant in which I am ordered to report, whether the tract of land, that Citizen José Ma. Amador solicits appertains or not to the Mission & always obedient to the orders of your Honor. I state that this tract is immediately appertaining to the Mission under my charge.

San José July 28th 1835

(Signed) Fray José Ma. de P. González

Monterey August 1st 1835

Let this Expediente be returned to the Reverend Minister of the Mission of San José, in order to state, whether the tract of land, which Amador solicits, can be granted to him or not; whether he possesses it, or he was allowed to occupy it by way of loan or whether the Mission is injured, or the said tract is absolutely necessary to him; likewise he will report all that may occur to him, relating to the affair. Señal Don José Figueroa, Brigadier General of the Mexican Republic, Comandante General

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Inspector and Superior Politic Chief of the Territory of the Upper California, these Commenced decreed & signed - which I attest -

(Signed) Jose Figueroa  
(do) Francisco de Castella Negro  
Secretary

Mr. Superior Politic Chief  
The tract of land, which in this Expediente Citizen Jose Ma. Amador solicits & occupies not by way of a loan, but with the object of soliciting it from this Superior Government although it might be useful to this Mission under my Charge; I do not think it necessary in as much as both this & chiefly the place called "San Ramon" granted already by this Community in favor of said Amador, are upon the precise Condition & sure to admit the sheep of this Mission whenever it is to the purpose; consequently I repeat I do not think this tract necessary & indispensable; so your Honn may as well, if pleased, grant to the Applicant -

This is all for that occurs to me to report to your Honn pursuant to the Superior decree of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instance

San Jose August 9<sup>th</sup> 1835

(Signed) Fray Fr. Ma de Jesus Gonz.

Monterey August 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

In view of the petition wherewith this Expediente begins, the report of the Ayuntamiento of the Town of San Jose de Guadalupe, the report of the Military Commandant of San Francisco, that of the River & Minister of the Mission of San Jose, the deposition of witnesses, the application which he made, bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup> of July of this year, asking an amplification, & all the further process which has been presented & was proper to be considered; in conformity with the provisions of the laws & regulations upon the subject Jose Maria Amador is declared Owner in property of the tract of land known

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by the name of "San Ramon" with the am-  
plification which the party solicits of one  
thousand & eight hundred varas from a line  
designated as boundary <sup>of the</sup> land of the Mission  
of San Jose to the spring named "Alumello"  
which will serve to him as interior boundaries  
subject to the conditions which shall be  
stipulated; let a proper despatch be issued  
an entry be made in the proper books and  
this Expediente be directed to the Most Excellent  
Territorial Deputation for their approval; in  
which case the party interested, to whom this  
decree shall be made known, shall produce  
newly his title, that it may be confirmed to  
him. Señor Don Jose Figueroa, Brigadier Gene-  
ral, Comandante General, Inspector & Superior  
Political Chief thus Comanded decreed  
& Signed - Which I Attest.

(Signed) Jose Figueroa  
(Signed) Sr. del Castillo Negrete Secretary

No. 64. Jose Ma. Amador

<sup>Jose Figueroa</sup>  
Brigadier General of the Mexican Republic  
Comandante General, Inspector & Superior  
Political Chief of the Territory of the Upper  
California -

Allhacaso Betizyn Jose Ma. Amador  
Mexican by birth has solicited for his person-  
al benefit and that of his family the trace  
of land known by the name of San Ramon  
bounded by the Mission of San Jose, Creek  
of San Ramon, & the Mountains; all the steps  
and investigations concerning thereto having  
been previously taken according to the pro-  
visions of the laws & Regulations; exercising  
the powers conferred upon me in accordance  
with the resolution of the Most Excellent  
Territorial Deputation of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July  
last past approving the plan of said trace  
of San Ramon, made by decree of twenty  
second of January of the year last past of  
1834 to the said Jose Ma. Amador - in the  
name of the Mexican Nation I have conferred

to him the ownership thereof by these present letters, subject to the following Conditions

1<sup>st</sup> That he shall submit to those which the Regulation to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands shall establish; & that in the meantime neither the grantee nor his heirs shall alienate or alienate what is the adjudication to him, improve ground rent, security Mortgage or other liability, although for a previous cause nor transfer it to another.

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2<sup>nd</sup> He may fence it without incurring the passage & servitudes; he may enjoy it freely and exclusively, applying it to the use or cultivation which may suit him best, but within one year at the most he shall build a house & it shall be inhabited.

3<sup>rd</sup> He shall select the proper Magistrate to give him judicial possession; by virtue of this despatch; by whom the boundaries shall be marked, on the limits of which he shall put besides the land marks some fence or useful fruit trees.

4<sup>th</sup> The tract of which mention is made is of four leagues sitas de ganado Mayor within an increase or extension of one thousand & eight hundred varas which by decree of the 14<sup>th</sup> of August was granted to him in this present year; this extension to be understood to be from a line designated as boundary of the lands of the Merino of "San Jose" to the spring named "Alamello" as mentioned in the sketch, which is annexed to the Expediente, the Magistrate giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to Ordinance, the scraps thereof to remain to the Nation for the proper uses.

5<sup>th</sup>. If he shall contravene these Conditions he shall forfeit his right to the land and it shall be alienable by another.

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Wherefore I command that, this title being held firm and valid & Entry there of be made in the proper Books & be delivered to the party interested for his safety & other uses

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Given at Montevideo on the 17th of August 1835

August 27th 1835

In Session of this day the Most Excellent Department has resolved; let it be referred to the Committee on Vacant Lands

(Signed) Figueroa  
(do) Jose Maria Maldonado  
Secy

Most Excellent Sir

The Committee on Vacant Lands being apprised of the expediente which sees ordered to be formed by application of Citizen Jose Ma Amada for the tract of land named "San Ramon" not finding therein any objection there to being in all accordance with the Law of 18 of August 1824 as with the article 5th of the regulation of 21st of Nov. 1828 - Offus for the celebration of A. E. the following proposition

The grant made to Citizen Jose Ma Amada of the place named "San Ramon" granted on the 17th of August 1835 is approved  
Montevideo 28th of August 1835  
(Signed) Jose Leasto

August 29th 1835

In Session of to day the foregoing proposition was approved and resolved - let this expediente be referred to the Potestical Chief for its conclusion

(Signed) Jose Leasto  
(do) Jose Maria Maldonado  
Secy

Filed in office July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833

Geo. Fisher Secy

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(Seal) Sello Primero Seis pesos.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Ramon

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Original Fille.

José Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana, Comandante Gral. Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico del territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano José Maria

Quador Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido por nacimiento beneficio personal i el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de S. Ramon colindante con la Mision de S. José, Arroyo de S. Ramon i la Sierra: practicadas previamente las diligencias i averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes i reglamentos, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Junta. Deputacion Territorial del dia 31 de Julio p.p.º aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de S. Ramon hecha en decreto de 22 de Enero del año p.p.º de 1835 al referido C.º José M.º Quador: a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en confirmar el repetido terreno con la ampliacion que se le dio por decreto de Extra de Agosto de este año, declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras sujetas a las condiciones siguientes.

1.º Que se someterá a las que establece el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios i que entretanto no se apropiado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza hipoteca u otro gravamen aunque sea por causa pialosa ni pasarlo a otros muertos.

2.º Deberá cercarlo sin perjudicar las tierras

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y semi oscuras: lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente disfrutando lo al uso i cultivo q. mas le acomode: pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricará casa i estará habitada.

3.<sup>o</sup> Solicitada del Quez respectivo que le otó posesión jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se se señalan los linderos en cuyos límites podrá a mas de las matorras algunos arboles frutales i silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4.<sup>o</sup> El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor, con un aumento i ampliacion de mil ochocientos varas que por decreto de tutore de Agosto se le concedio en este presente año extendiéndose esta ampliacion desde una linea designada como lindero de las tierras de la Mision de S. José hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del Manillo como expresa el diseño que corre en este expediente. El Quez que tiene la posesion lo hará medir conforme a lo que el dolo el sobrante que resalte a la Mision para los usos convenientes.

5.<sup>o</sup> Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno i sera denunciado por otro.

En consecuencia mandado que teniéndose por firme y ratificado este título se tome razon de el en el libro que corresponde i se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y otras fines. Dado en Chontorrey a diez i siete de Agosto de mil ocho cientos treinta y cinco.

José Figueroa.

Gran<sup>do</sup> del Castillo Negro Sr.<sup>o</sup>

Esta tomada razon de este título en el libro res correspondiente al folio sesenta y seis. Chontorrey Agosto diez y ocho de mil ocho cientos treinta y cinco.

Sr.<sup>o</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> del Castillo Negro.

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I George Fisher, Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Spanish document in case N<sup>o</sup> 198 wherein José María Amador is claimant vs. the United States and which is now on file in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, Office of the Secretary of above named Commission at the City of San Francisco Cal. this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May. A.D. 1854.

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Geo. Fisher. Secy.

Rec. in Rec. of So. vol. 12. p. 913 to 915.

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Title

(Sealed Paper)

Jose Figueroa Brigadier General of the National  
Foot Army of the Mexican Republic Commanding  
General Inspector and Superior Political Chief of  
the Territory of Upper California

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Whereas Citizen Jose  
Mania Amador Mexican by birth has solicited for his  
personal benefit and that of his family a tract of land  
known by the name of San Ramon bounded by the Mission  
of San Jose Anzures, Cerro of San Ramon and La Lucia (the  
Moon twins) all the steps and investigations concerning  
the same having been previously taken according to the  
dispositions of the Laws and Regulations using the pow-  
-ers that are conferred on me in conformity with the  
resolution of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation  
of the 31st day of July last past approving of the con-  
-cession of the said tract of San Ramon made by decree  
of the 22 January of the present year to said Citizen  
Jose Mania Amador In the name of the Mexican  
Nation I have conferred on him the said tract of land  
declaring to him the ownership thereof by these presents  
and subject to the following conditions

1. That he shall submit to these conditions which  
shall be established by the Regulation to be formed  
for the distribution of vacant lands and that mean-  
-while within the time nor his heirs shall divide or  
-transfer the grant made to him nor impose any  
annuity, entail, pledge, mortgage or other charge  
although for Pious object nor transfer it in any  
-manner

2. He may enclose it without injuring the crossways  
roads and easements he may enjoy it freely and exclu-  
-sively appropriating it to such use or cultivation as  
-may best suit him but within one year at the fourth  
-est he shall erect a house and the same shall  
be inhabited

3. He shall solicit the proper judge to give him

Judicial Possession by virtue of this despatch and the boundaries shall be marked in the limits of which there shall be put besides the land marks some fruit or useful wild Trees

4. The tract of land wherof mention is made is of four Leguas de Ganado Mayor as shown in the map running with the Expediente

The Judge giving the possession shall cause it to be measured according to remain the surplus thereof to be left for the use of the Nation

5. Should he contravene these conditions he shall lose his right to the tract and it shall be an incapable by another

Whence I order that this title being held as firm and valid an entry thereof be made in the proper book and this be delivered to the party interested for his safety and other purposes

Given in Montevideo the 14th of August 1834

José Figueroa  
Agustín Zamorano  
Sextary

An entry of this title is made in the book or expediente of Causas at Page 46 N 44 which is in the Surveyors Office under my charge

Given in Montevideo the 4th of August 1834

Zamorano  
Sextary

Filed in Office September 2nd 1852

Geo Fisher  
Sextary



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Conveyance  
from Amador  
to Norris

Know all men by these presents that we Jose  
Mania Amador and Solida Alviso, wife of the said  
Jose Mania Amador of Contra Costa County State of  
California for and in consideration of the sum of  
Ten thousand and two hundred dollars to us in  
hand paid by Leo Norris of the place aforesaid at  
or before the <sup>making of</sup> delivery of these presents the receipt of which  
is hereby fully expressed and acknowledged

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We have  
given granted bargain sold and conveyed and by  
these presents do give grant bargain sell and convey  
unto the said Leo Norris his heirs and assigns forever  
all of that certain tract of land situated in upper Cal-  
ifornia Contra Costa County and known by the name  
of San Ramon bounded on the North by the Arroyo  
de San Ramon on the East and West by the Sierra  
and on the South by the Mission of San Jose containing  
four (4) leagues with an additional grant of  
eighteen hundred acres South of the Alameda  
spring of the same but before granted to the above  
named Jose Mania Amador by Jose Figueroa  
Constitutional Governor of the Department of Cali-  
fornia under the Government of Mexico by grants  
dated at Monterey on the first day of August one thou-  
sand eight hundred and thirty four and on the first  
of August one thousand eight hundred and  
thirty five and duly recorded in the proper  
books of record in the Republic of the first District  
together with all the estate right title interest  
of power interest and claim and what soever which  
we have or either of us has or in or to the same or  
any part or parcel thereof To have and to hold the  
aforesaid premises with the dwelling houses and  
improvements thereon and all privileges and appur-  
tenances thereunto belonging unto the said Leo Norris  
his heirs executors administrators and assigns for  
ever and we the said Jose Mania Amador and Solida  
Alviso Amador his wife for ourselves our heirs execu-  
tors administrators and assigns do covenant with the  
said Leo Norris his heirs executors administrators  
and assigns That we will and our heirs executors  
administrators and assigns shall warrant and  
defend the said Leo Norris his heirs execu-  
tors administrators and assigns in the premises by these presents

granted and described against all lawful claims  
 whatsoever Provided hereafter that it is ex-  
 - pressly understood that there is a reserve of a piece  
 of land containing fifteen hundred varas square  
 which was sold to Jeremiah Fuller prior to the  
 date of this deed situated and lying south of the  
 claimed Spring by a deed bearing date on the 28  
 - th of October A D eighteen hundred and fifty a  
 further description of said land can be had by ref-  
 - erence to said deed now on record in Martiney in  
 Contra Costa County also another tract of land  
 adjoining of the same dimensions conveyed to Mich-  
 - ael Murray by Jose Maria Amador a further dis-  
 - cription of said land can be had by examination of  
 the records in the town of Martiney Contra Costa  
 County also one thousand a varas by two thousand  
 varas sold to Samuel Russell where his house now  
 stands to be situated by said Russell according to  
 contract and decree of the District Court of Contra  
 Costa County also possessing one league of land  
 lying on the Eastern portion of the Rancho

In witness whereof we Jose Maria Amador and Soledad  
 Alonso Amador have hereunto set our hands and  
 affixed our seals on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October A D  
 one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Soledad Alonso and  
 Juliana in the presence of  
 James Walsh  
 Jm Ferris

José Maria <sup>his</sup> Amador Seal  
 Soledad Alonso <sup>mark</sup> Amador Seal

State of California  
 County of Contra Costa  
 On this twenty fifth day  
 of October A D 1851 personally  
 appeared before me the under signed the said Jose  
 Maria Amador known to me to be the person who  
 executed the foregoing instrument signed the same  
 in my presence and acknowledged the same to be  
 his free act and for the purposes therein expressed  
 also appeared Soledad Alonso wife of the said Jose  
 Maria Amador also known to me and separate  
 and apart from her husband acknowledged that  
 she executed the said instrument voluntarily and  
 with release of answer the said instrument being first  
 read and explained to her before my hand with the  
 seal of the County Court affixed the day and year aforesaid  
 J. A. Brown Clk Co. Court By W. Brown Deputy

Seal of the County Court affixed the day and year appearing  
in the margin of the original instrument

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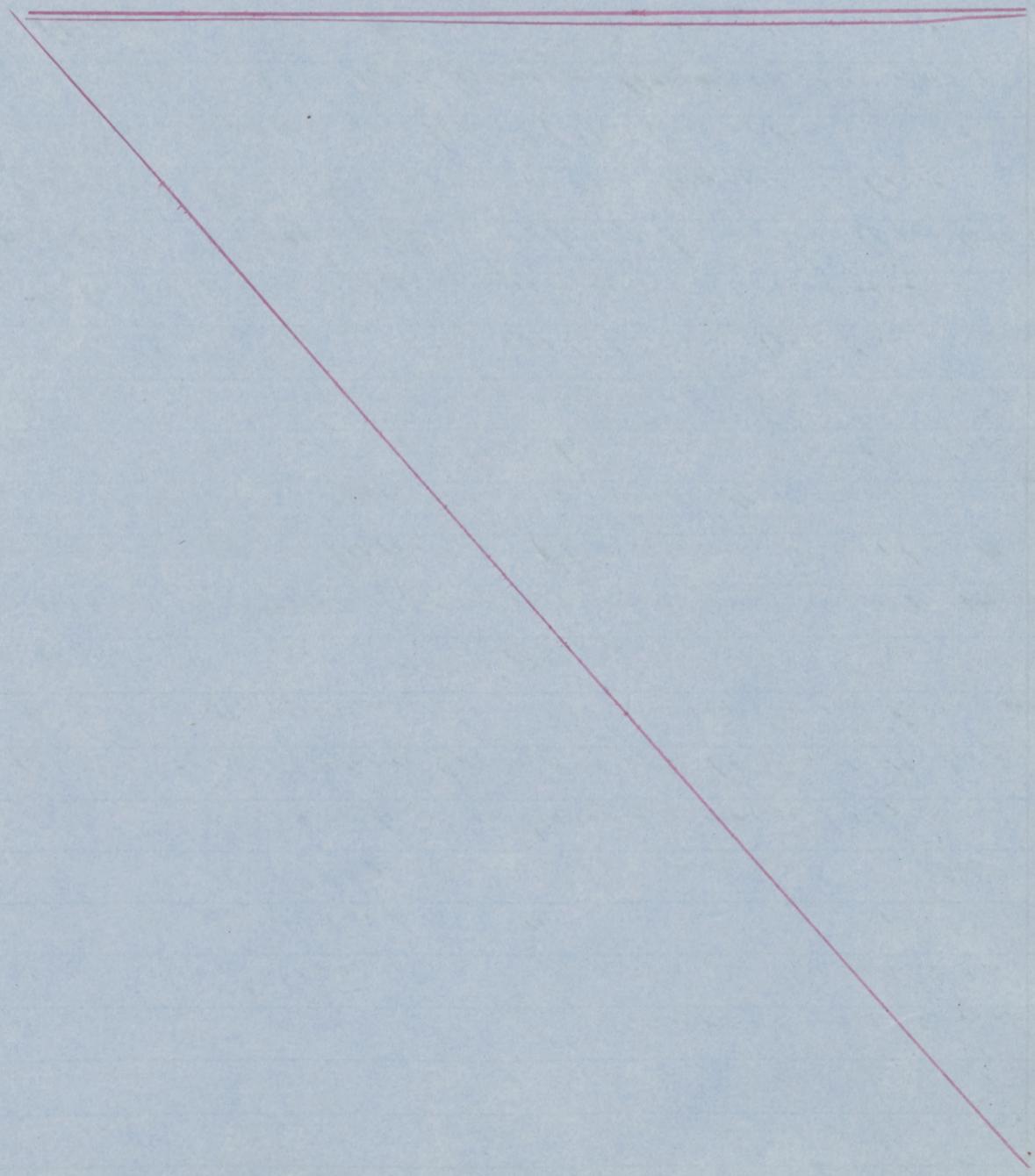
State of California }  
Contra Costa County }

The foregoing instrument was  
filed in the office of County Recorder of Contra Costa  
County for Record on the 30th of October 1857 at 12  
O'clock P.M. and Recorded the same day Page 421  
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Thomas A Brown  
County Recorder

Filed in Office September 20th 1857  
Geo Fisher  
Scriber



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affidavit

No 349

Geo Norris

The United States

} Before the Board of United  
States Land Commissioners  
For the place called San  
Ramon in Contra Costa Co

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Geo Norris being duly sworn deposes that he is the true and lawful claimant of the land claimed in the above entitled cause having bought the same several years ago from Jose Maria Amador the original grantee thereof as well appear from the original deed now on file in this cause

That he employed the Law firm of James Tompkins & Strode to pursue and prosecute his claim to the same before this Honorable Board and all rights to said Norris his title papers and amyssett others the deed aforesaid But in filing his Petition for confirmation his said counsel have made a mistake in his Christian name and have therefore filed the Petition in the name of Geo George Norris in place of Geo Norris which is the true name of Deponent This error arose from Petitioner believes from the fact that the name of Geo in the deed aforesaid is not very distinctly written and was doubtless mistaken by his counsel for Geo He further deposes that he knows no such person as Geo Norris in California and is entirely certain that no person of that name fits up any claim to said land He states further that the said firm of James Tompkins and Strode has been dissolved the said Tompkins having departed this life and the said Jones and Strode having both left the State of California and being now a deponent is informed and believes residents of other States so that deponent is unable to procure their affidavits except after great delay

He further deposes that ever since his purchase from said Amador he has resided upon the said land and yet resides there and that said Petition was doubtless intended to be filed in his

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True name and was filed in the name of George  
Noyes Jolly through the mistake or inadvertence of  
his counsel

Wherefore he prays that said Petition  
be amended by inserting his true name

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Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 6th day of April  
1834

Alpheus Fitch  
Commissioner

Filed in Office April 18th 1834  
Geo. Fisher  
Clerk

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No 349

Stipulation

Leo Amis  
vs  
The United States

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It is hereby stipulated that the following documents now on file in case No 128 (see main Amador vs The United States) may be read in evidence in the trial of the above cause No 349 with like effect as if taken and filed in said cause but subject to all legal exceptions for incompetency or irrelevancy to wit

1. The Expediente for the Rancho San Ramon
2. The Petition of Amador for the extension of the tract dated 7th Sept 1834 and the proceedings in said Petition
3. A Survey of said tract made by Elam Brown Alcalde dated 17th May 1848
4. The depositions of Thomas C Larkin Pedro Leproya Elam Brown John C Samp Augustin Bernal Manuel Amador Robert Livermore and any exhibits filed with and referred to as parts of said depositions or either of them

San Francisco 6 May 1854  
J. B. Crockett  
Atty for Claimant  
J. H. McKune  
Law Agent

Filed in Office May 6th 1854  
Geo Fisher  
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1. S. P. K.

Jurisdiccion del Pueblo N. 44 y 64. Año de  
de San Jose Guadalupe 1833.

## Expediente

Sobre el pasaje nombrado Las Juntas de San Ramon, solicitado por Jose Maria Amador.

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2. S. P. K.

Sello Cuarto Una Cuatillo.  
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comi-  
sario Subalterna interina del Puerto de  
Monterey de la Alta California para los  
años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y  
ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por la representada Ofi-  
cina para los años de 1833 y 1834.  
(Rubric.) (Rubric)

Monterey Abril 24  
de 1833.

De conformidad  
con las leyes  
de la materia,  
informo el A-  
guntamiento del

Sr. Comand. te Grat.

El Ciudadano Jose  
Maria Amador con el de-  
bido respeto que debo se  
presenta ante V. S. por  
medio de este escrito ha-  
ciendo a V. S. presente q.  
habiendole hecho la solicitud

Punto de San José  
Guadalupe si el  
interesado obtiene  
los requisitos pre-  
venidos para ser  
atendido en su so-  
licitud; si el ter-  
reno que pretende  
esta comprendido  
en las 20 leguas  
limitrofes ó 10  
litorales que es-  
presa la ley de 18  
de Agosto de 1824;  
si ha pertenecido  
ó pertenece á pro-  
piedad particular,  
Corporacion ó Pue-  
blo, ó se conoce  
por baldío, con  
todo lo demás  
que sea concuer-  
nente á la materia;  
haciendo que el  
interesado presen-  
te el diseño del ter-  
reno que solicita,  
que se agregará  
á contestacion  
de este decreto,  
Figueroa.

de un parage nombrado  
Las Juntas, á sus Señores  
anteriores y hasta la  
fecha en ha tenido nin-  
gun provisto de ninguna  
de las dos solicitudes que  
tiene hechas. Dicho pa-  
rage dicto de la Mision  
de San José 12 leguas po-  
co mas ó menos hacia  
el norte por haber estado  
los parages mas inmedi-  
atos ocupados por la in-  
mediata Mision y ha-  
biendolos desocupado el  
año proximo pasado, y  
siendo mas del agrado del  
solicitante un parage  
nombrado San Ramon  
(distante de esta Mision  
siete leguas al norte) p.<sup>a</sup>  
el fomento de bienes ga-  
nado mayor y caballado,  
y agricultura para la  
manutencion de su fami-  
lia; y haciendole propues-  
to al R. P. Presidente de  
esta Mision; si le seria  
de estorcion á la referida  
Mision fomentando dho.  
parage con bienes de ga-  
nado y caballado, y re-  
spondiendo que no, le  
ha fomentado con la can-  
tidad de seiscientas cabe-

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zas de ganado vacuno, una manada  
de yeguas, cincuenta Caballos mansos,  
cinco yuntas de Bueyes, y fabricado en  
dicho paraje una Casa de adobe de  
veinte y ocho varas y una huerta de mil  
qucientas Sepas, y cincuenta arboles fru-  
tales, y no teniendo mas de un corto me-  
rito para ser acreedor a la gracia que  
solicita, lo primero ser hijo del pais y  
lo segundo haber sido su padre fundador  
de estas tierras, y despues de haber sido  
fundador sirvió en la Carrera militar  
47 años, y el interesado haber servido  
en la milicia 8 años y en la Caballeria  
10 años cinco meses.

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Por tanto suplico a V. S. le con-  
ceda dicho paraje en atencion de lo que  
lleva expuesto y lo merecerá meritorio,  
de que le vivirá reconocido.

Mision de San José 15 de Abril  
de 1833.

Jose Maria Amador.

En cumplimiento del Superior  
decreto debo decir que el interesado es  
Ciudadano Natural con servicios de la  
patria en la Guerra y Milicia, de con-  
ducta honrada, casado con tres de fa-  
milia barones, con sobrados bienes de  
Campo para obtener sitio y laborioso; el  
terreno que solicita ha estado desocupado  
de la finca de 28 varas en caso de ci-  
mientos que tiene, asi a el norte legua  
y tres cuartos hasta el paraje de San  
Ramon que cita, y de estos a la parte

del Sur que demuestra su diseño la Laguna, como una legua la que ocupaba en un tiempo la Misión de San José que colinda, está este en el seno de la jurisdicción si no tiene las 10 leguas litorales para el mar paribo que desembocó al Puerto de San Francisco sin embargo á tener la trebecia de Sierra Ayosto, y aunque no fincadas propiamente en el parajo que cita mas sí en los confines del y parajo conchado el Alamo de Gentil Ciparito.

Pueblo de San José Guadalupe  
Mayo 13 de 1833.

Salvo Pacheco.

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Non =

[ Sello Cuanto una Cuartilla.

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Revalidado por la representada oficina para los años de 1833 y 1834.]

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= terey Mayo 15 de 1833.

Uniforme el Comandante Militar de San Francisco sobre los particulars á que se contrae este Expediente, y sobre si el interesado ha servido en la carrera militar acompañando copia de su filiacion. Evacuado su informe pasará con igual objeto el Expediente al R. P. Ministro de la Misión de San José quien

de cargo y me cargo se servirá exponer lo q.  
se le ofrezca.

Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano.

Sor. Jefe Superior Político.

Consecuente al decreto de 15 del  
presente y V. stampá en el Memorial del  
Ciudadano José Maria ~~Dxxxx~~ Amador, dijo  
en mi concepto el citado hostiene los requi-  
sitos prevenidos para que se les atiendan  
á la solicitud que da este informe: que  
el terreno que pretende no es San Ramon  
pues de donde está fabricada su casa á  
San Ramon hay leguas y tres cuartos  
el dicho parage lo desocupo la Mision de  
San José poco mas de un año el terro-  
no que pretende no está comprendido en  
las veinte leguas limítrofes con ninguna  
Nacion extranjera ni las diez litorales á  
que se refiere el Artículo 4.º de la Ley de  
18 de Agosto de 1824.

San Francisco Mayo 21 de 1833.

José Sanchez.

Sor. Jefe Superior Político

El terreno que en este Expediente  
se pide en ninguna manera, entiendo, ser  
comprendido en la Ley de 18 de Agosto de  
1824; y aunque solo pertenece á esta co-  
munidad, no lo contemplo necesario para  
ello sino solo que el ganado menor se  
injerte de alguna parte, y necesite tras-  
lado á otro terreno para su conservacion;  
pero en este caso, protesto el postulante

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recibir las correjas en todo tiempo, y en cualquier punto del paraje llamado San Ramon, que es lo unico que se solicita, lo que se ve demarcado en el adjunto plano por una linea de tinta negra, y lo que tan solamente esta Mision puede ceder atendiendo a la honradz y genio laborioso de quien lo pide.

Mision del Señor San Jose y Tto.  
22 de 1833.

Fr. Jose M.<sup>a</sup> de Jesus Gonz.<sup>a</sup>

Non-

(Here follows the Map.)

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Sello Nuevo Dos Reales.

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Compañia de Caballeria del Regt Presidio de San Francisco. = Filiacion = pie = pulg = Lin = Jose Maria Amador hijo de D. Pedro y de D.<sup>a</sup> Ramona Toriva natural del Presidio de San Francisco dependiente del Corregimiento del Gobierno de Monterey y aneado en el Pueblo de San Jose su oficio Campista 1111

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su estatura 5 pies 5 pulgadas y lineas, su edad veinte y cuatro años, su Religion C.A.R. sus señales estas: Pelo y cejas castaño ojos pardos nariz regular, color trigueño barbilampusto Sento plaza voluntariamente por diez años, en el referido presidio de San Francisco el día quince de Octubre = del año de mil ochocientos diez y ocho = y se le leyeron las penas que previene la ordenanza y Adiciones á ella, y por no saber firmar hizo la señal del Cruz quedando advertido de que es la justificación, y no le servirá de disculpa alguna siendo testigos el cabo José Reyes Berrelsesa y el cadete D. José Moraga, dijo ser casado. = Luis Arquello = José Guadalupe Moraga + = José Reyes Berrelsesa = Notas.

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El C. Mariano G. Vallijo Comandante de la Compañía de Caballería permanente de San Francisco.

Certifico: que la copia que antecede es sacada de la original que existe en el Archivo de la Comandancia de mi Mando.

San Francisco 21 de Mayo de 1833.  
M<sup>no</sup> G. Vallijo.

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Sello Suro Dos Reales.  
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna interina del Puerto de Monterey de la Alta California, por los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

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= Terrey Diciembre 16 de 1833.

Pase al Alcaide del Pueblo de San Jose Guadalupe ante quien la parte de D. Jose Maria Amador producia una informacion de sus testigos idoneos que seran interrogados sobre los puntos siguientes: 1.º Si el solicitante es Ciudadano Mexicano por nacimiento, si es casado y tiene hijos si es de buena conducta: 2.º Si el terreno que pretende pertenece a la propiedad de algun particular, Mision, Pueblo o Corporacion; si es de regadio, temporal o abrevadero y que estencion tendra: 3.º Si tiene bienes de campo con que poblarlo o posibilidad de adquirirlos. Evacuadas estas diligencias vuelva el Expediente para su resolucion. El Senor D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada, Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico de la Alta California asi lo mando, decreto y firmo de que doy fe.

Jose Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zambrano.  
Frio.

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Sello Torcew Dos Reales.

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Figueroa. Jose Rafael Gonzalez.

Consecuente al Superior decreto que antecede de fecha 16 del que corre y es =

Jose Maria Amador, en cargo visitador.

tampoco en el Memorial del Ciudadano, Jose Maria Amador en cuya virtud este Ayuntamiento hizo comparecer al interesado a quien igualmente se le pidieron los 3 testigos necesarios y presento al Ciudadano, Carlos Castro, Leonardo Flores y Luis Chaboya.

En el mismo se hace presentar al primero si juraba decir verdad en todo lo que se le va a interrogar Dijo que si que se llamaba Carlos Antonio Castro natural de la Villa del Fuerte Casado y su oficio Jabonero y que conoce al Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador por conducta honrada Mexicano de nacimiento Casado de segundas nupcias con 3 de familia que el sitio que pretende later que pertenecia en un tiempo a la Mision de San Jose mas en el dia esta desocupado que es de temporal unicamente y abrevadros que su estension le reputa de 3 a 4 leguas y que tiene sobrados bienes de campo para poblarlo lo que firmo y doy fe.

Salvo Pacheco

Carlos Castro

Tomás Pacheco

Srio.

En el mismo se hizo comparecer al segundo testigo Leonardo Flores y preguntado si juraba decir verdad en todo lo que se le va a preguntar dijo que si que se llamaba Leonardo Flores natural del Pósito de Santa Barbara Casado con 3 de familia y conocia al C. Jose Maria Amador de conducta honrada Mexicano de nacimiento y que ha que lo conoce mas de 20 años Casado

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do con tres de familia que el terreno que este solicita sabe que esta desocupado aunque en un tiempo lo ocupa la Mision de San Jose que solo es de temporal y abrevaderos y que se considera la extension de 3 a 4 leguas en circunferencia que tiene sobrados ganados para ocuparlo de lo que doy fe y por no saber firmar lo hace con la señal de Cruz.

Salvio Pacheco  
Seandro Flores  
Tomas Pacheco.  
Sis.

En este momento se hizo comparecer al tercer testigo Luis Chaboya y preguntado si juraba decir verdad en todo lo que se le va a interrogar dijo que si que se llamaba Luis Chaboya casado natural del Presidio de San Francisco que conoce al interesado José Maria Amador de conducta honrada mejicano de nacimiento que es casado con tres de familia que el terreno que este solicita esta desocupado que en un tiempo tenia la Mision de San Jose ganados que solo es de temporal y abrevaderos que le regula la extension de 3 a cuatro leguas que sabe tiene mas de mil ~~reses~~ reses para poblarlo con lo que quedo concluido el auto de que doy fe.

Pueblo de San Jose Guadalupe Stro.  
29 de 1833.

Salvio Pacheco.  
Luis Chaboya.  
Tomas Pacheco,  
Sis.

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Figueroa. José Rafael González.

Monterey Enero 22 de 1834.

Vista la petición con que da principio este Expediente el informe de la autoridad Municipal del Pueblo de San José Guadalupe, el del Comandante Militar del Presidio de San Francisco, el del R. P. Ministro de la Misión de San José la oposición de testigos con todo lo demás que se tuvo presente y ver convenido; de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia se declara a José María Amador dueño en propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon colindante con el Rio y boca de la Cañada de este nombre de Norte a Sur y de Este a Oeste con las Sierras laterales sujetos a las condiciones que se estipularon: Librese el despacho correspondiente, tomese razon en el libro respectivo y dirijase este Expediente para la debida aprobacion a la Cerna. Diputacion Territorial en cuyo caso el interesado a quien se le hará saber este decreto, presentará nuevamente su título para que se revalide. El Sr. D. José Figueroa General de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Supe-

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rior Político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decretar y firmo de que doy fé.

José Figueroa.

Agustín V. Gamorano.  
Fro.

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En veinte y ocho dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro habiendo ocurrido á esta Secretaria el Ciudadano Dolores Pacheco á nombre del Ciudadano José Maria Amador se le hizo saber el decreto que antecede del Sr. Jefe Superior Político y enterado de él dijo: que lo oye y queda conforme esto respondo y para la debida constancia lo firmo conmigo el Secretario.

Agustín V. Gamorano.

Dolores Pacheco.

Monterey Julio 28 de 1834.

Porviamente pasó á la Excelentísima Diputación Territorial para su aprobacion.

Figueroa.

Monterey Julio 29 de 1834.

En sesion de este dia acordó la E. Diputación pasó este Expediente á las Comisiones Unidas Colonizacion y Terrenos Baldios.

Figueroa.

É  
José Maria  
Maldonado.

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Las comisiones unidas de Colonizacion y Terrenos Baldios Empuertos del Expediente que se mando practicar por pretension que el Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador hizo del paraje nombrado San Ramon y no encontrando en el objecion alguna que hacer siendo en todo conforme con la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1834 y el Art. 5.º del Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828, opuso á la deliberacion de esta Excm. Diputacion la siguiente proposicion.

Se aprueba la Concesion hecha al Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador del paraje nombrado San Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834.

Manterey 30 de Julio de 1834.

Jose A. Estudillo.

Carlos Ant. Carrillo.

Jose G. Ortega.

José Castro.

Dada cuenta á la E. Diputacion en sesion de hoy con el anterior dictamen, aprobó la E. Diputacion la unica proposicion en que concluye y dice:

"Se aprueba la concesion hecha al C. Jose Maria Amador del paraje nombrado San Ramon concedido en 22 de Enero de 1834."

Y en consecuencia se devuelve

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el Expediente al S. G. S. Politico para su  
curso. Monterey Julio 31 de 1834.  
Jose Figueroa.

Jose Maria  
Maldonado.  
Sr. Sr.

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[ Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Ad-  
ministracion de la Aduana Maritima  
de Monterey, para los años do mil  
ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil  
ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. Rafael Gonzalez.]  
= teroy Agosto 25 de 1834.

En vista del acuerdo de la Ectna.  
Diputacion Territorial del dia 31 de  
Julio ultimo en confirmacion del Tercero  
de San Ramon pretendido por el Ciuda-  
dano Jose Maria Amador; librese el ti-  
tulo respectivo; tomese razon en el libro  
a que corresponde y entreguese al intere-  
sado para su resguardo y demas fi-  
ms. El Sr. D. Jose Figueroa General de  
Brigada, Comandante General Inspu-  
tor y Jefe Superior Politico de la Al-  
ta California, asi lo mando, decreto y  
firmo de que doy fe.

Jose Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano.  
Sr. Sr.

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Jose Figueroa General de Brigada de la Re-  
publica Mexicana Comandante General

Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio  
de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano Jose Maria  
Amador Mejicano por nacimiento ha pretendido  
para su beneficio personal y el de su familia  
el terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ra-  
mon colindante con la Mission de San Jose, Ar-  
royo de San Ramon y la Sierra; practicadas  
previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones con-  
cernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y Regla-  
mentos usando de las facultades que me son  
conferidas y de conformidad con el acuerdo de  
la Excm. Diputacion Territorial del dia 31  
de Julio proximo pasado aprobando la conce-  
sion del citado terreno de San Ramon hecho  
en decreto de 22 de Enero del presente año al  
referido Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador, a nom-  
bre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en con-  
ferirle el repetido terreno declarandole la pro-  
piedad de el por las presentes letras y suge-  
to á las condiciones siguientes:

1<sup>a</sup> Que se someterá á las que establecio  
el reglamento que se ha de formar para la dis-  
tribucion de terrenos baldios y que intratante  
ni el agraciado, ni sus herederos podrán dividir  
ni enagenar el que se le adjudica; imponer  
censo, vinculo fianza, hipoteca ni otro grav-  
amen aunque sea por causa piadosa ni pa-  
sarlo á manos muertas.

2<sup>a</sup> Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las  
travesias, caminos y servidumbres; lo disfru-  
tará libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso

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o cultivo que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricará Casa y estu-  
sa habitada.

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3<sup>a</sup> Solicitará del Juez respectivo que le dé posesion juridica in virtud de este des-  
pacho por el cual se demarcarán los lindes  
en cuyos limites pondrá amas de las moho-  
neras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de  
alguna utilidad.

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace men-  
cion y de cuatro sitios de ganador mayor  
segun explica el diseño que corre en el Es-  
pediente. El Juez que diere ta posesion lo ha-  
rá medir conforme a Ordenanza, quedando  
el sobrante que resulte a la nacion para  
los usos convenientes.

5<sup>a</sup> Si contraviniere a estas condicio-  
nes perderá su derecho al terreno y será  
denunciabile por otro.

En consecuencia mando que teniendo  
por firme y valeros este titulo se tome razon  
de el en el Libro a que corresponde y se  
entregue al interesado para su resguardo y  
demas fines. Dado en Monterrey, a 1.<sup>o</sup> de  
Agosto de 1834.

Jose. Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano,  
Secretario.

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Sello Primero Sin Pasos.  
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de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey, para  
los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro  
y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa. Rafael Gonzalez.

Seal }

Jose Figueroa General de Brigada del Ejercito  
Nacional de la Republica Mexicana, Coman-  
dante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Po-  
litico del Territorio de La Alta California.

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Por cuanto el Ciudadano Jose Maria  
Amador Mexicano por nacimiento ha pre-  
tendido para su beneficio personal y el de  
su familia el terreno conocido con el nom-  
bre de San Ramon colindante con la Mi-  
sion de San Jose, Arroyo de San Ramon  
y la Sierra; practicadas previamente las  
diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes  
segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y regla-  
mentos usando de las facultades que son  
conferidas y de conformidad con el  
acuerdo de la Excelentisima Diputacion Ter-  
ritorial del dia treinta y uno de Julio proce-  
simo pasado aprobando la concesion del  
citado terreno de San Ramon hecha en  
decreto de veinte y dos de Enero del pre-  
sente año al referido Ciudadano Jose Ma-  
ria Amador: a nombre de la Nacion Me-  
xicana he venido en conferirle el repetido  
terreno declarandole la propiedad de él por  
las presentes letras y sujeto a las condi-  
ciones siguientes:

1<sup>a</sup> Que se someterá a las que estat-

leiere el reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribución de terrenos baldíos y que entre tanto, ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se le adjudica; imponer censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca, ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa, ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

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2<sup>a</sup> Para cercarlo sin perjudicar las transiós caminos y servidumbres; lo disputará libre y exclusivamente destinándolo al uso ó cultivo que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año á lo mas fabricará casa y estará habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> Solicitará del juez respectivo que le dé posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcarán los linderos en cuyos limites pondrá arcos de las maderas algunas arboles frutales ó silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor segun replica el diseño que corre en el Especifico. El juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme á Ordenanza, quedando el sobrante que resulte á la Nación para los usos convenientes.

5<sup>a</sup> Si contraviniere á estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será denunciado por otros.

En consecuencia mando que

teniendo por firme y valedero, se tome  
razon de él en el libro á que corresponde  
y se entregue al interesado para su resguard  
do y demas fines. Dado en Monterey a  
primero de agosto de mil ochocientos treinta  
y cuatro.

Jose Figueroa.

Agustin V. Zamorano.  
Sr.

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Queda tomada razon de este titulo sobre  
adjudicacion de Terrenos á fojas cuarenta  
y seis numero cuarenta y cuatro que obra  
en la Secretaria de mi Cargo. En Monterey  
á cuatro de agosto de mil ochocientos cua-  
renta y cuatro.

Zamorano.

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Rancho S. Ramon Julio 5 de 1833.

Sr. D. José Figueroa

Mi respetado Gral y Sr. - Despues  
de saludarlo con el respeto debido, paso á  
mostrarle, y es que espuso de su corazon  
benigno se digno mandar se autorize mi  
segundo Expediente que á V. presente en  
la Mision de San José; en mi nombre y  
en el de mi compañero, Dolores Pacheco,  
hago á V. estas suplicas de mis papeles  
por hallarme actualmente en pleito con mis  
vecinos Bartolo Pacheco y Mariano Castro,  
y estimare á V. se digno hacer se me man-  
den mis dchos. papeles, para librarme de  
historias con mis dchos. vecinos y con  
esto ceso de molestarlo puede V. mandar  
á este su menor subdito que atento B. S. M.

Jose Maria Amador.

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Al Sr. D. Jose Figueroa  
 Genl de Brigada de los  
 Ejercitos Mexicanos y  
 Jefe Superior Politico  
 del Territorio. En

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Monterey.

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Contestacion.

S. D. José M<sup>a</sup>. Amador.

Monterey Julio 12 de 1835.

El segundo Expediente que en su carta  
 me dice presente, ha sido escrupulosamente  
 buscado en la Secretaria i no se ha encontrado,  
 por lo que tendrá que reponerla, presentando  
 otro nuevo al que se le harán seguir sus  
 tramites sin dilacion especificando que  
 la tierra esta medida i cuales son sus lin-  
 deros todo lo que se unira al Expediente  
 primitiva que es el que existe en esta Ofi.

Sei su affmo.

J. F.

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Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Adminis-  
 tracion de la Aduana Maritima de Mon-  
 terey de la Alta California para los años  
 de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil  
 ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Ramirez

Monterey Julio 24 de 1835.

El Ciudadano Jose Maria  
 Informe el Sr. Amador ante V. S. con el deli-

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P. M. de la Misión de San José si el terreno que solicita el interesado en esta instancia pertenece o no a la Misión. El Sr. D. José Figueroa General de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Superior Político de la Alta California, así lo mandó decretar y firmó, de que doy fe.

José Figueroa.

Sno.

F. del Castillo  
Negrete.

do respeto comparece haciendo presente que a consecuencia de haberse perdido un documento en que solicite la posesión de un terreno adyacente al sitio que ya poseo, he tenido que reiterar la misma solicitud, siendo el expresado terreno de mil y ochocientas varas medieras desde una línea designada como lindero de las tierras de la Misión de San José hasta el ojo de agua nombrado del alarillo (todo lo que se expresa en el diseño que ya he presentado) en donde estoy fabricando una casa de adobe. Por lo que á V.S. suplico se digné proveer como llevo pedido jurando no ser de malicia, &c.  
José Maria Amador.

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Sr. Jefe Superior Político.

He visto el Superior decreto de V.S. de 24 del Corriente en el que se me ordena informe si el terreno que solicita el Ciudadano José Maria Amador pertenece o no á la Misión y obsecuente siempre á las ordenes de V.S. digo: Si es indubablemente perteneciente este terreno á la Misión de mi cargo.

Senor San José y Julio 28 de 1835

Fr. Jose M. de Jesus Gonz.

Monterey Agosto 1.º de 1835.

Vuelva este Expediente al R. P. Ministro de la Mision de San Jose para que exprese si podrá ó no conceder á Amador el terreno que pretende, si lo posee ó se le ha permitido ocuparlo en clase de prestario, ó si se perjudica la Mision, y le hara falta dicho terreno; informará igualmente todo lo que se le ofrezca relativo a este negocio; El S. D. Jose Figueroa General de Brigada de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General -

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[ Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California, para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro, y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

A. Reanirez.

Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decreto y firmó de que doi fé.

Jose Figueroa,

Srío.

Fco del Castillo Negrete.

Sor. Jefe Superior Político.

El terreno que en este Expediente se solicita y ocupa á la fecha el Sr. Jose Maria Amador, no en calidad de prestario sino con el objeto de solicitarlo de ese Superior Gobierno, aunque seria muy util á esta Mision de mi Cargo, no lo

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contemplado necesario pues asi este como prin-  
cipalmente el paraje llamado San Ramon  
cedido ya antes por esta Comunidad en  
favor del Ciudadano Amador, tiene la precisa  
condicion y servidumbre de admitir las  
barragas de esta Mision siempre que lo  
convenga, de consiguiente, repito, no lo  
contemplado este terreno como necesario e in-  
dispensable, y asi bien puede v. S. si fuerd  
de su Superior aprado, el agraciar con el  
al que lo solicita.

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Esto es Señor todo lo que me ocur-  
ra informar a v. S. conforme al Superior  
decreto de 1.º del Corriente.

Fr. José M.ª de Jesus Gonz.

Monterrey Agosto 14 de 1835.

Vista la peticion con que da  
principio este Expediente la informacion  
del Ayuntamiento, del Pueblo de San  
Jose Guadalupe, el informe del Coman-  
dante Militar de San Francisco el del  
R. P. Ministro de la Mision de San  
Jose la oposicion de testigos, la solici-  
tud que con fecha 18 de Julio de este  
año presento pidiendo ampliacion con  
todo lo demas que se tuvo presente i  
ver convido, de conformidad con lo dis-  
puesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la  
Materia se declara a Jose Maria ama-  
dor dueño en propiedad.

29. L.P.K.

[ Sello Tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Ad-  
ministracion de la Aduana Maritima  
de Monterrey de la Alta California, para

los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cua-  
tro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.)  
J. Figueroa. A. Ramirez ]  
= del terreno conocido con el nombre de  
San Ramon con la ampliacion que  
solicita de mil i ochocientas varas des-  
de una linea designada como lindero de  
las tierras de la Mision de San Jose has-  
ta el ojo de agua nombrado del Alamillo  
que le servirán de linderos interiores  
sujeto á las condiciones que se estipula-  
ren; librese el despacho correspondiente,  
tomese razon en el libro respectivo i diri-  
jase este Expediente para la debida  
aprobacion de la Com. Diputacion Ter-  
ritorial en cuyo caso el interesado á  
quien se le hará saber este decreto pre-  
sentará nuevamente su titulo para que  
se le revalide. El S. D. José Figueroa,  
General de Brigada Comandante General  
Inspector i Jefe Superior Político del  
Territorio de la Alta California así lo  
mando decreto i firmo de que doi fe.  
José Figueroa.

Dios,

Fco del Castillo Regente.

José Maria Amador.

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José Figueroa, General de Brigada de la Re-  
publica Mexicana Comandante General  
Inspector y Jefe Superior Político del  
Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto el C. José Maria Amador

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dor Mejicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal i el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de San Ramon Colindante con la Mission de San Jose, Arroyo de San Ramon i la Sierra; practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes i reglamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas i de conformidad con el acuerdo de la Eterna Diputacion Territorial del dia treinta y uno de Julio proximo pasado aprobando la concesion del citado terreno de San Ramon hecho en decreto de veinte y dos de Enero del año proximo pasado de 1834 al referido Jose Maria Amador a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en conferirle el repetido terreno con la ampliacion que se le concedio por decreto de Agosto de este año declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, i sujeto a las condiciones siguientes:

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1<sup>a</sup> Que se someterá a las que estableciere el reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios i que entre tanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica imponer censo vinculo fianza hipoteca ni otro gravamen alguno sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2<sup>a</sup> Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar

las Travesías, Caminos y Servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinándolo al uso ó cultivo que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año à lo mas fabricará casa i estará habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> Solicitará del Juez respectivo que le dé posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se señalaran los linderos en cuyos limites podrán amasar de las maderas algunos arboles ó silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace mencion es de cuatro sitios de ganado mayor con un aumento ó ampliacion de mil i quinientas varas que por decreto de Cutores de Agosto se le concedió en este presente año entendiéndose esta ampliacion desde una línea designada como linderos de las tierras de la Misión de San José hasta el Cj. de agua nombrado del Alamillo como espresa el diseño que corre en el Expediente. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme à ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulte à la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

5<sup>a</sup> Si contraviniere à estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno i será denunciabile por otro.

En consecuencia mando que teniendo por firme y valeroso este título se tome razon de él libro que corresponde i se entregue al interesado para su resguardo i demás fines. Dado en Monterey à diez y siete de Agosto de 1833.

Agosto 27 de 1835.

En sesion de este dia acordo la E.  
Diputacion paso a la Comision de Ter-  
renos Baldios.

Figueroa.

Jose Maria Maldonado  
Srio.

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La Comision de Terrenos Baldios  
impuesta del Expediente que se mando  
practicar a pretension del Ciudadano  
Jose Maria Amador por el terreno nom-  
brado San Ramon no encontrando en el  
objeccion alguna que hacen siendo en  
todo conforme con la Ley de 18 de Agosto  
de 1824 y el Art. 5.º del Reglamento de  
21 de Noviembre de 1828 ofrecio a la de-  
liberacion de V.E. la siguiente proposicion.

Se aprueba la concesion hecha  
al Ciudadano Jose Maria Amador del pa-  
raje nombrado San Ramon concedido en  
diez y siete de Agosto de 1835.

Monterey 18 de Agosto de 1835.

Jose Castro.

Agosto 19 de 1835.

En sesion de hoy se aprobó el de-  
tallen que antecede y se acordó pase  
este Expediente al S.E.P. para su con-  
clusion.

Jose Castro.

Jose Maria  
Maldonado  
Srio.

Office of the Surveyor General of the United States for California.

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I Samuel D King Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California and as such now having in my Office and under my custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California, do hereby certify that the thirty three preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to thirty three inclusive and each of which is verified by my initials (S.D.K.) exhibit true and accurate copies of certain documents on file and forming part of the said Archives in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at the City of San Francisco Cal. the fifteenth day of January 1853.

Samuel D. King  
Sur. Gen. Cal.

I George Fisher Secretary to the U.S. Land Commission to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Document marked "A. Expediente" in Case No. 128, wherein Jose Maria Amador is

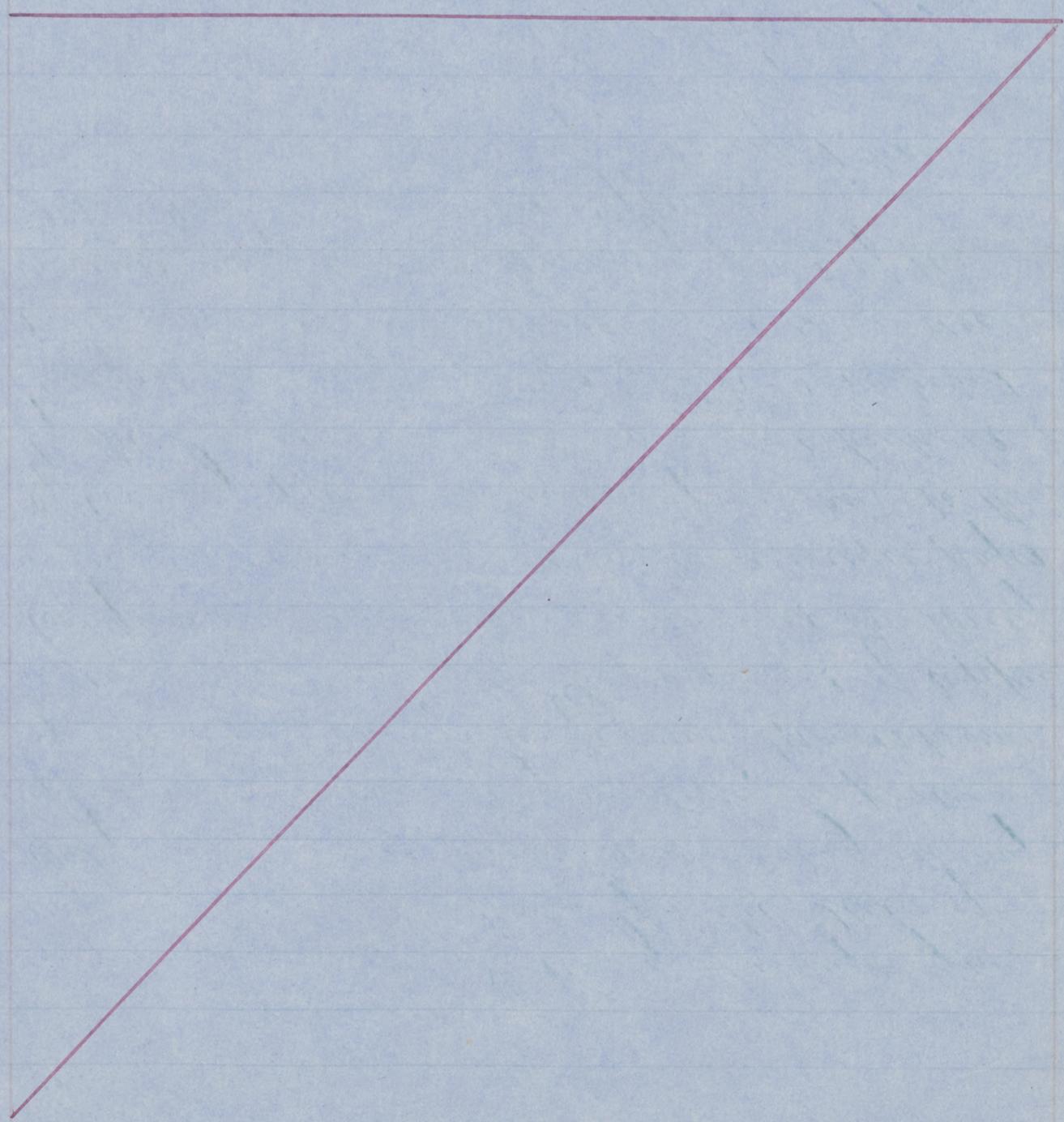
Claimant vs. The United States, and which  
is now on file in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto signed my name, of  
file of the Secretary of the afore-  
said Commission, at the City  
of San Francisco, Cal. this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of May A.D. 1854.

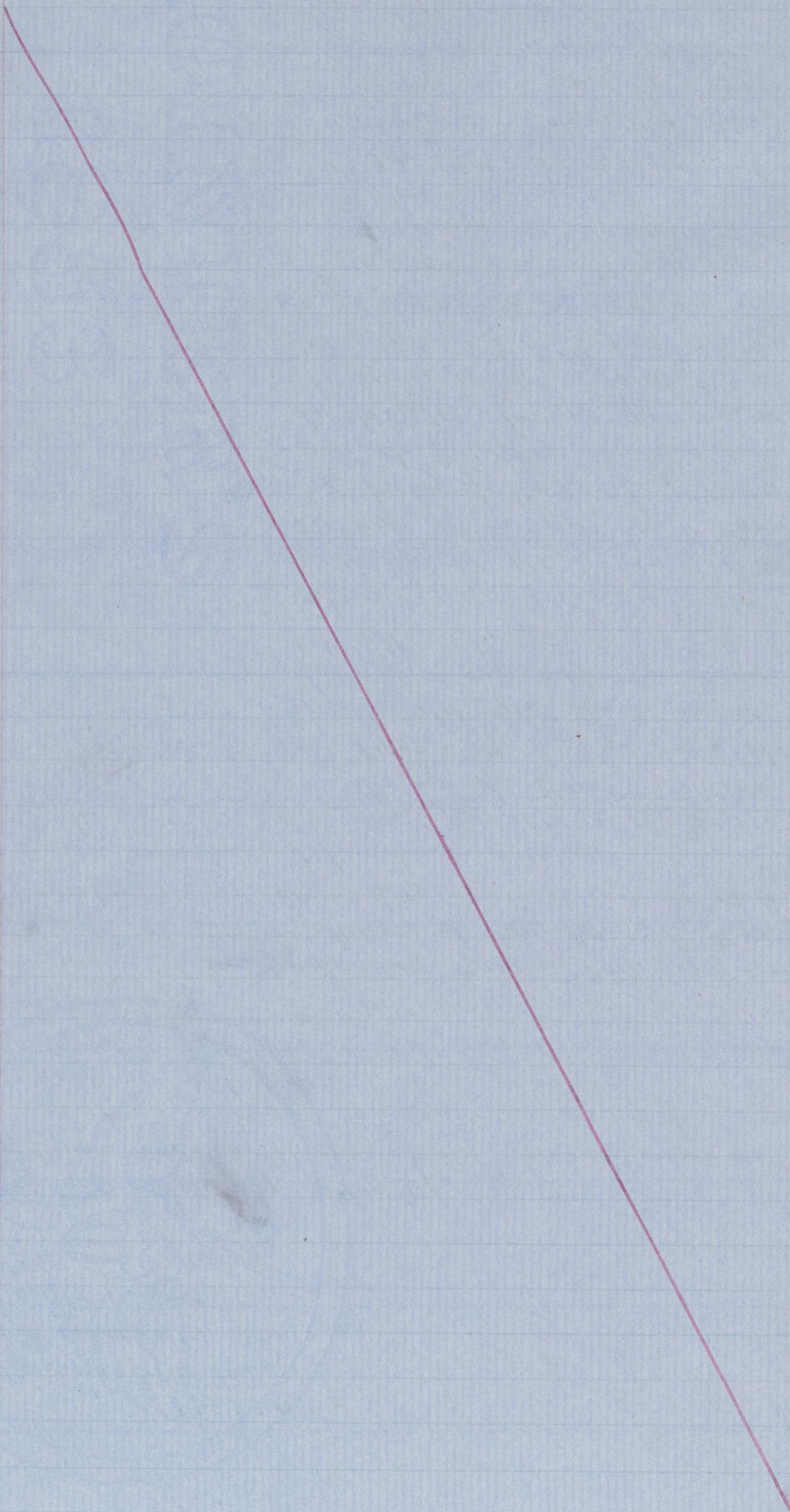
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Sello Cercero Dos Reales.

(Certified Copy) ... provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

B. Expediente Figueroa. Rafael Gonsales.

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Mision de S. José  
Septiembre 8 de 1834.  
Informe el Sr. ante V. S. con el debido respeto se pres-  
tamiento del Pueblo de S. José y era cuando que sea pase este esp-  
cediente al Sr. Ministro de San José con igual objeto.

Figueroa.

Sr. Jefe Supor. Politico.  
El Ciudadano José M<sup>o</sup> Amador  
Agosto del presente año se digné  
V. S. de concederle un sitio nomb-  
rado San Ramon colindante con  
la Mision de San José y la Sierra  
cuyo documento acompaño, soli-  
citando se sirva aumentar la  
extension del espresado sitio con  
un pedazo de terreno de como  
un cuarto de legua hacia el  
brumbo del Sur, hasta un ojo  
de agua conocido por el nombre  
del Atamillo para el objeto de  
fabricar una casa y plantar  
una huerta no habiendolo sol-  
licitado en mi primera instancia  
por haber faltado el espresado  
siento de R. P. Ato. de la Mision  
de San José la que ya no hace  
uso ninguno del referido terreno  
Por lo que A. V. S. Suplico se digné  
de ver propicia mi instancia

concediendome el terreno que pretendo que es  
gracia que recibire. Juramento no ser de malicia  
Sr. Mision de S. José y Septre. 7 de 1834.

José M<sup>o</sup> Amador.

En Cumplimiento del Superior decreto q. antecede  
digo que la parte de terreno que pide la parte  
interesada en aumento de la primera solicitud  
esta pretendido por el Ciudadano Dolores Pacheco.

en esta parte disponga v. s. lo que allare conveniente  
allemas la.

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S. D. H. Surveyor General.

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Mision de San Jose. lo que ocupa en un...  
quando Mayor sin necesidad, y por cuya... se  
solvo a desocupar, Para este expediente. P. Atro.  
de la Mision de San Jose.

Pueblo de San José Guadalupe. y<sup>bre</sup> 8 de 1832.  
Chabolla.

Sr. Jeje Superior Político.

El terreno que en este expediente se solicita no me  
parece ser necesario a esta Mision, ni tampoco  
que el ponerlo algun particular resulte a ella  
algun gravamen si el solicitante prociere dividirlo  
con algun otro o potrero de los terrenos de esta  
lojporacion.

Mision de S. José y Febr. 3 de 1832.

Fr. Fr<sup>te</sup> Maria de Jesus Gonzales.

Office of the Surveyor General of the United States  
for California.

I Samuel Whiting Surveyor General of the United  
States for the State of California and as such now  
having in my Office and under my custody a  
portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and  
Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California  
Do hereby certify that the two preceding and hereunto  
annexed pages of tracing paper numbered One and  
two and each of which is verified by my initials (S. W. H.)  
exhibit a true and accurate copy of a document on  
file and forming part of the said Archives in this  
Office.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my  
name officially and affixed my private Seal not  
having a Seal of office) at the City of San Francisco  
Calif. this fifteenth day of January. 1853.

Samuel Whiting.

Surveyor General. Calif.

I George Fisher, Secretary to the Board of the  
U. S. Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle  
the private land claims in the State of California

George Fisher, Secretary of the U.S. Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle

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hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Document numbered "B" Expediente in cause n<sup>o</sup> 128 in which José Maria Amador is claimant vs. the United States, and which is now on file in this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name Officially, office of the U.S. Land Commissioners at the City of San Francisco Calif. this 21<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1854.

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Authenticated Copy  
to  
Measurement  
of  
Rancho

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I the undersigned do hereby certify that I have this day finished an examination and measurement of the Rancho or farm called San Ramon granted to D. Jose Maria Alvarado on the first day of August in the year of one thousand eight hundred and thirty four by D. Jose Figueroa Governor of California. My survey commenced at the North west corner on the highlands running East a direct line touching the Arroyo San Ramon in its most Southern bend thence about East North East two sitios and eight hundred and thirty six varas to the Arroyo D. Ma. Juan. Thence with said Arroyo to a post on the East bank thereof eleven thousand eight hundred varas in a direct line from the North becoming due thence from said post described above thence running West seven thousand three hundred varas to the point where the Arroyo Meuritas at the point where the said Arroyo passes from the highlands to the valley and Robert Livermore and Rafael Allam in and me sworn as witnesses and performed the measurement.

And from the papers and documents be the said Jose Maria Alvarado holds I consider him entitled to full possession of the above described farm with all the privileges and appurtenances therein belonging.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 19th day of May AD 1848  
Alam Brown Seal

Witness signatures  
Robert Livermore  
Rafael Allamirano

Jose Maria Alvarado

Certificate of Alcalde I Geo. Fisher Secretary to the U. S. Land Commission do certify and settle the Private Land claims in Exhibit B the State of California hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a document named No. C. measurement of Rancho in Case No. 178 in which Jose Maria Alvarado is claimant as the United States and which is now on file in this office.

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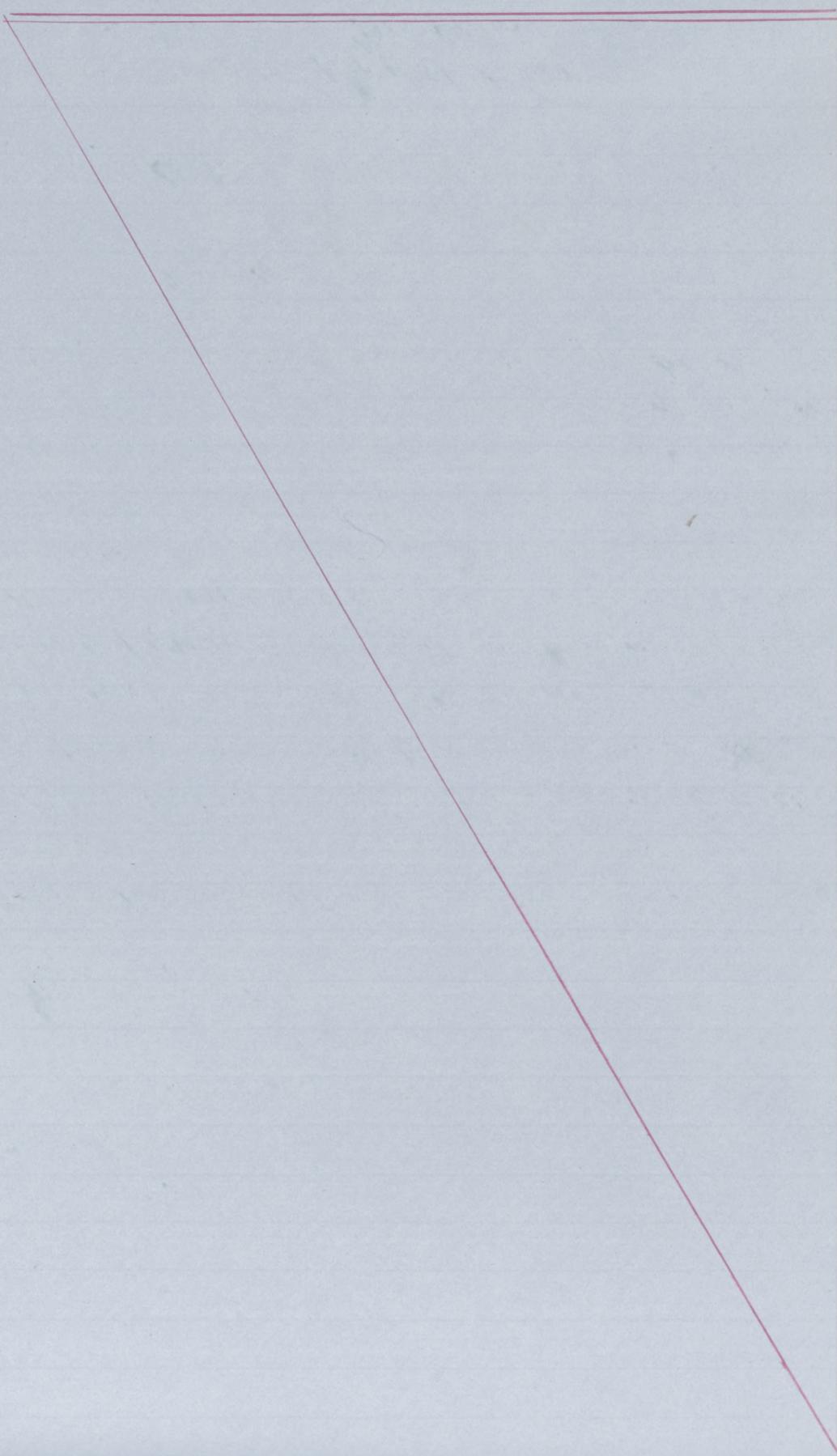
In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
signed my name Office of the Deputy  
of the appraised Commission at the City  
of San Francisco California this 24  
day of May Ad 1834

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Stipulation Before the U.S. Land Commissioners for the adjudication of Private Land Claims in California  
 No 128 Jose Maria Amador for the place called  
 San Ramon  
 No 349 Leo Torres for the same place

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It is hereby stipulated and agreed that the above cases may be consolidated and considered together by the Board and if the Commissioners shall decide that the original claim ought to be confirmed there shall be confirmed to said Amador the whole tract except one square league or thereabouts in fraud in a deed of conveyance herewith filed wherein William Dyrek and wife and Leo Torres and wife conveyed to James W. Dougherty the whole of said tract except one square league there in particularly described, and it is further agreed that the said one square league so excepted and confirmed may be confirmed to said Leo Torres

San Francisco July 10th 1854

J. B. Crockett  
 Atty for Leo Torres

Brown Pratt & Tracy  
 Atty for J. M. Amador

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Geo Fisher  
 Secretary

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Motion to withdraw  
a deed of conveyance  
and to be recorded  
in Alameda  
County

Case No 349

Before the Commissioners to ascertain and settle  
the Private Land Claims in California

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F. P. Gray Counsel for Jose Maria Amador in  
Case No 128 upon the settlement of the conflicting  
claims to property between the claimants in No 128  
and in this case moves the Board for leave to with-  
draw from the files in this case the deed from Mrs  
Lynch and others to James W Doughty for the  
purpose of causing the same to be recorded in  
the County of Alameda San Francisco

F. P. Gray  
Counsel for J. M. Amador

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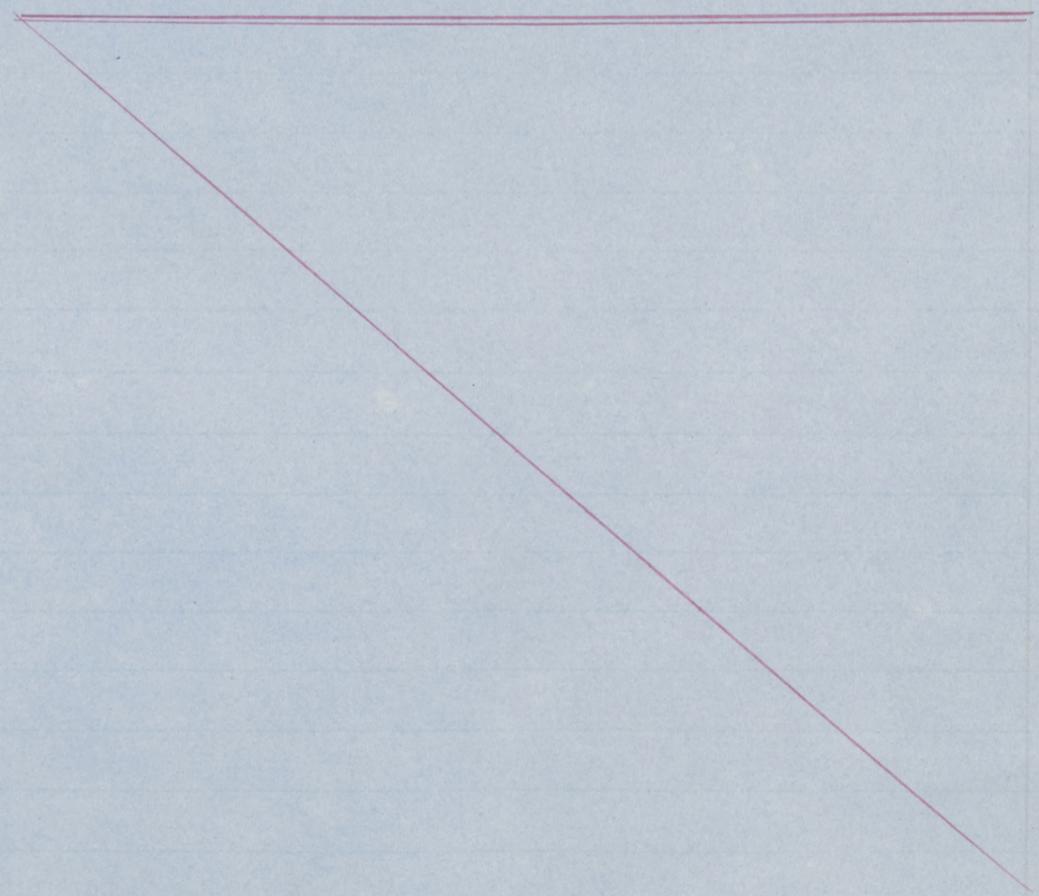
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Receipt of the Records San Francisco Sept 11th 1854  
 Council for the of Gen Fisher Secretary of the Board of Commissioners  
 at present for for ascertaining and settling the Private Land  
 a deed of Gen Wainis in the State of California a deed of convey  
 -ance - and from William Lynch and Mary Louisa  
 his wife and Los Morris and Mary Jane Morris  
 his wife to James W Derry Secretary for the Place  
 named San Ramon filed in Case No 349 on  
 the 15th July 1854 for the purpose of having  
 the same Records in the County of Alameda by  
 leave obtained from the said Board of Commissioners  
 on the 5th instant upon the Motion of the Council for  
 the claimant Los Morris which deed is to be re-  
 -turned into the office of the said Board at unknown  
 but duly secured

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This Indenture made and entered into this 24th day of June A.D. 1857 between William Lynch and Mary Louisa his wife and Leo Norris and Mary Jane Norris his wife residents of Contra Costa County party of the first part and James W. Dougherty resident of the County of Alameda party of the second part witnesses that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part at or before the executing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have released, remised and quit claimed and by these presents doth release remise and quit claim unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns from all that certain tract of land or Rancho known as the Rancho of San Ramon situated in the Valley of San Ramon in the Counties of Contra Costa and Alameda California being the same land granted to Jose Maria Amador by Figueroa Governor of California by his grant bearing date August 17th A.D. 1835 bounded and described as in said grant to pass viz

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By the Mission of San Jose. The arroyo of San Ramon and the hills containing four square leagues together with an acre situated from the known boundaries of the Lands of the Mission of San Jose to the Spring called the Alameda containing eight hundred paces the said parties of the first part specially reserving and excepting from this conveyance the following described tract to wit

Beginning at the N.W. corner of said Rancho assuming and marked out by Warren Brown County Surveyor of Contra Costa County and running Southly direction in the line of said Rancho assuming a distance of one Spanish league

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provided it does not come to the line of the  
 land survey from the estate of Samuel Russell  
 and if it is less than a league to Russell's  
 northern line then it is to come to a point  
 parallel to the most northerly point  
 of Russell's line and running in an east  
 and west direction one Spanish League into a  
 point which would give the area of one  
 square Spanish League in lease which has  
 been a league to Russell's northern line  
 then in the north direction to the northern line  
 of the Rancho of San Ramon assigned  
 by Warren Brown hence as a northern  
 direction to the place of beginning as to the  
 one and contains exactly one Spanish league  
 as near as a square form as practicable and  
 reference for greater certainty for a full and  
 complete description of the same should  
 intended to be resumed and accepted is made  
 to certain agreement or compromise  
 made by and between the Marquis Comandante  
 and Don Pedro on or about 19 February 1852  
 and entered in office of County Clerk at  
 Martinez in Vol. page 58 & 6 where a  
 full and complete description of said league  
 of land is made

Together with all and singular  
 the contents hereof and the said appointments  
 should be binding in any case whatsoever  
 and the husband and heirs and assigns  
 of said emigrants and their heirs and  
 assigns their and all the estate right  
 title interest and property whatsoever  
 claim any demand whatsoever as  
 well as Law as in Equity of the said  
 party of the first part of or to the above  
 described premises and any part and  
 parcel thereof or to the appointments herein  
 and to hold all and singular the above mentioned  
 and described premises together with the  
 appointments unto the said party of the  
 second part and their heirs & assigns forever

In witness whereof the said parties of the first part hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date above written

William Lynch      Seal  
Leo Norris      Seal  
Mary Jane <sup>Mr</sup> Norris Seal  
Mary L. Lynch      Seal

Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
R. N. Wood } State of California  
C. A. Marshall } County of Contra Costa  
on the 24th day of June

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1854 before me the undersigned authority personally came and appeared the within named Leo Norris and Mary Jane his wife and William Lynch and Maria Louise his wife to me personally known to be the parties aforesaid in and who recited the foregoing instrument who solemnly testified and declared that they executed the same on the day and year therein mentioned as their own free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein named

And the said Mrs. Mary Jane Norris and Mrs. Maria Louise Lynch being examined by me separate and apart from each other of the hearing of their respective husbands and fully advised of the contents of said instrument each respectively declared that the said seals and deliveries the same on the day and year and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned as their own free and voluntary act without the fear threat or compulsion of their said husbands or either of them and that they do not desire to retract the same

Witness my hand and day and date above written

R. N. Wood  
County Judge

Recorded Vol 4 Book of Deeds on pages 43 and 74 the 27th day of June 1854 at 10 1/2 O'clock AM County Recorder's office Contra Costa County

Thomas A. Brown County Recorder

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Filed for Record June 26th 1834 at 10 O'clock  
A.M. at request of J. W. Daugherty

Thos. Brown

Recorder

By L. M. Brown

Deputy Recorder

Records October 7th 1834 at 12 O'clock M. Book  
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Official Alameda County

A. M. Clark

Recorder

By J. M. Leavens

Deputy

Filed for Record at request of J. W. Daugherty  
October 2nd 1834 at 2 P.M.

A. M. Clark

Recorder

By J. M. Leavens

Deputy

Filed in Office July 15th 1834

George Fisher

Secretary

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Opinion of  
the Board

Leo Nims

The United States

For a part of the place  
called San Ramon situated

in Central Costa County

The Petitioner derives his title to the land claimed in  
this lease under a conveyance made to him by Jose  
Manuel Amador and wife which conveyance is  
given in evidence and is dated October 25th 1851

The premises claimed comprise a portion of the  
place called San Ramon which was granted to  
said Amador by Governor Segura on the 17th  
day of August 1833.

The original papers connected  
with the grant of San Ramon to said Amador  
and a traced copy of the same are on file  
in case No 128 in which case said Amador is  
the Petitioner and by stipulation filed with this  
case the documents and proofs thereon relative  
to the validity of said Amador's title to the property  
are to be used in this lease.

They fully substantiate  
Amador's right as the grantee of the premises and  
his compliance of the conditions required by the  
terms of his grant. In that case a decree of confir-  
-mation has been entered.

A controversy seems to  
have existed between the parties relative to the limit  
of said quantity of the land conveyed by Amador  
to Nims. Recently a stipulation has been filed  
in both leases defining the land belonging to  
said Nims by Nims and Amador according to  
the stipulation that portion of the premises known  
as San Ramon is excepted in the decree of confir-  
-mation entered in Amador's lease and in this  
case Nims having relinquished his claim to the  
remainder a decree will be made conforming to  
Nims the portion designated as his by the stipulation  
conferred

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Secretary

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Decree of  
Confirmation

Leo Norris  
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The United States

In this case on hearing  
the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the  
Commission that the said claim of the said Petitioner  
is valid and it is therefore decreed that the same be  
confirmed

The land of which confirmation is hereby  
made is situated in Central Costa County and  
is part of a tract of land known by the name of  
San Ramon which was granted to Jose Maria  
Amador and which entire tract so granted is de-  
scribed and bounded as follows to wit

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Bounded on  
the North by the Arroyo de San Ramon on the South  
by the lands known as the lands of the Mission  
of San Jose on the east and on the west by the two  
mountains enclosing said Valley of San Ramon  
the said tract of land contain in form square leagues  
together with a piece of land in augmentation  
thereof and which is adjacent thereto of one thousand  
and eight hundred varas this extension to  
be understood to be from a line designated as  
boundary of the lands of the Mission of San Jose  
to the Spring named Alcornillo

Reference for the said land  
above mentioned to be had to the map connected  
with the Expediente a true copy of which is on  
file in this case

The portion of the premises above  
described which is hereby confirmed to said Leo  
Norris is bounded and described as follows to  
wit, Beginning at the North West corner of said  
premises and running in a southerly direction  
on the line of said Rancho a distance of one  
Spanish League provided it does not come to the  
line of the land surveyed for and sold to Sam-  
uel Russell and if it is less than a league to  
Russell's Northern line then it is to come to a point  
parallel to the most Northern Point of Russell's  
line and running in an easterly direction one

Spanish league into a point which would give  
 the area of the Spanish League in case it be  
 less than a league to Russell's Northern line  
 thence in a northerly direction to the Northern  
 line of the said Rancho of San Ramon  
 thence on said Northern line to the place of  
 beginning so as to measure and contain exactly  
 the Spanish League as near as space permit  
 as practicable

Alphus Felch  
 R. Aug. Thompson  
 S. B. Trammell,  
 Commissioners

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board  
 that the land hereby adjudicated is situated in  
 the Northern District of California it is hereby  
 ordered That two transcripts of the Proceedings  
 and of the decision in this case one of the  
 papers and evidence upon which the same are  
 formed be made out and duly certified  
 by the Secretary one of which transcripts shall  
 be filed with the Clerk of the United States Dist-  
 ict Court for the Northern District of California  
 and the other be transmitted to the Attorney  
 General of the United States

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

I, *George Fisher* — Secretary to  
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
following *One hundred & twenty seven* pages, numbered from  
*1 to 127*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Tran-  
script of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the  
said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony  
of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this  
Office, in Case No. *349* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein

*George Norris* is —

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*Part of San Ramon*" —



In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand  
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal  
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this  
*Twenty first* — day of *August*  
A. D. *1855*, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the ~~seventy~~ *eightieth*.

*Geo. Fisher*  
*[Signature]*

U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

*North* District of California.

No. *287*

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THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*ND*

*George Norris.*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE

BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. *349.*

Filed,

*October 1* 185*5*

*J. A. Monroe,*

*Clerk.*



Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10, October, 1853.

349/ "San Ramon"

George Harris, Claimant.

You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 1st day of August, 1855, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

C. C. Smith

Attorney General.

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United States Dist. Court  
Northern Dist. of California

United States  
Gen. Norris,

Notice of Appeal in  
Case no. 349

Filed Nov. 22, 1855,  
J. Cheever  
Deputy.

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To the Hon Dist Court of the U. S. in &  
for the Northern Dist of Cal

The United States

George Norris

D. C. 287: L. C. 349

The petition of the United States by their Attorney represents that this cause is an application for a review of the decision of the U. S. Land Commission whereby the claim of the appellee was confirmed as appears by the record in the case: That a transcript of said record was filed in this Court on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1855: that a notice of appeal was filed on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of November 1855, and that the land claimed lies in the said District, That the said claim is invalid.

Wherefore appellants pray that the said decision of the Commission be reversed and that this Court decree the said claim invalid.

San Francisco July 12. 1857

Standing;  
U. S. Atty

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vs  
George Norris

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United States }  
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George Norris } calendar).

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In the above entitled cause the attorney for the claimant having suggested to the court, that the true name of the claimant is Leo Norris, and that in filing the petition for confirmation before the Board of Land Commissioners, the attorney for the claimant, through inadvertence or mistake, filed the said petition in the name of George Norris instead of Leo Norris, which is the true name, On motion of the claimant by his attorney, & with the consent of the District attorney of the United States, made in open court, it is ordered that the error aforesaid be corrected by inserting the name of Leo Norris as the claimant, & that the cause proceed to final adjudication in the name of said Leo Norris -

Agda Hoffmann  
U. S. District Judge

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The United States,

— upon  
Geo Harris.

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Order to correct  
Manuscript.

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Lid Aug: 10. 1857.  
W. H. Chivers,  
Deputy.

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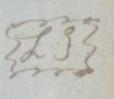
This Agreement made this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February A<sup>D</sup> 1852  
between Jose Maria Sanchez and Ana de Morris both of the  
County of Contra Costa California That said Jose Maria  
Sanchez in consideration of the promises hereinafter men-  
tioned agrees to dismiss a suit now pending in the  
Contra Costa District Court, against the said Jose  
Morris at his own cost, and the said Jose Morris  
in consideration thereof agrees to pay to the  
said Jose Maria Sanchez, including the amount  
already paid him the sum of Six thousand dollars  
and relinquish to the said Jose Maria Sanchez  
the open cows, horses, and farming utensils which  
were to be delivered under a contract for the sale  
of the Rancho of San Ramon and the said  
Jose Morris further agrees to relinquish by  
quit claim deed all of the Rancho of San  
Ramon deeded by the said Jose Maria Sanchez  
to the said Jose Morris by deed in name in the  
records office of the County of Contra Costa  
and bearing date October 25<sup>th</sup> 1851. Excepting  
and reserving to himself one league of land lying  
in the north west corner of said Rancho and to  
include the improvements of the said Jose Morris  
to be designated and surveyed as follows to wit  
beginning at the north west corner of said  
Rancho as surveyed and marked out by Thomas  
Brown the Surveyor of Contra Costa County on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> days of July 1850 and running a Southernly  
direction in the line of said Rancho as surveyed  
by him a distance of one Spanish League pro-  
vided it does not come to the line of the said  
Surveyor for & sole to Russel and if it is less  
than one league to Russel's Northern line then it  
is to come to a point parallel to the most  
northerly point of Russel's line and run

in an easterly direction one Spanish League or to a point  
which would give the area of one square Spanish League  
in East, it be less than a League to Russels Northern  
line thence in a northerly direction to the northern  
line of the Rancho of Don Juan as surveyed by  
Brown thence in said northerly line to the place  
of beginning so as to include exactly one Spanish  
League as before, in a square form as practical as may  
it is further agreed that all contracts, writings, agree-  
ments and stipulations heretofore made are hereby  
annulled and rendered void and that all  
matters between them relative to a settlement  
for money, paid for a new to the San Jose Maria  
Ammador as well as all other contracts for land between  
them shall be included in this settlement and  
arbitration and for the full clear fourth part  
and satisfactory settlement of their differences  
we agree mutually to select such one disinter-  
ested arbitrator who shall proceed to settle and  
pass upon all payments and disbursements made  
by the San Jose Maria to and for the San Jose  
Maria Amador not allowing the San Jose Maria  
any interest for moneys advanced to said  
Amador and they shall ascertain the balance  
due to the San Jose Maria and in case the said  
arbitrator so selected should not be able to  
agree they the said arbitrators shall select one  
disinterested person who shall decide as an umpire  
between them said arbitrators are to meet within  
the County of Contra Costa within one month from  
this date and the balance which may be due the San Jose  
Amador shall be paid and the quit claim duly  
executed as aforesaid before the expiration of one month  
from this date, by the San Jose Maria to the San Jose  
Maria Amador and we hereby agree that the above

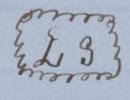
of the arbitrators and this agreement shall be entered  
of record at the public cost of each as a memorial of the  
said settlement of the controversy between us

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our  
hands and affixed our seals this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1852.

Witness  
Wm. Claus Jones  
Wm. Morris

Jose Maria <sup>his</sup> Amador   
<sup>X</sup> <sub>merth</sub>  
Leo <sup>his</sup> Morris   
<sup>X</sup> <sub>merth</sub>

State of California }  
County of Santa Cruz } On this day the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 1852  
personally appeared before me the undersigned County  
Recorder in and for said County Jose Maria  
Amador and Leo Morris both personally known to  
me and both signed the foregoing instrument in  
my presence and each acknowledged to me that  
he for himself signed sealed and delivered the same  
voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed

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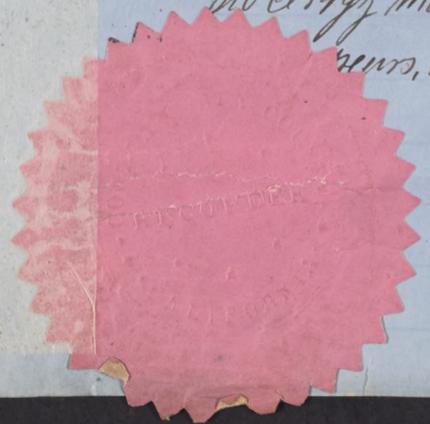
Witness my hand with my printed seal  
there being no seal provided for the  
said office at office in Merthmas the  
date aforesaid.

Thomas A. Brown  
County Recorder

I Thomas A. Brown County Recorder in & for said County  
do certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an original with  
me, on record in volume 1 page 558, 559, & 560, with this office

Filed for record 19 Feby 1852. at 2 o'clock P.M.  
Recorded 12 March 1852

Witness my hand & seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day 1853  
Thomas A. Brown County Recorder



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Articles of Agreement

between

Jos. M. Adams & Liv. Perry

City of New York

Filed Sept 10  
1857.

Jos. M. Adams  
Clerk

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In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California

The United States

No 287

vs  
Geo. Norris

Stated term 10<sup>th</sup> September 1857  
Decree.

Appeal from the final decision of  
the Commissioners to ascertain and  
settle private land claims in  
California.

This cause came on  
to be heard at a stated term of said Court on appeal  
from the final decision of the Commissioners to as-  
certain and settle private land claims in the  
State of California, under an Act of Congress  
approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851. on a Transcript of the proceed-  
ings and decision, and the papers, and evidence on  
which said decision was founded; And it appearing  
that said Transcript has been duly filed, according  
to Law, and the parties having appeared by their  
respective Counsel: It is adjudged, ordered and  
decreed, that the decision of the said Commissioners  
be in all things affirmed, except as the same is  
hereinafter modified in respect to the boundaries  
of the said tract, and that the claim of the said  
Appellee is a good and valid claim, and the  
same is hereby confirmed to that portion of the  
tract known as the Rancho San Ramon,  
situate in the County of Contra Costa, and  
which is embraced within the following bound-  
aries to wit: Commencing at the North West corner  
of the said Rancho of San Ramon, as surveyed and  
marked out by Warren Brown, County Surveyor  
of Contra Costa County, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> days  
of July 1850, a plat of which survey is on file in  
this cause; and running thence in a Southerly  
direction on the line of said Rancho, as surveyed by  
said Brown, a distance of One Spanish league

provided it does not come to the line of the land surveyed for and sold to Russell, and if it is less than a league to Russell's Northern line, then to a point parallel to the most northerly of Russell's line, and run thence in an Easterly direction One Spanish League, or to a point which will give the area of One square Spanish league in case it be less than a league to Russell's Northern line, thence in a Northerly direction to the Northern line of the said Rancho of San Ramon as surveyed by said Brown, thence on said northerly line to the place of beginning, so as to measure and contain exactly One Spanish League as nearly in a square form as practicable; and for greater certainty reference is here made to a certain agreement made on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852, between Jose Maria Amador, and Leo Norris, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Contra Costa County, in Vol. 1. page 558 and following, a certified copy of which is on file in this cause: And it is further ordered, that in surveying and locating the said confirmed lands reference be had to the plat of the Survey made by Warren Brown, and to the said Agreement bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852, as aforesaid.

John Hoffman  
U. S. Deft. Judge

no 287.

In the District Court of the United States  
for the  
Northern District of California

Geo. Geo. Norris

vs

The United States

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J. B. Crockett  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Filed Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

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Northern District of California.

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The claimant in the above entitled cause, hereby waives his right to prosecute an appeal from the final decree this day rendered by said court in this cause, and relinquishes all claims upon the government of the United States; by virtue of the title which is the foundation of said decree, except as to the lands embraced in said decree.

Dated at San Francisco 30<sup>th</sup> July 1857.

J. B. Crockett  
atty for claimant.

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United States

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Waiver of claimant

Filed Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

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Clerk

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It is hereby stipulated that a plat of survey made by Warren Brown County Surveyor for Contra Costa County, of the Rancho San Ramon, which survey was made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> days of July 1859, and a certified copy of a written agreement between Jose Maria Amador of the one part & Leo Norris of the other part bearing date February 19<sup>th</sup> 1852, & Recorded in the Recorder's office for Contra Costa County Volume 1 page 558 & following, be filed as evidence in the above entitled cause now pending & with like effect as if the same had been filed prior to the submission of said cause to the court for decision.

Dated at San Francisco the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1857.

J. B. Crockett  
Atty for claimant

P. Bella Fore

vs. S. Atty.

J. E. Howard  
Atty for  
Amador &  
Dougherty

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Stipulation.

Filed Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 57

Just Monroe  
Clerk.

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At a Stated Term of the DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of California, held at the Court Room in the CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, on Wednesday the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-Three.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States

v.

Les Harris

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And now at this day, on application of the attorney for said claimant, and it appearing to the Court that a decree of confirmation was entered herein September 10, 1857, and that no appeal has been applied for in behalf of the United States from said decree within the five years prescribed by law, and that the said claimant is entitled to a survey and patent It is Ordered that the Clerk of this Court deliver a certified copy of this order for the information of the Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California.

Ogden Hoffman  
District Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

The United States

v.

Geo Norris.

Order reciting that  
Claimant is entitled  
to a survey and patent.

Filed August 19th 1863.

H. H. Cheever.

Clerk.

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The United States }  
vs } No. 287.  
Leo Norris called }  
George Norris } Part of San Ramon.

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The petition of Horace W. Cooper, respectfully shews, that a final survey has been made in the above entitled cause, that said survey was approved by the United States Surveyor General for California, on the 27. day of December 1850, that said Surveyor General has made publication in the San Francisco Herald that said survey has been approved by him which said publication was first made on the 17 day of April 1851, but which your petitioner never saw until this day, that the land embraced in said survey is situated in the County of Contra Costa, that at the County seat of said county there is and for several years past has been published a weekly newspaper called the "Contra Costa Gazette", but that no notice of said survey has ever been published in said paper or in any other paper published in said county, that your petitioner was fully persuaded in his own mind that the law required the publication

to be made in the County where the land lies when a newspaper is published in said County, and that acting upon that belief he was accustomed to examine the columns of the said Central Costa Gazette every week to find the notice in this case and in other cases in said County in which your petitioner is interested. Your petitioner further says that he was informed today at the office of the Surveyor General that said survey was ordered to be made in the "Alameda Gazette" a paper published in Alameda County, the place of publication of which is claimed at said office to be nearer to the land embraced in said survey than is the place of publication of the said "Central Costa Gazette", but no return of such publication had been made to the office of the Surveyor General. Your petitioner further shows that said survey and the plat thereof still remain in the office of the Surveyor General and that as he is informed at said office no plat of said survey has yet been forwarded to Washington, and that the same can not be forwarded until proper returns of said publication shall have been filed.

Your petitioner further shows that

he is just owner, by means conveyances from the original grantee, of the Rancho of San Ramon granted to Bartolome Pacheco & Mariano Castro, which is a different and an older grant than the one under which the said Norris claims, that the survey in this case embraces a tract of six hundred acres or more of land, which as your petitioner is informed and believes and charges, is parcel of the Rancho of San Ramon belonging to your petitioner and his cotenants, and which does not belong to the Rancho claimed by the claimant in this case - and that said survey is erroneous.

And your petitioner further says that this application is not made for delay, and that the neglect if any there has been on his part in not making this application sooner, was accidental and not intentional and grew out of the facts above stated. Your petitioner further shews that the distances of the places of publication of the two said newspapers from the land in question are about equal.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the said survey may be ordered to be returned to this court, and that the same may

be set aside and a new survey ordered

H. W. Carpenter  
in person

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H. W. Carpenter being duly sworn says that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

H. W. Carpenter

Your petitioner further shows that the notice of the approval of survey was given in the name of Leo Norris, whilst the name of the claimant in this case as shown by the proceedings before the U. S. Commissioner was George Norris said case being entitled in the name of George Norris before said Commissioner, that the appeal to this court was taken and the transcript filed in this court in the name of George Norris, and that it so stands on the register of this court, that an order appears to have been afterwards entered directing subsequent proceedings to be had in the name of Leo Norris, but that your petitioner was not a party to said proceeding and until today never knew of said change of title therein.

Your petitioner further shows that at the time when the time for presenting this petition expired according to the rules of this court, dating from the first publication in the San Francisco

Heard, your petition was very sick in  
bed, and even if he had known of said  
publication, was entirely unable to attend to  
any matter of business.

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Wherefore your petition prays  
that the said survey may be ordered  
to be returned to this court and that the  
same may be set aside and a new survey  
ordered

H. W. Carpenter  
in person

H. W. Carpenter being duly sworn, deposes that  
the facts stated in the foregoing petition are  
true to the best of his knowledge and belief

H. W. Carpenter

Spam to, & subscribed  
June 4, 1861. before me  
W. D. Chevers  
M. S. Com

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U. S. District Court.

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Pittman & affiant  
for the return  
of Surcey.

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H. W. Carpenter  
for Pittman.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,  
To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

San Francisco, August 21<sup>st</sup> 1855.

J. A. Monroe Esq.  
Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the  
Northern District of California.

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant  
to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31<sup>st</sup>,  
1852, a Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the  
Decision of this Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of  
the Testimony of the witnesses upon which the same is founded,  
in Case No. 349 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

George Norris is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known  
by the name of "Part of San Ramon"

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher.

