

CASE No.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

PART OF NAPA GRNAT

EBEN KNIGHT

CLAIMANT:

LAND CASE 313 ND 90 pgs.

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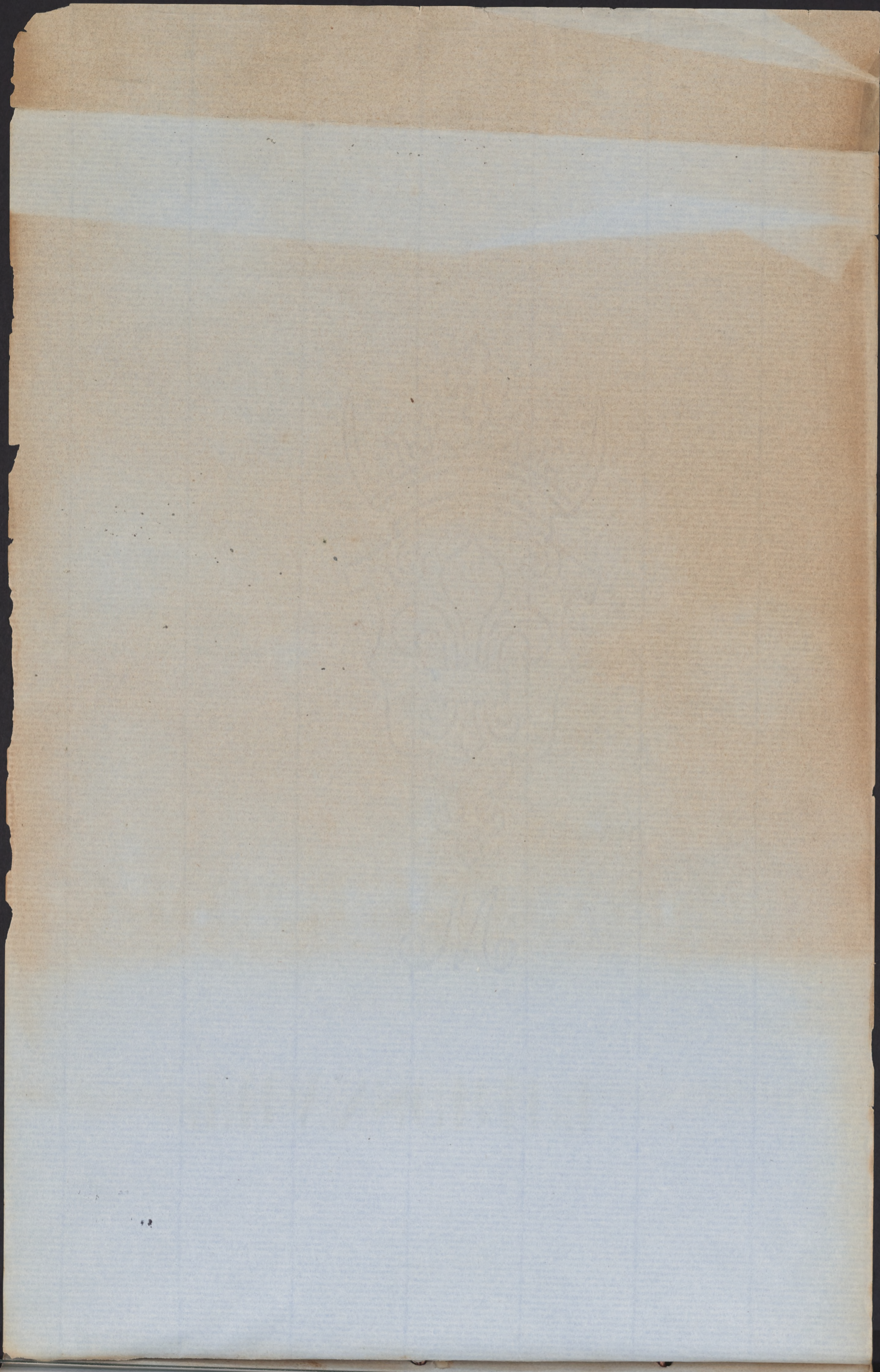
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NO. 735

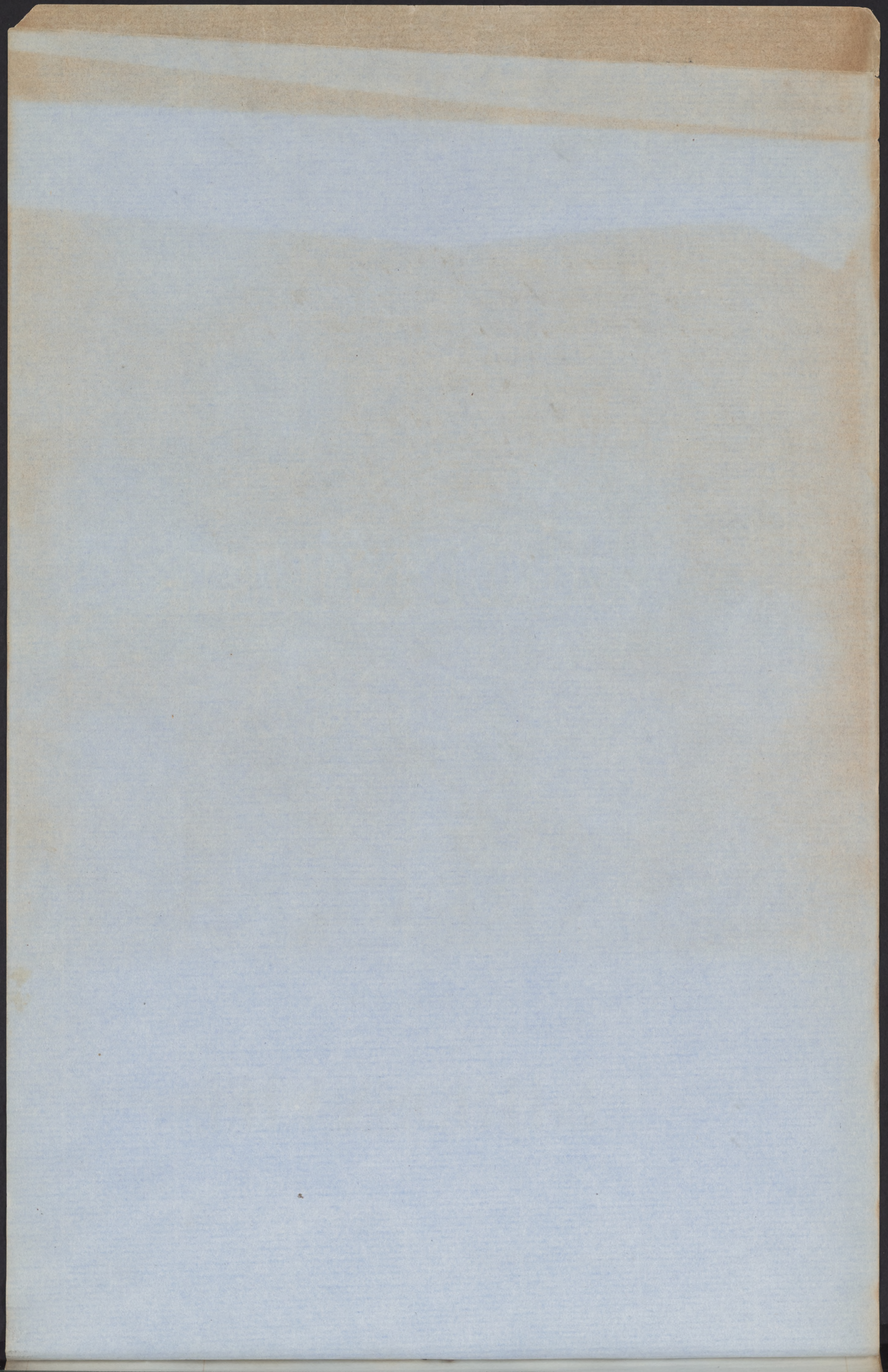
Eber Knight CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

Agent of
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

Napa



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 Second day of March, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-~~three~~, 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 Eben Knight
for the Place named
"Wapa"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 735 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

San Francisco September 13th 1853.
In Case no. 735, Eben Knight for part of the place named "Wapa," the deposition of Em. A. d'Hermeourt, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, was filed;

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco October 8th 1853.
In the same Case the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco November 10th 1853.
In the same Case an authenticated Copy of the deposition of George C. Young, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch in Case no. 732, on the 6th October 1853, was filed as evidence in this Case, in ac-

accordance with stipulations with the U. S. Associate
Law Agent;

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco March 21st 1854.

In the same case, on motion of the U. S. Law Agent,
in conformity with the notice served upon him
by Messrs Hallett, Peck, & Bellows, it was ordered
that their names be withdrawn hence forth
as counsel for the claimants.

San Francisco January 9th 1855.

Care no. 735 was ordered to be placed at the foot
of the 3rd class case on the Trial Ticket.

San Francisco March 13th 1855.

Care no. 735 was submitted under the Rule of
March 21st 1854.

San Francisco March 24th 1855.

In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch
delivered the Opinion of the Board confirming
the claim;

(Vide page 63 of this Transcript.)

And the following order was made, to wit;

(Vide page 66 of this Transcript.)

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To the Honorable Commissioners To
Settle Private Land Claims in California.

Petition

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The Petitioner Eben Knight respectfully represents, That on the 21st day of September A.D. 1838 Juan B. Alvarado Governor of California by virtue of authority in him vested granted to Salvador Vallejo the tract of land called "Napa" and the boundaries described in the Map and title which original grant, map, approval and act of judicial possession are filed in claim N^o 495 and hereby referred to and made a part of this petition, translations of which are submitted herewith marked "A"

That on the 5th day of April A.D. 1847 the said Salvador Vallejo sold and conveyed to G. W. Garrison one square mile or six hundred and forty acres of said tract of land as is now particularly described in the deed of conveyance from said Vallejo to said Garrison a duly certified copy of which is submitted herewith marked "B"

That on the 2^d day of August A.D. 1852 the said G. W. Garrison sold and conveyed to William M. Roggs one half of said square mile, as is more particularly described in said deed of conveyance from said Garrison to said Roggs, a duly certified copy of which is submitted herewith marked "C"

That said William M. Roggs sold
and

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and conveyed to the Petitioner on the 3d day of August AD 1832, a quarter section of said tract of land as is more particularly described in the original deed of conveyance submitted herewith and marked "D"

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And the Petitioner further represents that those under whom the holds have been for some fifteen years, and that the Petitioner now is in the quiet possession and occupation of said land

Wherefore he prays the Commissioners to confirm to him the aforesaid tract of land.

By his Atty,
Walter Pracy & Billings

Filed in Office March 2^d 1833

(Signed) Geo. Fisher
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Office of Commissioners of Land
Claims in California

Deposition
of
Em. A. d'
Hemecourt.

This day before Com^r Alphus. Felto
came Em. A. d' Hemecourt, a Witness
in behalf of claimant Eben Knight No
735 - who after being duly sworn deposed
as follows

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Questions by Mr. Hullock Attorney for
the claimant

1st Question What are your name age
and place of residence?

Answer, My name is "Emile
A. d' Hemecourt", my age is about thirty
seven years and I reside in Napa City
in the County of Napa and State of
California

2nd Question What Office (if any) do
you hold in Napa County and how
long have you held it

Answer, I hold the Office
of County Surveyor and have held it
since the month of April A.D. 1852.

3rd Question Examine the paper here
presented and shown to you marked "D"
with the initials "A. F." and therefore filed
in this case purporting to be a deed of con-
veyance from W. M. Woods to E. Knight
and say if you know the land described
in this Deed, and if you know whether or
not it is included within the general

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general boundaries of the judicial Survey
of the Napa Ranch as described in
document marked "A" in file in claim
N^o 495 in the Office of the Secretary of
this Board

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Answer. I have examined
the said papers and know the land
described therein I surveyed the land
described in said deed and it is in-
cluded within the general boundaries
mentioned in this interrogatory

(Signed)
Em A d' Hemecourt

Mr. Greenhow, Associate
Law Agent attended at
the taking of this Depo-
sition but propounded
no questions to the Witness

Subscribed and sworn to
before me at San Francisco
this thirteenth day of Sept^r
ember A.D. 1853.

(Signed)
Alphus Fitch
Commissioner

Filed in Office September 13th 1853

(Signed) Geo. Fisher
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Office of the Board of
Commissioners for the

Deposition
of
George C. Yount

This day before A. M. Phelps, Judge
came George C. Yount a Witness in behalf
of Claimant Julius K. Rice No 732
who after being duly sworn deposed as
follows

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Questions by Mr. Y. H. H. Attorney for
Claimant.

1st Question. What are your name age
and place of residence?

Answer. My name is George
C. Yount my age is fifty nine years and
I reside in Napa County in California
I have lived in California ever since
February 1831 and in Napa since 1836

2^d Question. Do you know the Rancho
called Napa granted to Salvador Vallejo
if you where is it situated

Answer. I know the Rancho
It is bounded on the North or Northwest
by my Rancho in which I live on the
East by Napa River, on the South by
Nicholas Yegua and on the West by
Carnice Creek. It is in Napa County
above mentioned

3^d Question. State what you know
about the occupation of the land?

Answer. Salvador Vallejo first oc-
cupied it in 1827 or 1828 I am not
positive

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positive which

He had horses cattle and corals upon it. He built an adobe house in it which he occupied with his family.

The house was built by him the same year that he went there. He cultivated very largely. I suppose four or five hundred acres were cultivated in wheat corn barley beans and other vegetables. He continued to occupy it until after the Americans took possession of the country. He had probably four thousand head of cattle in it at that time.

Q^d Question Do you know whether he sold any of the land, and if so to whom?

Answer. He has sold pretty much the whole valley. He sold some of it to Mr. Ford an Attorney in San Francisco also some to Mr. Osborne, Mr. Bartlett Captain Knight and Mr. McNeil. These persons now occupy the lands purchased by them. They are all fenced in and cultivated.

(Signed) George W. Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me at San Francisco the sixth day of October A.D. 1852

Mr. Greenhow, Associate Law Agent was present at the taking of this Deposition but propounded no interrogatories to the witness.

(Signed) A. H. H. H.
Commissioner

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It is hereby agreed between the Law Agent on the part of the United States and the Attorney for the Claimant that the foregoing Exposition may be read as evidence in Claims numbered 733, 734, 735 and 736

October 6th 1853

(Signed)

Robert Greenhead
Att. Law Agent

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I George Fisher Secretary of the United States Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle Private land claims in the State of California do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full true and correct copy of a deposition taken in the above cause and now on file among the Records of said Board and in my care and custody as such Secretary

Witness my hand this 10th day of December 1853

(Signed)

Geo. Fisher
Secy

Filed in Office Oct. 16th 1853

(Signed)

Geo. Fisher
Secy

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San Francisco Jan 13 1853

Deposition
of
Jose de la Rosa
admitted by
Subpoena

On this day before Commissioner Harry S. Thornton came Jose de la Rosa a witness in behalf of the claimant Silburn W. Pegg. Petition No 511 and was duly sworn his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary.

My name is Jose de la Rosa, my age is 41 years, I reside in Simma and have resided there 21 years.

I know the Rancho called Napa in Napa valley which was granted to Salvador Valljo in 1838. The grantee first occupied it in 1838 or 9. He built a house on it and corral, had cattle and horses on it, and cultivated portions of the land. Since the Americans took possession of the country he has sold portions of it to various individuals.

I am acquainted with the signatures of Juan B. Alvarado, Francisco Arce, Jacob P. Sore, Victor Pineda, Camilo A. Rodriguez, Narciso Berreyra, and Rafael Narvaiz, their signatures to the document before me marked N^o 1, in 495 and purporting to be the original title approval and judicial possession are genuine.

(Signed)

Jose de la Rosa

U. S. Law Agent present

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 13th of January 1853

(Signed) Harry S. Thornton, Com^r & C

Filed in Office Jan 13 1853

(Signed) Geo. Fisher, Secy

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N^o 735

Stipulation

Claim of Eben Knight to 160 Acres
being a part of the Rancho called
"Najoa" granted to Salvador Vallejo

It is agreed between the Law Agent
on the part of the United States, and
the Attorney for the Claimant that
the Deposition of José de la Rosa
taken and on file in case N^o 300
shall be read in evidence in this case

(Signed) Wallace Peacy & Bellis
Attys for Claimant

(Signed) Robert Greenhow
Asst Law Agent

Filed in Office October 8th 1853.

(Signed)
Geo. Fisher
Secy

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Proyecto 12
de
Sonoma.

Expediente

Instruido p^a medir y dar posesion
de Cuatro sitios de Ganado mayor
en el Rancho de
"Napa"

al Capitan. D. Salvador Callejo

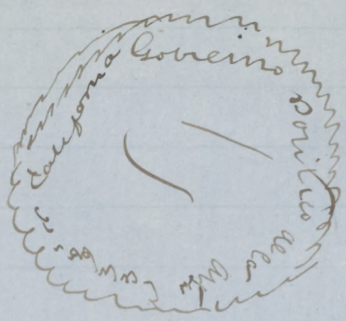
Lebrero 8 de

1844.

Testigos de A^{ca}

D. Victor Pardon,

2 D. Damascos Rodriguez.



El Ciudadano Juan B. Alvarado Jefe político interino de la Alta California

Por Cuanto D^{no} Salvador

Vallejo, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia, el terreno conocido con el nombre de Chapala dentro de los linderos del diseño que acompaña a su solicitud practicadas previamente las diligencias concernientes según lo dispuesto por las leyes y Reglamentos de la materia, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la nación mexicana, he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarándole la propiedad de él, por las presentes letras entendiéndose de ella con excepción con entera conformidad a las leyes a Reserva de la aprobación o desaprobación de la Ex^{ta} Diputación y bajo las condiciones siguientes

1^o El Agraciado, ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el que se les adjudica, imponer censo vinculo, fianza hipoteca, ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni pasarlo a mano muerta.

2^o podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las travecias, caminos, y servidumbre; lo disputara libre y conclusivamente deduciendo al uso y cultivo que le acomode.

3^o cuando se le conceda la propiedad solicitara del juez respectivo lede la posesion jurídica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se demarcaran sus linderos y pondra sus señas.

4^o El terreno de que se hace donacion es puramente el que se expresa en la solicitud del interesado y se demarca

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en el Deseño; y el prez que lo posesione pasará, aviso al este gobierno del numero de sitios que comprende.

En consecuencia mando que sirviendole de titulo el presente y temendose por firme y valedero se le tome Razon en el libro que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines convenientes

Es dado en Sta. Barbara a veinte y uno de septiembre de mil Ocho cientos treinta y Ocho.

Juan B. Alvarado.

Queda tomada Razon en el libro Respectivo.

Juan C. Ace

O y
El Ciudadano Juan B. Alvarado, Jefe politico interno de la Alta California La Exma. Asamblea Departamental en sesion de hoy ha acordado lo siguiente

Deapueba la concesion hecha por el sup^{te} Gobierno del Departamento en titulo librado con fecha veinte y uno del corriente en favor del Ciudadano Salvador Vallego del terreno de Napa con Entera conformidad con la Ley de 18 de Agosto de 1832, y el Artto 3^o del Reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828.

y para resguardo del interesado lo hago asi saber.

Es dado en Sta. Barbara a veinte y tres de septiembre de mil Ocho cientos treinta y Ocho.

Juan B. Alvarado
Juan C. Ace. O. Y

(Map follows)

Sello Cuarto: Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Aduana
maritima del puerto de Monterey en
el Departamento de las Californias
para los años de mil Ocho Cientos cua-
renta y cinco.

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Micheltrean. Pablo de la Llena

Seal For proof de 1^a nominacion
Salvador Vallejo, vecino de esta
jurisdiccion, dueño del Rancho de Chapo
como mejor proceda de dho. ante V. pareces
y dijo: q. como consta del titulo q. presento
con la solemnidad y juramento necesario
tengo en mi dho. Rancho cuatro sitios de
ganado mayor dentro de los linderos q.
expresa dho. titulo; y p. q. en todo tiempo
conste hasta donde llegam dhos. linderos
y si me perjudican alg. de los circun-
vecinos o yo a estos, suplico a V. se sirva
mandar q. procediendo las dilig. que
conviene de identidad, vista de
dho. y reconocimnt. etc se proceda con
citacion de los circunvecinos a la medi-
da de mis dhas. tierras p. cuyo efecto
nombro desde ahora y p. cuando el
caso lleguere p. medidor a Paulino Gas-
quez, vecino de esta jurisdiccion intel-
lig. en esta materia y q. los demas
que fueren interesados, nombro p. la su-
ya otros medidores y habiendolo echo asi
los que nombro y el referido Paulino
Gasquez, p. mi nombrado aparezcan
acepten y juren y en su conformidad
se proceda a dhas. medidas.

P. D. A. V. suplica q. habiendo
p. presentado dho. documento se sirva
mandar hacer como libro pedido y q.
q. sea de me devuelvan dhos. documto
con las dilig. Originales q. se hicieren
p. en guarda de mi derechos este escrito

y todo lo necesario
Sonoma Feb - 4. 1844

Diligencia de la presentacion
del Memorial.

Salvador Vallejo

Juzgado 1.º de Sonoma En el pueblo de Sonoma a los cuatro dias del mes de Feb de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y cuatro ante mi Jacobo P. Leese. Alcalde de 1.ª nominacion de esta jurisdiccion se leyó la peticion anteced.ª y vista la tuve por presentada con el documento q.º expresa y mande q.º con citacion de los acreedores se haga informacion de identidad, vista de Ofos y reconocim.º de otras tierras a q.º estoy pronto a asistir personalmente asi lo provei, mande y firmé con los demas asistentes

Jacob. P. Leese

Asos

De casa

Victor Hudson # Dam: Rodriguez

En el Cohesado pueblo a los cinco dias del mismo mes y año yo el referido Alcalde 1.º con los de mi asos para proceder a la informacion de identidad hiñe comparecer ante mi el Criol.º Nazario Beneyesa, vecino de esta jurisdiccion de Oficio labrador y casado del cual reciti juramento q.º hizo p.º Dios y la señal de la Cruz en forma a cargo del cual prometio decir verdad y siendo preguntado p.º el conocim.º de las tierras y parages, terminos, y linderos pertenecientes al Rancho de Napa: Dijo que hace diez años es vecino de esta jurisdiccion y sabe q.º las tierras pertenecientes a dicho Rancho son del Capitan D.º Salvador Vallejo y tiene p.º linderos al N.º.º el Rio de Napa: al S.º.º el Arroyo de los Barreros: al E.º.º el del Rancho de Apurta, y al O.º.º el de Nicolas Figueroa, las cuales ha visto y reconocido varias veces y q.º desde q.º la posea el

Declaracion del 1.º testigo

Nazario Beneyesa

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Referido D. Salvador Vallejo, las ha, la-
brado y hem pasado en ellas sus ganados
y p^o prueba de lo q^o tiene dicho, esta
pronto a ir a otras tierras:

Sello Cuanto Dos Reales:

Habilitado provisionalmt^e. por la Adu-
na Maritima del puerto de Monterey
en el Departamento de las Californias
para los años de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta
y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos cuarenta
y cinco.

Micheltoena, Pablo de la Buena,

Con el Prest^e. juez y señalado
en los parafes, terminos y linderos donde
llegan y q^o lo que lleva dicho es la Ciudad
p^o el juramento que tiene hecho, en q^o
se aprimo y Ratifico. Declaro ser de cinco-
enta y seis años de edad y no tocarle las
gratas de la ley. Firmo conmigo y los de
casos

Jacobo. ¹² Leese

Nasario Berrelleoa.

De casos

Don. A. Rodrig^o.

Ver casos

En el mismo pueblo, dia mes y
año, yo el Referido Alcalde 1^o hize com-
parecer ante mi y los de mi Assisto^o al
Criclo. Rafael Navaroz, vecino de esta
jurisdiccion, de Oficio Caballero del
Cual recibi juram^{to} en forma, de decir
Verdad, y siendo preguntado p^o el cono-
cimb^{to} de las tierras y parafes, terminos
y linderos pertenec^{tes} al Rancho de Cha-
pa, digo: que hace seis años lo vecino
de esta jurisdiccion y sabe que las tier-
ras pertenec^{tes} a otro Rancho son del
Cap^o D. Salvador Vallejo y tiene p^o
linderos; al N. E. el Rio de Chapay
al S. el Arroyo de los Cameros, abet. Q.
el del Rancho de Yumth y al S. E. el de
Nicolas Figueroa, las cuales ha visto

Yo el juez, el Referido, D. Salvador Vallejo,

que conoiedo varias Veces y q. desde
q. las posee el Referido D. Salvador Val-
lejo las ha labrado, cultivado y han pauido
en ellas sus ganados, y p. prueba de lo
q. tiene dicho esta punto a ir a otras
tierras con el prest. puz y señalarle
los parages, terminos y linderos donde
llegan y q. lo q. lleva dicho es la verdad
p. el juramento q. tiene hecho en q. se
afirmo y ratifico. declaro ser de ementa
y nueve años de edad no tocarle las
generales de la Ley y

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Jacob. P. Leese
Rafael Carbajal
Asst. Don R. Rodriguez # Va. p. un don

Acto continuo, hize comparecer
ante mi y los de mi asst. al Ciudadano Jaco-
liffe Gomez, vecino de esta jurisdic-
cion del cual recibí juramto. en forma de
decir verdad y siendo preguntado p. el
conocimto. de las tierras y parages, termi-
nos y linderos pertenec. al Rancho de
Chapa dijo q. hace cinco años habita
en esta frontera y sabe q. las tierras per-
tenc. a dho. Rancho son del Capn. D.
Salvador Vallejo y tiene p. linderos: al
N. E. el Rio de Chapa al O. el Arroyo de
los Carneros, al N. O. el del Rancho de
Yumth y al S. E. el de Nicolas Higuera
las cuales ha visto y conoiedo varias
veces y q. desde q. las posee el referido D.
Salvador Vallejo las han labado y culti-
vado y han pauido en ellas sus ganados
y p. prueba de lo que tiene dho. esta
punto a ir a otras tierras con el prest.
puz y señalarle los parages, terminos
y linderos donde llegan y q. lo q. tiene
hecho, en q. se afirmo y ratifico. Declaro
ser de ementa y dos años de edad
y no tocarle las g.ales de la Ley y p.
no saber formar hizo una señal de Cruz
de q. doypé. Jacobo. P. Leese

Don. Felipe Gomez ^{Don} por ^{Don} Prudon #

Sello Cuarto Dos Reales:

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana Maritima del Puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de la California para los años de mil Ocho Cientos Cuarenta y cuatro y mil Ocho Cientos Cuarenta y cinco.

Micheltorena Pablo de la Llena

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Reconocimiento

Estando en el Campo en el paraje nombrado Arroyo de Chapala lindero de Cholas Figueroa, el dia cinco de Sept del prest. año; yo el Alcalde 1º actuando pº receptor, con dos testigos de caso pº falta de Escrivano publico los testigos pº mi examinados, prest. el Capn D. Salvador Vallejo, dueño de dichas tierras de el Rancho y pº mayor claridad, presto a caballo en compania de todos las partes y testigos referidos mande a los susodichos, me señalasen los parajes, terminos y linderos de ellas segun las señales q. han de clarado en sus disposiciones y en su conformidad guiaron al D. Hasta llegar al Arroyo de los Carneros el que me mostraron, y desde alli prosiguio el Reconocimiento y vista de Q de dichas tierras, rumbo N. O. hasta llegar el lindero del Rancho de Yunth camino de arriba, de alli continuando N. E. O siguiendolo el mismo Arroyo llegamos al camino de arriba q. va pº el Rancho de Yunth desde donde me enseñaron una parte de sierra intransitable pº llegar al lindero de Yunth, desde donde tomandolo rumbo N. E. llegamos al Rio de Chapa y bajando dicho Rio rumbo S. E. llegamos al Arroyo de Chapa el cual subimos, siguiendo el rumbo O. hasta encontrarnos en el

reconocimiento y dijeron ser todos los terminos y linderos

Ratificacion al intercedido p[er] q[ue] ratifique el nombramiento de medidor.

misimo punto de donde se empenzo el Reconocimto y dijeron ser tolos los terminos y linderos de las espresadas tierras pertenec[er] a D. Salvador Vallejo eussos parages yo el Referido Alcalde 1º vi y reconocio con los de mi casa d[os] testigos examinados y papeles presentados; y botefado con estos el Referido reconocio m[er] ser cierta la identificacion de las mencionadas tierras segun y como lo declararon d[os] testigos y p[er] q[ue] conste se puso por dilig[encia] y lo firmo con los de mi casa y demas q[ue] supieron de que da[ta] fue.

Jacob. P. Leese

De aso[ra] =
Casario Berrellesa aso[ra]
Rafael Charbaez V[er] Prudon
Felipe Gomez A

Inmediatamente yo el Alcalde 1º p[er] proceder a las medidas contenidas en estos autos mando q[ue] se notifique a d[os] D. Salvador Vallejo dueño de las tierras p[er] q[ue] ratifique el nombramiento de medidor, como asi mismo q[ue] de acuerdo tolos los Colind[er]es nombren p[er] su parte el surco, habiendo de ser inteligentes en materia de medidas y los que fueron nombrados, parezcan acepten y p[er]ren y hecho esto, estoy pronto a señalar dia p[er] d[os] dichas medidas, asi lo provei, mande y firme con los de mi casa =

Jacob. P. Leese

De aso[ra] = De aso[ra]
D[os]m. A. Rochig[ua] V[er] Prudon

Ratificacion de nombramiento de medidor.

En el mismo dia, mes y año yo el Alcalde 1º lei, y notifiqué el auto de su uso segun y como en el se contiene al Cap[itan] D. Salvador Vallejo ya sus colind[er]es en sus personas q[ue] conozco habiendolo, oido y entendido dijeron sellos Cuanto // Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmt^o por la Aduana Maritima del puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y cinco.

Michel Treña Pablo de la Llena

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Yo el Q^o y el primer d^o que ratifico su nombram^{to} en el Cuid^o Paulino Vasquez y los segundos nombrados a Francisco Figueroa ambos inteligentes y de legalidad a quienes notifiqué para que acepten y juren, y a consecuencia se proceden a otras medidas como esta mandado y lo formaron los J^{es} superiores, ante mí y los de asistencia de J^{es} doctos.

Jacob P. Leese

Nasario Benelless
Eclipe Gomez + Paulino Vasquez
Dcasso
Don. A. Rodrig^o. Rafael Carbajal
Asst. De puden

Notificacion a los michelores y su juramento.

Inmediatamente yo el Referido Alcalde. 1^o lei y notifiqué el auto de su uso y nombramiento, de michelores a los C. C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Figueroa, Jueces de esta jurisd^{ic} en sus personas J^{es} cony^o y habiendolos oido y entendido dijeron J^{es} aceptar el Encargo de michelores J^{es} se les confia y juran a Dios Et. D. y la señal de la H^o J^{es} usaron de su Encargo fiel y legalmt^o se firmo en leal saber y entendido y otras medidas las verificaron con fidelidad y exactitud, como es de su obligac^o y a satisfaccion de todos los interesados y habiendolo asi respuest^o lo formaron conmigo y los de asst^o de J^{es} doctos.

Jacob P. Leese

Paulino Vasquez +

De casa
Don. A. Rodrigz

Asa
Vto. pudon

En seguida yo el Reperido juez
habiendo visto la aceptacion y juramento
hecho p: los C. C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco
Higuera, nombrados p^{tes} - medidores; dije
q: p^{tes} procedes a otras medidas asignadas
y asigne el dia ocho del presente a las
Ocho de la mañana, y q: se haga saber asi
a los mencionados medidores, citandose
al Efecto, tambien a los circunvecinos
colindtes asi lo provei, mande y firme
con los de mi asistencia

Jacob. P. Leese

Asa

De casa

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Don. A. Rodrigz

Asignacion del dia
de las medidas.

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Inmediatamente se hizo saber el auto
q: antecede a la parte interesada Cap^{ta}
D. Salvador Vallejo, a los medidores
Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera
y entendidos dijeron q: se dan por citados
y lo firmaron con el prest^o juez y los de
Asa

Jacob. P. Leese

Paulino Vasquez +

De casa

Asa

Don. A. Rodrigz

Vto. pudon

Notificacion del
Auto anterior.

En el mismo dia, mes y año
se tiraron boletas de comparendo a
los colindtes C. C. Jorge Yunta y Nicolas
Higuera; p^{tes} q: comparezcan el dia cita
do y a la hora asignada en el mencion
ado Rancho de Chapala y p^{tes} constancia
lo firme con los de mi asistencia

Jacob. P. Leese

Asa

De casa

Vto. pudon

Don. A. Rodrigz

Subim^{to} de Boletas
de comparendo.

En el Rancho de Chapala
a los Ocho dias del mes de Feb^{ro} de
mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y cuatro.

Medida del
Cordel.

presente el Capitan. D. Salvador Vallejo y circunvecinos a otras tierras, hizo comparecer ante mi y los de mi aso a los. C. C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera, medidores nombrados a quienes mande tomasen un cordel de hilo y midieron cincuenta varas con vara de medir de cuatro palmos Castellanas y en efecto los referidos medidores en mi presencia, midieron en un cordel torcido.

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Sello Cuarto Dos Reales:
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana maritima del puerto de Monterey en el Departamento de la California para los años de mil Ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil Ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Micheltraena. Pablo de la Guena y ben trado, con 2^a de medir Castellana, mexicana y sellada el numero dicho de cincuenta varas lo q^o verificaron fiel y legalmente a vista y presencia del interesado y circunvecinos; y p^o q^o conste, mando se ponga p^o diligencia; y se proceda a otras medidas, como esta mandado, lo q^o certifico firmandolo con los de mi aso.

Jacob. P. Lee de

Asa:

Juan Puelon

De aso:

Juan: A. Rodrigz.

Medidas del
Rancho.

Estando en el campo y tierras pertenecientes al Rancho de Chapala del Capitan D. Salvador Vallejo, hoy dia ocho del Mes de mil Ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro. Yo el Alcalde 1^o de esta jurisdiccion, actuando p^o receptoria con dos testigos de aso p^o falta de Escribano publicos presentes los C. C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera medidores nombrados p^o la parte interesada y condictos mande proceder a la medida de cuatro sitios de ganado

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mayor q^d. por mas o menos tocan y parte
 neen al Rancho dicho, segun el titulo y
 disenio presentado, en sus obediencia
 habiendo vuelto a medir y reconocer el
 cordel, dieron principio a otra medida
 empezando p^r el Anayo de Tapá, lin-
 dero de Nicolas Higueras desde donde
 siguiendo rumbo S. hasta llegar al
 paso de Abajo del Anayo de los Camero
 se midieron ciento veinte cordeles o de
 cincuenta Varas que son seis mil
 Varas. Allí levanto el intere^o de un
 monton de piedras en señal de Ca-
 mohonera q^d. pondra en efecto; de este
 punto, siguiendo la medida hacia
 el N. O. p^r todo el Anayo hasta el
 camino de arriba q^d. va p^r Tapá
 se contaron ciento veinte cordeles
 (seis mil V^o) y puso el intere^o de la
 correspondiente, señal p^r poner allí
 tambien la mohonera Respectiva. Si-
 guiendo el mismo Anayo N. O.
 hasta el camino de arriba q^d. va
 p^r el Rancho de Yumth se contaron
 noventa y dos cordeles / cuatro mil
 seiscientas Varas y no pudiendo pasar
 adelante p^r ser una serancia intran-
 sible se calculo a Vista de Ojo hasta
 el lindero de Yumth doscientos cordeles
 (diez mil V^o) donde asi mismo puso otra
 señal p^r poner otra mohonera y continu-
 ando hacia el N. O. hasta el Rio
 de Tapá se midieron sesenta y cinco
 cordeles, (tres mil doscientas cincuenta
 Varas donde pondria igualmente q^d
 en las anteriores la correspondiente moh-
 nera. Bajando el mismo Rio rumbo
 S. E. hasta el Anayo de Tapá, se mi-
 dieron trescientas tres y medio cordeles
 (quince mil ciento setenta y cinco V^o)
 puso la señal de Mohonera y siguiendo
 el mismo Anayo, rumbo S. llegamos al
 punto de donde se dio principio a las
 medidas y se contaron cincuenta y dos

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verdaderos (dos mil seiscientas Cas.) de
manera qd. dandose por concluida la
medida del terreno qd. comprende el Ran-
cho de Chapo resulta una circunferencia
de (cuarenta y siete) mil seiscientas
veinte y cinco (Cas.) poco menos de lo qd.
corresponde a cuatro sitios de ganados
mayor; y declararon los enunciados medi-
dores estar enterado el Capⁿ D. Salvador
Valles de las tierras qd. le corresponden
segun el titulo y diseño qd. se hallan a
la cabeza de Cote Copeck.

por todo lo cual y en señal de
verdadera posesion y ceremonial acostum-
brado, aranceo piedras y yerbas y tres p^{os} los
cuatro vientos en manifiesta eⁿ de su legal
y legitima posesion qd. tomo p^o si. En con-
secuencia mande qd. p^o mas claridad
de los linderos que van espedados, hiciese
a su costa y memoria mas mohoneras de
piedra.

Dello Cuanto Dos Reales:

Habilitado provisionalmt^o por la Aduana
Maritima del puerto de Monterey en
el Departamento de las Californias para
los años de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta
y cuatro y mil Ocho cientos cuarenta
y cinco.

Micheltrona Pablo de la Guerra
Seal y cal en altos de mas de Cas
en p^o qd. en todo tiempo conste, reco-
nozcan y queden p^o terminos y linderos
de sus tierras p^o los demas circunvecinos
de ellas, y de haberse ejecutado estas
medidas quietas y pacificam^{te} sin con-
tradiccion de persona alguna. Lo pido
p^o testimonio y yo el Referido Alcalde
con los de mi Ass^o lo doy de haber pa-
sado como dicho es y qd. las espesadas
medidas han sido practicadas a todo
el leal saber y entender de los medidores
segun dispusieron sin dolo, fraude
ni engaño en contra de ninguna persona
y p^o mas seguridad y ratificacion

continuo y los de mi Ass^o de este dia

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del juramento que tiene hecho firmaron conmigo y los de mi Ass^{to} de que doy fe.

Jacob P. Leese
Paulino Vasquez +

De ass^{to} Ass^{to}
Derm. A. Rodriguez No. p. d. l. d.

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En Vista de hallarse este Cohect^o en q^d consta habersele dado posesion juridica del Rancho nombrado Mapa a distancia de cuatro leguas de este pueblo al cap^{to} D^o Salvador Valleso q^d lo tuvo p^{ta} su. Entreguese a la parte el Original p^{ta} los usos q^d le convengan con los documentos q^d presenta. El civic^o Jacobo P. Leese Alcalde 1^o de esta jurisdiccion, actuando p^{ta} recep^{ta} tiva con dos testigos de ass^{to} asi lo provei mande y firme a doce de febr^o de mil Ochoientos cuarenta y cuatro

Jacob P. Leese

Ass^{to} De ass^{to}
No. p. d. l. d. # Derm. A. Rodriguez.

Filed for Record on the 14th day of December 1851 at 8 o'clock a. m. H. M. Boggs, Recorder Somo County - By John Hendley - Dep^{ty}

Recorded in Book 7 page 87
W. M. Boggs Rec: By
John Hendley: Dep^{ty}

I, George Fisher, Secretary to the Board of W. O. Land Commissioners to settle the private Land claims in the State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct literal copy of a certain document filed in case No. 2495 on the Docket of said Board, which document is marked

Exhibit No 1 to the Depo. of José
de la Rosa in No 495. H. J. J. and
filed Dec 21st 1852.

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In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand at Office
in San Francisco.

Geo. Fisher
Secy.

Filed in Office March 2nd 1853

Geo. Fisher Secy

"A"
 Translation of
 title of Juridical
 Possession

(Civil Government)
 (of Upper Calif^a)

Citizen Juan B. Alvarado Political
 Chief ad interim of Upper California

Whereas Salvador Vallejo has for his
 own personal benefit and that of his family
 petitioned for the land known by the name
 of "Napa" within the boundaries of the map
 which accompanied his petition the proper
 measures being previously taken as required
 by laws & regulations in the matter -
 being the powers which are conferred
 on me in the name of the Mexican Na-
 tion I have granted him the aforesaid
 land declaring to him the ownership of
 it by these presents, said grant being
 understood to be in entire conformity
 with the laws subject to the approval
 or disapproval of the Most Excellent
 Exaltation and under the following con-
 ditions

1^a Neither the grantee nor his heirs
 may divide or alienate that which is
 granted to them, subject to any tax,
 entail, pledge, mortgage or other cir-
 cumstance now for religious purposes
 or coming in future

2^a He may enclose it without prejudice
 to the crossings, roads and servitudes. He will
 enjoy it freely and exclusively making such
 use

use and cultivation of it as may best
suit him

3^d When the ownership is granted to
him, he will request the proper Magis-
trate to give him the judicial posses-
-sion in virtue of this patent, by whom
its boundaries will be marked out and
its bounds placed

4th The land of which donation is made
is solely that described in the petition
of the person interested and marked
out on the Map - and the Magistrate
who may put him in possession will
advise this Government of the number
of square leagues it contains

In consequence I order that this
present serving him for a title and being
held as firm and valid note be made
of it in the corresponding book and it
be delivered to the person interested for
his security and other convenient purposes

Given in Santa Barbara on
the twenty first day of September
One thousand eight hundred and
thirty eight

(Signed)

Juan B. Alvarado

Note has been made in the proper book
(Signed)

Francisco Ance

Secretary ad interim

Citizen Juan B. Alvarado Political
chief ad interim of Upper California

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The Most Excellent Departmental
Assembly in Session of this day has resolved
the following

"Approved the grant made
by the Superior Government of the De-
partment in title issued with date the
twenty first instant in favor of citizen
Salvador Calleja of the land of Napa
in entire conformity with the law of
August 18th 1822 and article 3^o of the
regulation of November 21st 1828"

And for the security of the
person interested I thus make it known

Given in Santa Barbara
on the twenty third of Sep-
tember One thousand eight
hundred and thirty eight

(signed)

Juan B. Alvarado

(signed)

Francisco Arce

Secretary ad interim



Stamp Fourth - Two Reals

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime
Custom House of the Port of Monterey
in the Department of the Californias for
the years eighteen hundred and forty
four and eighteen hundred forty five

(Signed)

(Signed)

Meheterona

Pablo de la Guerra

(Seal)

To the Magistrate of 1st
Nominature

Salvador Vallejo

a resident of this jurisdiction owner of
the Rancho of "Napa" as I best may
proceed in law appear and say, that
as appears by the title which I present
with the necessary solemnity and oath, I
have in my said Rancho four square lea-
gues within the limits mentioned in said
title and that it may in all time appear
how far said limits extend and whether
I prejudice any of my neighbors or they
me I pray you to have the goodness
to order that after taking the customary
measures of identity view and examination
ye the measurement of my said lands be
proceeded to, the colonnater being sum-
-moned; for which purpose I appoint
measurer now and for when the time
may arrive Paulino Vargas a resident of
this jurisdiction and skillful in this matter
and let the other persons who may be in-
-terested appoint another measurer in their

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their part, and this being done let those
they may appoint and the said Paulino
Vasquez, by me appointed appear accept
and take the oath and in conformity
therewith proceed to said measurements

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Wherefore I pray you that admit-
ting this document you will be pleased to
order that to be done which I have asked
and being finished that said documents
may be returned to me with the original
Official acts which may be made for the
Security of my right this petition and
whatever else may be necessary &c

Sanima, February 4th 1844

(Signed)

Salvador Vallero

(The presentation of
the memorial)

First Court of Sanima

In the Pueblo of Sanima on
the 4th day of the month of February one
thousand eight hundred and forty four
before me Jacob P Sere Alcalde of P^r
nomination of this jurisdiction, the foregoing
petition was read and having been seen I
admitted it with the document it refers to
and I order that summoning the adjacent in-
formation be taken of identity view and exam-
ination of said lands, at which I am ready
to assist personally, I thus provided, ordered
and signed with those of my assistance

Christing Witnesses

M^r Pucan

(Signed) Jacob P Sere

Damasc A Roanque

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(Declaration of 1^o Witness
Nasario Berreyra)

In the aforesaid Pueblo on the 3^o day of the same month and year, I, the aforesaid 1^o Alcalde with those of my assistance in order to proceed to the information of identity caused to appear before me citizen Nasario Berreyra a resident of this jurisdiction by occupation a labourer and married of whom I received an oath which he made by God our Lord and the sign of the cross in due form, under which he promised to speak the truth and being asked for the knowledge (he may have) of the lands places, terminations, and boundaries pertaining to the Rancho of Napa he said that for ten years he has been a resident of this jurisdiction, and knows that the lands pertaining to the Rancho of Napa are the property of the Captain Don Salvador Vallejo and have for boundaries on the N. E. the river of Napa. South the Arroyo de los Cumucos North West the Rancho of Yunt South East that of Nicholas Figueroa, the which he has seen and examined on various occasions, and that since the said Don Salvador Vallejo has possessed them he has worked and cultivated them and his cattle have pastured on them, and for the purpose of that which he has said he is ready to go to the said lands with the present magistrate and point out to him the places terminations and boundaries -

how

how far they extend and that what he
has said is true by the oath which he
has made, which he affirms and ratifies
He declared that he was fifty six years
of age and that the legal exceptions do
not affect him. He signed with me
and those of assistance

Asst^y Witnesses (by^d) Jacob P. Lure
Camero A. Rodriguez (") Narciso Borrallera
Victor Pineda

(Declaration of D^o Thomas)
(Joseph Narvaiz)

In the same day month and year
I the said D^o Alcalde caused to appear
before me and those of my assistance
Citizen Joseph Narvaiz, a resident of
this jurisdiction by occupation a laborer
of whom I received an oath in form to
swear the truth, and being asked for
the knowledge which he has of the
lands and places, terminations & boundaries
pertaining to the Rancho of Napa he
said that he has been for six years a
resident of this jurisdiction and knows
that the lands pertaining to said Rancho
are of the Captain Don Salvador Valls
and has for its boundaries on the North
East the river of Napa on the South the
Arroyo of Los Cameros on the North West
that of the Rancho of Youth and on the
South East that of Nicolas Niquera -
which he has seen and examined several
times, and that since the said Don Sal-
vador

vader. Vallijo has possessed them, he has
 worked and cultivated them, and his
 cattle have pastured in them, and for
 the proof of that which he has said he
 is ready to go to said lands with the
 present Magistrate and point out to
 him the termination, places and bound-
 aries how far they extend, and that
 what he has said is true under the
 oath which he has made which he affirms
 and ratifies. He declared that he was
 forty nine years of age and that the legal
 exceptions do not affect him.

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As. of Witnesses	(sgd)	Jacob P. Luce
Camilo A. Rodriguez	(sgd)	J. H. Norway
Peter Putter		

(Declaration of B^o Wilson
 Felipe Gomez)

In continuation I caused to appear
 before me those of my assistance, citizen
 Felipe Gomez, resident of this jurisdiction
 of whom I received oath in form to speak
 the truth and being asked for his per-
 sonal knowledge of the lands and places
 termination and boundaries pertaining to
 the Rancho of Napa he said, that he
 has lived in this frontier for 5 years
 and knows that the lands pertaining to
 said Rancho are of the Captain Don Sal-
 vador Vallijo, and it has been for bound-
 aries on the North East the river of
 Napa, & the Arroyo de las Carreras N.W.
 that

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that of the Rancho of South and S.E
that of the Rancho of Nicolas Steguera
the which he has seen and examined sev-
-eral times and that since the said Don
Salvador Vallejo has possessed them he
has worked and cultivated them and his
cattle have pastured in them, and for
the proof of that which he has said
he is ready to go to the said hands with
the present magistrate, and point out
to him the places terminations and lim-
-itaries how far they extend, and that
what he has said is true by the oath
which he has made, which he affir-
-med and ratified. He declared that
he was fifty two years old and that
the legal exceptions do not affect him
and not knowing how to write he
made a sign of the cross to which
I certify

Notary Witnesses
Damián Rodriguez
Victor Prada

(Signed)
Jacob P. Suro
Felipe Gomez X

(Examination)

Being in the field in the
place named Arroyo de Napa, the
boundary of Nicolas Steguera the fifth
day of February of the present year
I the 1st Alcalde acting in virtue of my
Office with two assisting Witnesses for want
of a Notary Public the Witnesses by me
examined present Captain Don Salvador
Vallejo owner of said land and citizens
George

George Yumth and Nicola Yiguera
 colindantes and neighbors. I pro-
 ceeded to see and examine the lands of
 said Gaucho and for greater clearness
 being in horseback in company with
 all the parties and witnesses referred
 to I ordered the aforesaid (Witnesses) to
 point out to me the places boundaries
 and boundaries of them according to
 the signs which they have declared in
 their depositions and in conformity there-
 with they led the way to the South until
 they reached the arroyo de las Cameroz
 which they showed me and thence con-
 tinued the examination and view of
 said lands in a direction North West
 to the boundaries of the Gaucho of Yumth
 the Upper road thence continuing N.W.
 following the same Arroyo we reached
 the Upper road which goes to the
 Gaucho of Yumth from which place
 they pointed out to me an impassable
 tract of land as far as the boundary
 of Yumth, whence taking the direction
 N.W. we reached the river of Mapa
 and going down said River course S.E.
 we reached the Arroyo of Napa, which
 we ascended following the direction West
 until we found ourselves in the same
 point where the Examination was com-
 menced and they said these were all
 the boundaries and boundaries of the
 aforesaid lands pertaining to Don
 Barrador Valijo, which places I the
 said Alcalde saw and examined with
 those of my assistance, the Witnesses ex-

amined

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annexed, and papers presented and the said examination being compared with the latter the identification of said lands proved to be certain according to the declarations of said witnesses and in testimony it was especially noted and I signed it with those of my assistance and others who knew the truth to which I certify

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Asst of Witnesses	(signed)	J. P. Sere
Damaso A. Rodriguez	(")	Novario Berrellera
Victor Pineda	(")	Rafael Narvaez
	(")	Felipe Gomez X

(Notification to the person interested to ratify the appointment of measurers)

Immediately, I the 1^o Alcalde in order to proceed to the measurements referred to in these acts I ordered that said Don Salvador Vallejo owner of the lands, be notified to ratify the appointment of measurers as above that all the councilmen by common consent appoint theirs in their part they having to be skillful in matters of measurements and that those who may be appointed appear, accept, and take the oath, and this being done I am ready to appoint a day for said measurements

I thus provided, ordered and signed with those of my assistance

Asst of Witnesses	(signed)	Jacob P. Sere
Damaso A. Rodriguez		
Victor Pineda		

(Ratification of the
appointments of measurers)

On the same day month and year
I the 1^o Alcalde read and made known
the act referring to them as it then appears
to Capt Gen Salvador Collajo and his co-
-lindantes in their persons which I know
and having heard and understood it they
said that they heard it - and the first said
that he ratifies his appointment of citizen
Paulino Vargas and the latter appoint Fran-
-cisco Higuera both stillfull and legally
appointed, whom I notified to appear accept
and take the oath and in consequence proceed
to said measurements as is ordered and
those signed it with me who know them -
before me and those of assistance to which
I certify

As. Iq. Velazquez
Gamaro A. Rodriguez
Victor Pineda

(Signed)

Jacob P. Lora
Paulino Vargas +
Narciso Berrellesa
Rafael Narvaez
Felipe Gomez

(Notification to the
measurers and their oaths)

Immediately I the aforesaid 1^o Alcalde
read and made known the act referring to
them and their appointment to citizens
Paulino Vargas and Francisco Higuera
residents of this jurisdiction in their persons
which

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which I knew and having heard and understood it, they said that they accept the Office of measurers which is entrusted to them and they make oath by God our Lord and the sign of the Holy Cross that they will use their Office faithfully and legally and to the best of their knowledge and understanding and will verify said measurements with fidelity and exactness as is their obligation and to the satisfaction of all those interested and having thus replied they signed it with me and those of assistance to which I certify

Asst. Witnesses
Damaso Rodriguez
Victor Indur

(signed)
Jacob P. Sere
Paulino Varquez

(Designation of the day
for the measurements)

In continuation, I the aforesaid Magistrate having seen the acceptance and oath made by citizens Paulino Varquez and Francisco Figueroa appointed measurers I said that in order to proceed to said measurements I was designating, and I designated the first day of the present month at 8 o'clock in the morning and that it be so made known to the said measurers, also summoning for that purpose the neighbors bounding in question I thus ordered provided and signed with those of my assistance

Asst. Witnesses
Damaso Rodriguez
Victor Indur

(signed)
Jacob P. Sere

(Notification of the
Seizing act)

Immediately the Seizing act was made known to the party interested Captain Don Salvador Vallejo to the messieurs Pauline Vaquero and Francisco Figueroa and Chabring understood it, they said that they considered themselves summoned and they signed with the present magistrate and those of assistance

Notary Witnesses (Signed)
Gamaro A Rodriguez
Victor Pruden

Jacot J Sure
Pauline Vaquero

(Issuing of written
summons)

On the same day month and year written summons were issued to citizens George Smith and Nicolas Figueroa to appear on the day aforesaid at the designated hour in the said Rancho of Napa and in testimony I signed it with those of my assistance

Notary Witnesses (Signed)
Gamaro A Rodriguez
Victor Pruden

Jacot J Sure

(Measurements of
the ardel)

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In the Rancho of Napa on the 1st
day of the Month of February Eighteen
Hundred and forty four present captain
Don Salvador Vallejo and the neighbours
to said lands I caused to appear before
me and those of my assistance, citizens
Pauline Vargas and Francisco Velazquez
measures appointed whom I ordered to
take a ardel of 50 varas and measure
off fifty varas with a vara measure
of four castilian palms and in effect
the said measurers in my presence mea-
sured of the aforesaid number of fifty
varas, in a ardel, twisted and well-
stretched, with a stamped Mexican Cas-
tillian vara measure, which was done
faithfully and legally in the sight and
presence of the party interested and nei-
ghbours and in testimony I order it
to be recorded. Officially and that said
measurements be proceeded to as is ordered
to which I certify also signing it with
those of my assistance

Notary Witness,

Gamari A. Rodriguez (Signed)

Victor F. ...

Jacob P. ...



(Measurement of the
Rancho)

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Being in the fields and lands belonging to the Rancho of Napa of the Captain Don Salvador Vallejo this 8th day of February 1814 I the 1st Alcalde of this Jurisdiction, acting in virtue of my Office with two assisting Witnesses for want of a Notary Public present citizens Paulino Vargas and Francisco Yiguera measurers appointed by the party interested and commandatis. I ordered them to proceed to the measurement of four square leagues, which a little more or less pertains and belong to the rancho aforesaid according to the title and Map presented in obedience to which having again measured and examined the cordel they commenced said measurements, Beginning at the Arroyo of Napa, boundary of Nicolas Yiguera from which place following a Southernly direction to the lower part of the Arroyo de los Cameros they measured one hundred and twenty cordels of fifty varas each. There the person interested raised a pile of stones as a sign for the land mark which he would place from this place continuing the measurement towards the N. W. along the Arroyo to the Upper road which goes to Napa One hundred and twenty cordels (six thousand varas were counted and the party interested placed the corresponding mark in order to fix there the respective bound, Following the same arroyo N. N. W. to the

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the Upper road which goes to the Rancho of
 Guath ninety five cordels (four thousand
 six hundred varas) were counted and
 not being able to pass forward because
 it is an insurmountable mountain range it
 was estimated by eye, that there were
 two hundred cordels (ten thousand varas)
 to the boundary of Guath, where he also
 placed another mark to fix another bound
 ; and continuing toward the N. N. E. to
 the River of Napo sixty five cordels
 (three thousand two hundred and fifty varas)
 were measured where he placed as in the
 former points the corresponding bounds -
 Going down the same river course S. E.
 to the Arroyo of Napo three hundred
 three and a half cordels (eight thousand
 one hundred and seventy five varas) were
 measured he placed there the mark for
 a bound and following the same Arroyo
 W. we came to the point where the mea-
 -surement was commenced and they counted
 fifty two cordels (two thousand six hundred
 varas) so that considering as finished the
 measurement of the land included in the
 rancho of Napo there results a bound-
 -ary of (forty seven thousand six hun-
 -dred and twenty five varas) a little
 less than that which corresponds to four
 square leagues and the aforesaid mea-
 -surers declared that Captain Don Sal-
 -vador Vallejo was in firm of the lands
 which correspond to Guin, according to
 the title and Map which are found at
 the Head of this Expediente

For all which and in sign of True
 presence

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possession and accustomed ceremonial. He pulled up grass and stones, and threw to the four winds in manifestation of his legal and legitimate possession which he personally took. In consequence I ordered that for greater clearness of the boundaries which have been described he should form at his own cost and expense bounds of masonry in height more than a vara that in all time it may appear they be recognized and remain as limits and boundaries of his land, by the others-neighbour thereto and that said measurements were executed quietly and peaceably without contradiction of any person. He prayed for a testimony and I the aforesaid J^o Alcalde with those of my assistance gave it, that all passed as has been said and that said measurements have been executed to the best of the knowledge and understanding of the measurer, as they appeared without craft or fraud against any person; and for greater security and the ratification of the oath which they have made they signed with me and those of my assistance, to which I certify

Asst. J^o Witnesses

Gamara A. Paniagua
Victor Pineda

(Signed)

Jacob P. Lora
Paulino Varguez

(Act of the delivery of the Expediente to the person interested)

In view of this Expediente being concluded in which it appears that judicial possession

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possession of the Rancho named Napco distant
four leagues from this Pueblo has been given
to Captain Don Salvador Vallejo who took
it in person. let the original be delivered
to the party for the use he may find
convenient together with the document
which he presented

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Don Juan Pablo Pineda

1^o Alcalde of this jurisdiction, acting in
virtue of my Office with two assisting
Witnesses for want of a Notary Public
thus provided entered and signed on
the 12th of February 1844

Asst^y Witnesses (signed)
(signed) Don Juan Pablo Pineda
Gamero, A. Rodriguez
Victor Prudon

Filed in Office March 2^d 1853
(signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy

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Deed

"B"
Deed
Salvador Vallejo
to
G. W. Hornsbee

S. Vallejo to G. W. Hornsbee filed for Record
October 3^d A.D. 1851 at 10 o'clock A.M.

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This Indenture made this fifth day of April
in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight
Hundred and Fifty seven by and between Sal-
vador Vallejo of the first part and George W.
Hornsbee of the second part witnesseth —

That the said party of the first part
for and in consideration of the sum of Six
Hundred and Fifty dollars, Two Hundred
dollars of which in hand paid the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the residue
being Four Hundred and Fifty dollars to be
paid in fifteen months from this date hath this
day granted bargained and sold and by these
present's doth hereby grant bargain and sell
unto the said party of the second part and
to his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract
or parcel of land lying being and situate in
the Territory of California in Napa Valley
containing One square mile or six Hundred
and Fifty, bounded on the North by certain
tract of one square mile which the said Vallejo
sold to E. W. Rogers by deed bearing date 19th
day of March A.D. 1847, to have and to hold
the said tract of land together with all and
singular the rights privileges and appurtenances
thereunto belonging unto the said party of the
second part his heirs and assigns forever and
the said party of the first part for himself
and his heirs doth covenant to and with the
said

said party of the second part his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever to defend the title to the said land from the lawful claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof

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In testimony whereof the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this day and date before written

Signed in presence of (Signed)
J. W. Reggs Salvador Vallejo

Personally appeared before me John H. Nash a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Sonoma N. California, D. Salvador Vallejo who acknowledged that he sealed, signed and delivered to George W. Harrison the within said on the day therein mentioned and for the purposes therein set forth

Given under my hand at office this the 5th day of April A.D. 1847
(Signed)

John H. Nash
Chief Justice of the District of Sonoma

State of California
County of Napa
County Recorder in and for said Napa County
John H. Seawell
Hereby

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Truly certify that the foregoing is a full true
and correct copy of the Record of a deed
from Salvador Salles to George W. Harrison
as recorded in Book B Pages 33 and 34
in the Records of said Napa County

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Witness my hand and Official
Seal at Napa City this first
day of January A.D. 1853

(Signed)

J. H. Dewell

Recorder

By W. S. Coffman
Clerk Recorder

Filed in Office March 5th 1853

(Signed)

Geo. Fisher

Deputy

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OF
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Deed

"C"
Conveyance from
Harrison
to
Boggs -

George W. Harrison To Wm M Boggs and
Suzera Boggs his wife filed for record
August the 4th A. D. 1852. at 5. O'clock
P.M.

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This indenture made the 2^d day of August
in the year One thousand eight hundred and
fifty two between George W. Harrison late
of San Francisco State of California by
Edward S. Sage his Attorney for that pur-
pose duly constituted and appointed of the
first and William M Boggs and Suzera
Boggs his wife of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said party of the
first part for and in consideration of the
sum of Two thousand two hundred and
fifty dollars lawful money of the United
States of America to him in hand paid
by the said parties of the second part at
or before the creating and delivery of these
presents the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged. remise released and quit claimed
and by these presents doth remise release
and quit claim unto the said parties of the
second part and to their heirs and assigns
forever all that certain tract or parcel of land
lying being and situated in Napa Valley
and bounded and described as follows com-
mencing at the South West corner of a
certain piece of land conveyed by deed by
Salvador Vallejo to S. W. Boggs the 19th day
of March A. D. 1847 and running thence East
half a mile, thence South one mile, thence
West

West half a mile, thence North one mile to place
of beginning being a part of the same land con-
veyed to the said party of the first part by
Salvador Vallejo by deed dated the fifth day
of April A.D. 1847 and recorded in
Sonoma Cal. in Book "A" Pages 33 and
34, Together with all and singular the ten-
ments, hereditaments and appurtenances
thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining
and the reversion and reversions, remainder
and remainders, rents issues and profits
thereof and also all the estate rights, title,
interest, in and to the said property pos-
sessed claim and demand whatsoever as
well in Law as in equity of the said party
of the first part of in or to the above de-
scribed premises and every part and parcel
thereof with the appurtenances, To have
and to hold all and singular the above
mentioned and described premises together
with the appurtenances unto the said party
of the second part their heirs and assigns
forever

In witness whereof the said party
of the first part has hereunto
set his hand and seal the day
and year first above written

Sealed and delivered in
presence of _____ (Signa)
Wm. S. Kellogg _____ G. W. Garrison
_____ by Geo. J. Sage Atty

State of California
County of San Francisco

On this second day of August
in the

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in the year of Our Lord One thousand and Eight hundred and fifty two before me came Geo W. Garrison by his Attorney in fact Edward J Sage said Attorney to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same of his own free act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned as Attorney with power so to do.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and place first above written

(signed)

E. J. Moore
Notary Public

State of California
County of Napa

I John H. Sawell County

Recorder in and for said Napa County hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the Record of a Deed from George W. Garrison by his Attorney in fact Edward J. Sage to William Reggs and Sonora Reggs his wife as recorded in Book "B" pages 184-185 and 186 in the Records of said Napa County

In Witness my hand and official seal at Napa City this 2^d day of February A.D. 1853.

Seal

(signed) John H. Sawell Recorder
By G. S. Hoffington, C. J. Recorder

Filed in Office March 2^d 1853

(signed) Geo. Fisher
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 Conveyance from
 Wm. Roggs
 to
 E. Knight

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I know all men by these presents that I
 William M. Roggs of Napa California
 in consideration of Four thousand dollars
 to me in hand paid by E. Knight
 of the city of San Francisco the receipt
 whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted
 bargained sold and conveyed and by these
 presents do grant bargain sell and convey
 unto the said E. Knight and to his heirs
 and assigns, all my right title interest estate
 claim and demand both at law and in equity
 as well in possession as in expectancy, of
 in and to all that certain lot piece or parcel
 of land situate lying and being in the vi-
 cinity of the village of Napa and bound-
 ed and described as follows, Commencing
 at the South West corner of the tract of
 land in Napa valley known as the Blum-
 risen tract, thence running Easterly one
 half a mile, thence at right angles
 Northerly one half a mile, thence at right
 angles Northerly one half a mile thence
 at right angles Westerly one half a mile
 and thence at right angles Southerly one
 half a mile to the place of beginning being
 the Southwesterly quarter section of the
 aforesaid Blumrisen tract, Together with
 all and singular the tenements, hereditaments
 and appurtenances thereunto belonging or
 in anywise appertaining. To have and to
 hold the herein before granted and described
 premises with the appurtenances unto the said
 E. Knight his heirs and assigns to his
 and their sole use benefit and behoof forever
 And I the said William M. Roggs for myself
 my heirs

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my heirs executors and administrators hereby
covenant and agree to and with the said John
Knight his heirs and assigns that I am law-
fully seized of the aforesaid premises; that
I have good right to sell and convey the
same in manner aforesaid and that the same
are at the date hereof free from all incum-
brances

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In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this third
day of August One thousand eight
hundred and fifty two (all in the
eighth line from the top in the 2^d
page after the word "premises" being
erased) (Signed)
W. M. Roggs

Sealed and delivered
in presence of (Signed)
John Hartlett Seneca Roggs
Mr Osborne witness to
Mrs Roggs, signatur

State of California, County of San Francisco
On this third day of August A D 1852 before
me a Notary Public in and for said County -
Personally appeared W. M. Roggs to me known
to be the person described in, and who executed
the foregoing deed and acknowledged to me that
he executed the same freely and voluntarily, to the
use and for the purposes therein mentioned

Witness my hand and Official Seal
the day and year above written
(Signed) John Hartlett
Notary Public

Filed in Office March 2^d 1853
(Signed) Geo. Fisher

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Claim of E. Knight
to
Part of Napua

Notice of
H. P. B's
withdrawal

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To U. S. Law Agent
Please take notice
that we hereby withdraw our names as
Attorneys in the above entitled cause
San Francisco March 11th 1854
(Signed) G. M. Peckham & R. L. King

(Endorsed)
March 11th 1854
Service acknowledged
(Signed) J. H. McNamee
Law Agent

Filed in Office March 20th 1854
(Signed) Geo. Parker
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Edward Knight

The United States

For 320 acres of land
part of the place called
Nopa in Nopa
County

Opinion

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The Petitioner alleges that the Rancho of Nopa was granted by the Mexican Government to Salvador Vallejo in 1838, that on the 5th day of April 1847 said Vallejo sold the portion claimed in this case to G. W. Garrison and made a legal conveyance thereof. To this - that Garrison conveyed the same to William G. Reed who on the 3^d August 1852 conveyed it to the present claimant.

The certified copies of the above mentioned conveyances introduced to sustain the title of the Petitioner derived from said Vallejo through them are insufficient to establish an unbroken chain of title. The deed from Garrison to Reed purports to be executed by Edward P. Sage as the Attorney of said Garrison "for that purpose duly constituted and appointed" while no letter of Attorney or other evidence of authority is presented of course without such evidence it cannot be regarded as the deed of Garrison.

This indispensable link in the chain of title being wanting, the claimant has failed to prove himself the owner of the property and is consequently not entitled to a

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to a patent from the Government for the
land. A Decree must be entered rejecting
the claim

Rejected

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(Signed) Gen. Fisher
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In this case on hearing the
proofs and allegations it is adjudged
by the Commission that the claim of the
said Petitioner is not valid, and it
is therefore decreed that his application
for a confirmation thereof be denied

(signed)

Alphon, Filote

(signed)

J. Aug. Thompson

(signed)

S. R. Farnell
Commissioner

Filed in Office March 27, 1835

(signed)

Geo. Fisher
Secy

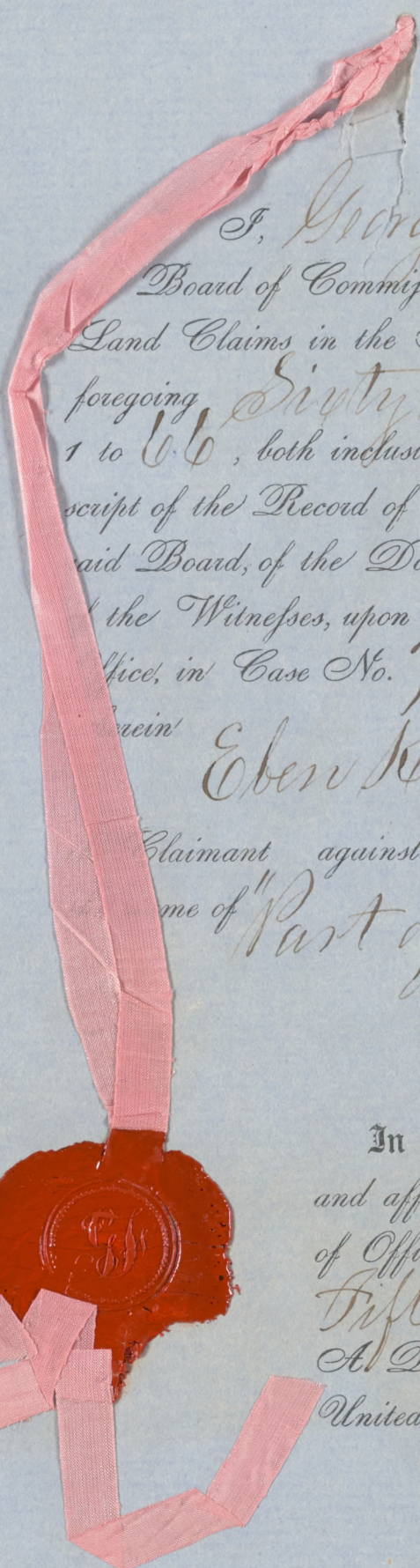
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Order

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 decisions in this case, and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made out and duly certified by the Secretary, one of which transcripts shall be filed with the clerk of the United States District 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
Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the
foregoing *Sixty six* pages, numbered from
1 to *66*, 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. *735* on the Docket of the said Board,

Eben Knight is

Claimant against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "*Part of Napa*"

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
Fifteenth day of *October*
A. D. 1855, and of the Independence of the
United States of America the ~~seventy-~~ *eighty* ~~fourth~~

Geo. Fisher
Secretary

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,
Northern District of California.

No. 313-

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THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

ND

Eben Knight

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. *735*

Filed, *October 23*, 1855-

J. A. Monroe,
Clerk.

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 3 December, 1855.

735) "Kapa" —

Ben Knight 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 21th day of November 1855, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cluding

Attorney General.

No. 313

United States

Eben Knight,

Notice of Appeal in
Case no. 735.

Filed Aug 11, 1856,
by Charles
Deputy

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

The United States

v

} D. C. 313 : L. C. 735.

Ellen Knight

The United States by their
Attorney represent that this cause is an appli-
-cation for a review of the decision of the U. S.
Land Commission whereby the title of the
Appellee was confirmed, as will appear by ref-
-erence to the record in the case: that there
was filed in this Court on Oct 23, 1855, a transcript
of said; and on Feb 11th 1856, a notice of appeal; that
the land claimed lies in this said District,
and that said title is invalid.

Wherefore
appellants pray that this Court reverse the
said decision of the Commission and decree
said title invalid.

San Francisco Feb 18, 1857

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W. f. a.

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Deputy.

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United States District Court,
Northern District of the State of California

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United States
Eben^{rs} Knight }

Sentences

You will
please take notice that we appear in
the above entitled cause, in behalf of
the Plaintiff.

San Francisco October 7, 1888

Whitcomb, Purple & Felton
Attys for Plaintiff

Do
Peter Della Torre Esq
U. S. District Attorney
and William H. Chevers Esq
Clerk of the U. S. District Court

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Northern District of California

United States

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Notice.

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Service of a copy of the within
is hereby admitted this 7th
October A.D. 1858

P. Della Torre

U. S. Atty

Filed Oct: 8. 1858,

W. A. Adams,
Clerk

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After due and legal notice of five days the Claimant in the above entitled Cause by Edward Sage his Attorney, P. Della Torre the United States District Attorney being present in open Court presented and introduced in evidence in the above entitled Cause, Certified Copy of ~~the~~ Power of Attorney from George W. Harrison to Edward Sage, ~~the~~ An objection being made on the part of the United States to the introduction of the said Certified Copy with the same force & effect as the original - it appearing that the said original has been lost or destroyed and ~~it~~ is not within the possession or control of Claimant

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U. S. Dist. Court

The United States,

— Cas —

Eben Knight,

Order allowing filing of
cutfd copy Power of
atty from Harrison
to Sage.

Filed April 18, 1859,

H. A. Chesnut,
Clerk

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John Knight
vs
The United States

No. 313.

On motion of Edward J. Dingler
Attorney for the Claimant, P. Jella Stone
Esq. United States District Attorney being
present on behalf of the United States,
on the introduction and inspection of
original deed from William M. Boggs to
the Claimant dated August 3rd 1852 a
copy whereof purports to be given in the
transcript in this cause upon page 59,
and it appearing by said deed that
a clerical error has been made in copying
the same, by the repetition of the
words "thence at right angles northerly
one half a mile" it is hereby ordered
that the said copy of said deed be and
the same is hereby amended and corrected
by ~~the~~ striking out the said words, "thence
at right angles northerly one half a mile"
where the same occur at the end of the
21st and the beginning of the 22nd lines
of the 59th page of the Transcript.

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U. S. Dist. Court,

The United States

vs

Eben Knight

Order correcting clerical error in the copy of deed from Pogg to claimant.

Filed April 18, 1859,

W. O. Church,

Clerk

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F. Parker

Letter of Attorney

George W Harrison to Edward J Sage - Filed for record
October 3^d AD 1851 at 10 o'clock A.M.

"
Know all men by these presents that I George
W Harrison of the County of San Francisco Upper
California, have made, constituted and appointed,
and by these presents do make, constitute and
appoint Edward J Sage of San Francisco Upper
California, my true and lawful attorney
and steward, to enter into and take possession of
all such lands, tenements, hereditaments and
real estate whatever, in the State of California,
to or in which I am or may be in any way enti-
tled or interested, and to grant bargain and sell
the same or any part or parcel thereof for such
sum or price, and on such terms, as to him
shall seem meet, and for me and in my name
to make execute, acknowledge and deliver good &
sufficient deeds and conveyances for the same
~~with or without~~ without covenants and warranty; giving
and granting unto my said attorney full power
and authority to do and perform, all and every
act and thing whatsoever requisite and neces-
-sary to be done in and about the premises, as fully
to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do,
if personally present, with full power of substitution
or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming and

that my said attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do, or cause to be done, by virtue thereof

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Scaled and delivered in the presence of Geo. W. Harrison sole presence of - Erasure of three words in seventeenth line from top

J. A. Holkins

State of California } ss.

County of San Francisco } On this fourth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty personally appeared before me a Notary Public in & for the said County, George W. Harrison, satisfactorily proved to me to be the person described in, and who executed the annexed Conveyance by the oath of J. A. Holkins, a Competent and credible witness for that purpose by me duly sworn, and the said George W. Harrison acknowledged that he executed the said annexed instrument, freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my ~~seal of office~~ the day and year in this Certificate first above written

Thos Jeff. Smith

Notary Public in & for the County of
San Francisco

State of California }
 County of Napa } ss. I Robert Couch County
 Clerk and Escheator's County Recorder in and for
 said County hereby certify that the foregoing is a
 true and correct copy of the Record of a certain
 Power of Attorney, as appears of Record in
 my office

Witness my hand and official seal
 affixed at Office in Napa City this
 19th day of March A.D. 1859

Robert Couch
 County Recorder



~~Copy~~
Power of Attorney

Geo M. Harrison

To

Edw. J. Seage

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State of California
County of Nevada

Joseph W. Wilborn, being
duly sworn deposes and says that he has
acquired title by good & valid conveyance
from the claimant herein, to a large
part of the ^{land} claimed in the above entitled
action; that he is informed and verily be-
lieves that the Power of Attorney made
by George W. Harrison to Edward J. Sage
of which the annexed is a copy was
executed in ^{the} manner and form and of the
date of the said copy, and that said
original Power of Attorney is now lost;
that this affiant has made diligent
inquiry and search and has caused dili-
gent search to be made for said
Power of Attorney but has not been
able to find the same, and that the same
is not in his possession or under his control.

Subscribed &
sworn before me this
December 20th 1858

J. W. Wilborn

Notary Public
County of Nevada

313,
U. S. District Court

Eben Knight

vs
United States

Filed April 18, 1859.

W. A. Chevers,
Clerk

Affidavit of

J. W. Albora

and Certified Copy of

Power of Attorney

from
George W. Harrison

to
Edward J. Sage

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United States in and for the
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The United States

The Deposition of John
B. Williams taken by consent of
parties in the above entitled cause
before me, W. H. Chevers, a Commissioner
duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the
U. S. for the Districts of California to take
depositions in civil causes &c. &c. The
witness being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

(Present Calhoun Benham District
attorney on the part of the United States & J. J. Williams for claimant)

My name is John
B. Williams, I am of lawful age,
and have for several years been
Clerk in the office of the District Attorney
of the United States for the Northern
District of California. I no longer
am so engaged, - but am at present
an Attorney at Law practicing
~~in~~ chiefly in Land cases - I am generally
familiar with the records of such
cases in the District Court. The

above claim of Eben Knight is for a small portion of the Rancho de Napa under a grant to Salvador Vallejo. The above Rancho was subdivided and sold out in small portions by the original grantee to various persons, most of whom presented claims to the Land Commission under act of Congress approved March 3. 1851, for the ^{said} parcels claimed by them, and have obtained confirmations in their names. The grant to Salvador Vallejo has repeatedly been confirmed by the said Commission and by the said District Court, and appeals dismissed by the Attorney General of the United States thereby making the confirmation final. In each of these cases the said Court has been finally decided to be a valid and good grant against the Government of the United States - The claim of Knight is similar to those already confirmed but for a different ^{portion} ~~piece~~ of land the said Rancho -

Subscribed to and sworn to
before me this 28th August, 1860, J. W. Williams
A. D. 1860. J. H. Cherrill
N. C. Com.

U.S. Dist. Court -
Eben Knight
vs. N^o 313.
The United States

Deportation of
John B. Williams

Filed Aug: 28. 1860.
W. A. Chever, Clerk,

In The District Court of The United
States in and for the Northern
District of California -

The United States } S.C. No. 733-
vs } D.C. No. 313 -
Eben Knight }

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This cause coming on
this day to be heard, and it appear-
ing to the Court by statement of
counsel, both for the claimant and
for the United States, that this cause
was rejected by the United States
Land Commission solely on account
of defect in the same conveyances,
which defect has since been supplied,
and it further appearing that the
claimant designs his title under
the grant issued by the Mexican
Government to Salvador Valdez,
which said grant has been confirm-
ed in various cases by repeated de-
cisions of this Court, and appeals dis-
missed by the Attorney General of
the United States, It is ordered
adjudged and decreed, that the
decision of the said Land Com-
mission be and the same is

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being reversed, and it is further
ordered, adjudged and decreed
that the claim of the said Claimant
is a good and valid claim, and
that the same be and is hereby
confirmed. The Land of which con-
firmation is made is a portion of
the Rancho de Mapa, which was grant-
ed to Salvador Vally, by the Mex-
ican Government and situated in
the present County of Mapa. That
portion hereby confirmed contains
about One Hundred and Sixty acres
and is described as follows:

Commencing at the South west-
corner of the Tract of Land in Mapa
Valley, known as the Harrison Tract,
thence running Easterly one half of
a mile, thence at right angles Northerly
one half a mile, thence at right angles
Westerly one half a mile, thence at
right angles Southerly one half a mile,
to the place of beginning, being the
South westerly quarter section of the
aforesaid Harrison tract. For more
particular description, ^{reference is made} ~~to be had~~
to the deed from William Boggs
to said Knight, a copy of which

is contained in the transcript of
the record in this cause. Provided
that the Land, the title to which is
hereby confirmed, is the within the
apparent boundaries of the grant to
said Salvador Vallyjo, as said bound-
aries may be finally determined
by decree of this court, or otherwise

Ogden Hoffman
Scrib Judge

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M. St. Charles,
Clerk

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State of California }
County of Napa } S.S.

Joseph W. Osborn being
duly sworn deposes and says that he has
acquired Title by good & valid conveyances
from the Claimants herein, to a large
part of the land claimed in the above
entitled action, that he is informed
and verily believes that the Power of
attorney made by George W. Harrison
to Edward J. Sage of which the an-
nexed is a copy was executed in
the manner and form and of the date
of the said Copy, and that said Original
Power of Attorney is now lost; that this
affiant has made diligent inquiry
and search and has caused diligent
search to be made for said Power of
Attorney but has not been able to find
the same, and that the same is not
in his possession or under his control.

Subscribed & sworn
before me this December
20th 1838

J. W. Osborn

Robert Crauch }
Clerk County Court
Napa County

Seal

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You will please take notice that on Monday the 10th day of April 1859 at eleven o'clock A. M. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard we shall move the Court in the above entitled cause in open Court in the Court Room in San Francisco that the Original deed from William M. Boggs to the Claimant herein whereof a Copy appears in the Transcript now on file on page 59 & marked Exhibit D, be introduced in evidence in said cause to correct a mistake or clerical error in the copy of said deed. Also that a certified Copy of the Power of Attorney from George W. Harrison to Edward J. Sage certified by the County Recorder of the County of Napa be introduced in evidence in said cause in place of the original. Said motion to be founded on the affidavit of which the annexed is a Copy.

San Oct. Servts.
Whitcomb, Pugh & Dutton
Attys for Claimants

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You will please take notice that
on Monday the 13th day of April 1859
at Eleven O'clock A. M. or as soon
thereafter as Counsel can be heard we
shall move the Court in the above
entitled Cause by open Court in the
Court Room in San Francisco, that the
original deed from William M. Boggs
to the Claimant herein whereof a Copy ap-
pears in the Transcript now on file on
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annexed is a copy—

Your obedt Servts
Whitcomb King & Feltner
Attys for Claimants

April 13 - 5 o'clock
P.M.

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of the
United States,
In and for the Northern District
of the State of California

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Shoes &c

Due service of a copy of
the within notice &c
is hereby admitted this
13 April 1889.

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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, Oct. 15th 1855.

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

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant
to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31st,
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. 735 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

Eben Knight is —

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

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher

