

CASE No.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

PART OF LOS CARNEROS GRANT

EDWARD WILSON.

CLAIMANT

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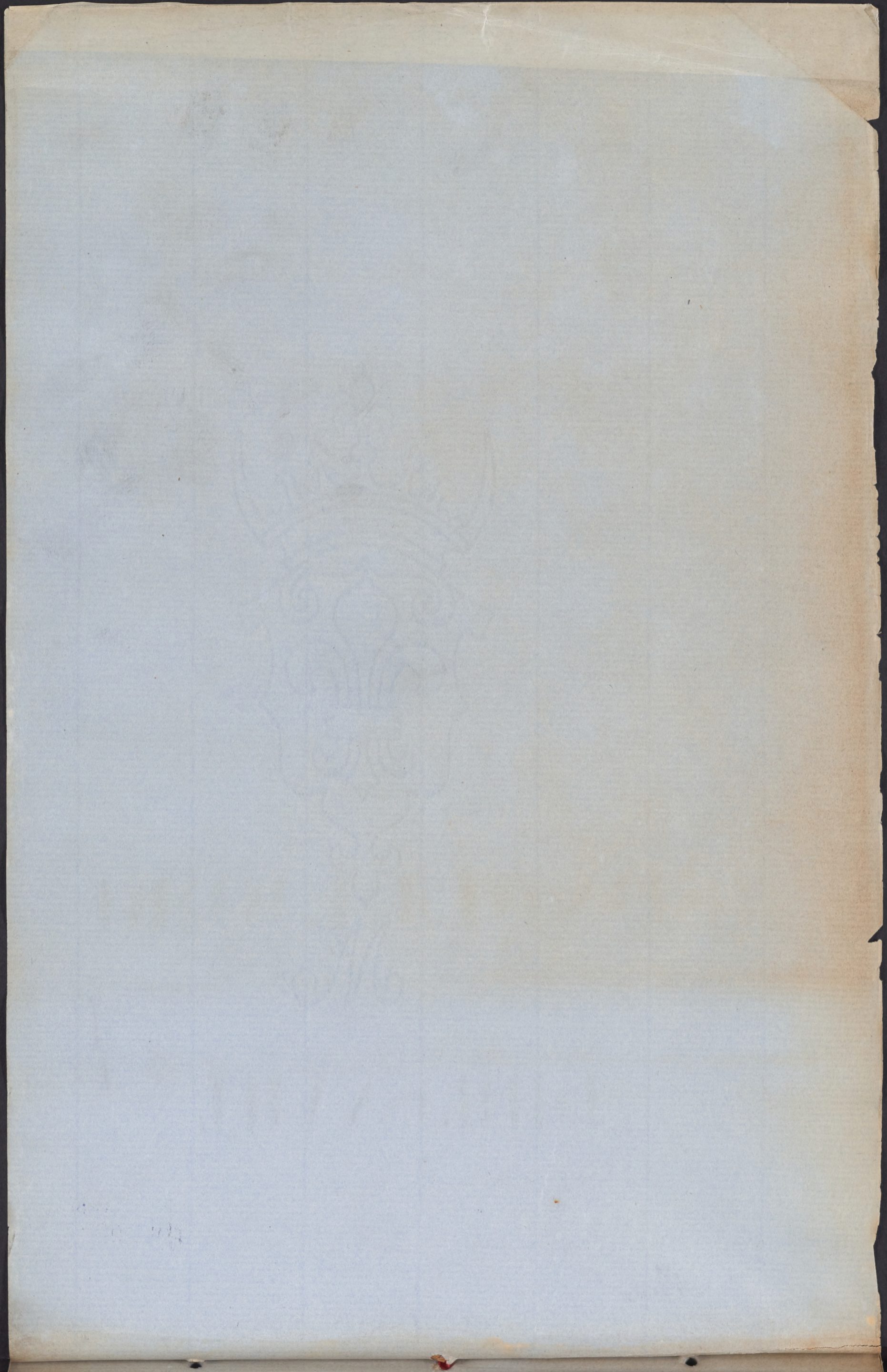
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TRANSCRIPT
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PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 813.

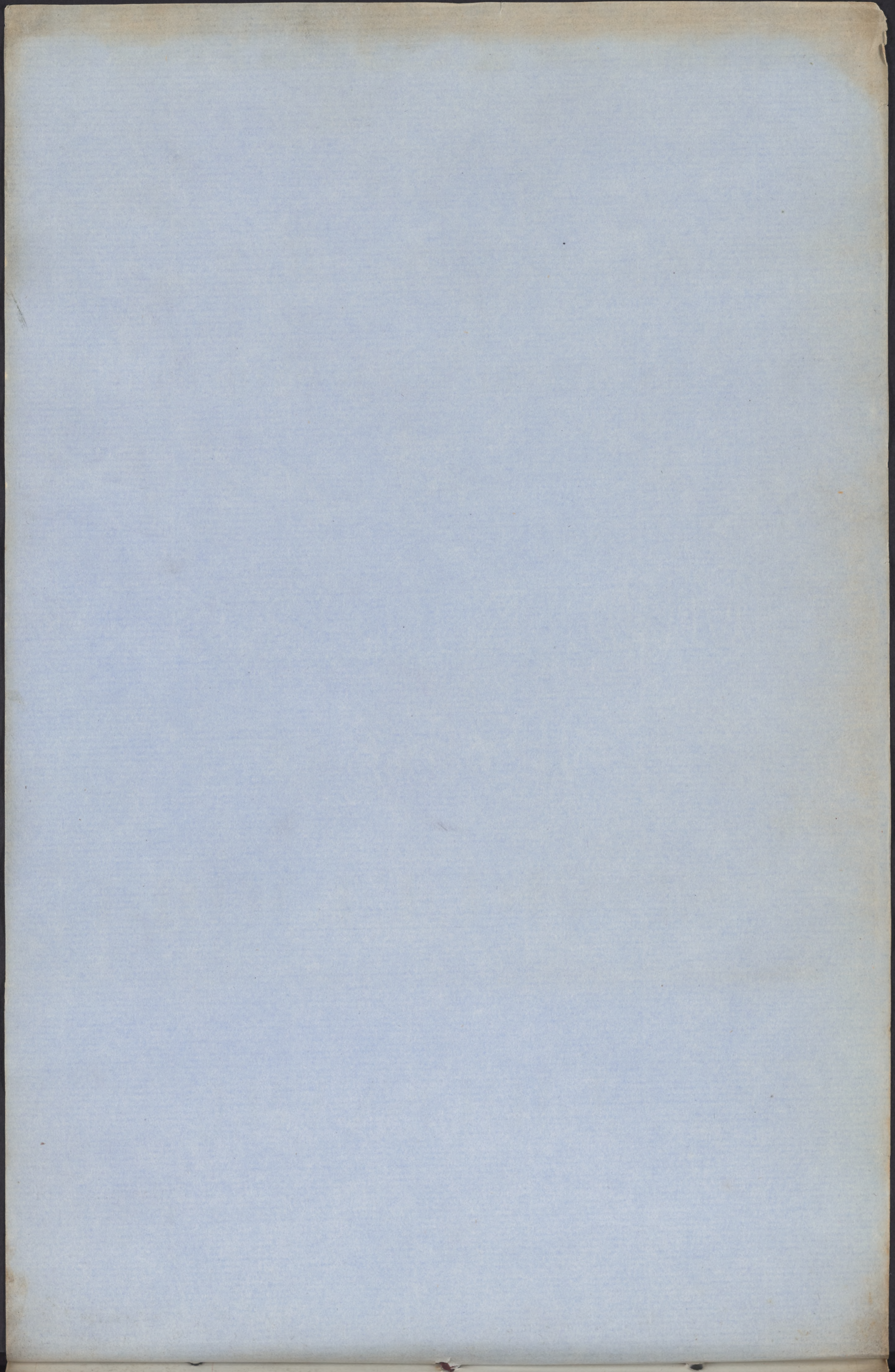
Edward Wilson CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

part of
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

Los Hornos.



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 *third 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 *Edward Wilson*,
part of for the Place named
'Los Carneros',
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 803, 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 December 4, 1853.
In Case No. 803, *Edward Wilson*, for a part of the place named *'Los Carneros'*, the deposition of *Gibbert A. Grant*, a witness in behalf of the Claimant, taken before Commissioner *Alphus Felen*, was filed:

(Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco January 9, 1855.
Case No. 803, on motion of the Counsel of the Claimants with the consent of the U.S. Law Agent was ordered to be placed at the foot of the 4th Clap case on the Trial Docket.

San Francisco January 23, 1855.
Case No. 803 was submitted under the Rule of 21st March, 1854.

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San Francisco February 27, 1855.

In the same case, Commissioner Alpheus Fitch delivered the Opinion of the Board, rejecting the claim:

(Vide page 7 of this transcript.)

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San Francisco March 27, 1855.

In the same case, the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Motion, to wit:

(Vide page 9 of this transcript.)

Which Motion was granted, whereupon it is

Ordered, That the decree of rejection entered heretofore, to wit: on the 27th February last, be set aside, and the case be restored to, and placed at the foot of the Trial Docket.

San Francisco April 24, 1855.

Case No. 863 was submitted without argument and taken under advisement by the Board.

In the same case, the Counsel for the claimant filed the following stipulation, to wit:

(Vide page 9 of this transcript.)

San Francisco June 12, 1855.

In the same case, Commissioner S. B. Fernald delivered the Opinion of the Board confirming the claim:

(Vide page 75 of this transcript.)

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And the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 8 of this transcript.)

Petition

To the Honorable the Board of Land Com-
missions of the United States

Your Petitioner
Edward Wilson of Wappa County respectfully
represents

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That on the 13th day of October 1852
Encarnacion Leachs de Reguina was the
lawful owner of a tract or parcel of land here
inafter described as well as more fully appears
by the several enclosures copied hereof
set forth and annexed to the Petition of Edward
Bailey (No 380)

On file in the Office of the
Secretary of your Honorable Board and to which
your Petitioner prays leave to refer that on the
day aforesaid the said Encarnacion Leachs de
Reguina by deed of that date a copy whereof is
annexed marked A

conveys to your Petitioner
the lands described as follows the parcel or
tract of land being and being in Wappa County
commencing at a point on the north bank of the cur-
rent creek marked with blazes in the east
side of some old axe marks

and thence eas-
tly in the division line of Martha Prida's
and said Encarnacion Leachs Reguina one
mile and thence southerly and easterly
thence westerly one mile parallel with said
division line

Thence down said creek to the
place of beginning and thence in the date
of said conveyance

Your Petitioner has been
and now is in quiet possession of said premises
and that the same are not claimed by any other
person to the knowledge of your Petitioner also
prays that his title thereto may be confirmed

Edward Wilson Pr

R. W. Pimmsin

His attorney

Filed in Office March 3. 1853

Geo Foster
Secretary

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Recorded in Volume 2 of Petitions on page
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George Fisher
Secretary

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Depo. of Office of the Board of United States Lands
G. A. Grant Commissioner &c

San Francisco December 14th 1833

This day before Commissioner Alplum Fitch
came Gilbert A Grant a return in behalf
of Edmund Wilson

Petition No
803 and being duly sworn as follows
Testimony by Judge
Warrissin attorney for the claimant

1 Question What are your
name age and place of residence
answer My name is
Gilbert A Grant my age is thirty six
years and I reside in San Francisco Cali-
fornia

2 Question Is the land
described in the Petition filed in this case
claimed by Edmund Wilson
answer It is
a part of the grant
of land to Mildred Virginia known by the name
of Centro Napa

Gilbert A Grant
My Guardian Associate
Law Agent was present but
propounded no interrogations

Subscribed and
sworn before me this 14th day of December 1833
Alplum Fitch Commissioner
Filed in Office December 14th 1833

Geo Fisher Secy
Recorded in Volume 2, Page 530.
Geo Fisher Secretary

Deed

Deed

Jacquin Lecher Hequien to Edmund
Wilson

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Know all men by these presents that I Jacquin Lecher Hequien of the County of Washoe and State of California in consideration of the sum of five thousand eight hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Edmund Wilson of said county and State aforesaid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents

Do grant bargain and sell and convey and confirm unto the said Edmund Wilson and to his heirs and assigns forever all the following described parcel or tract of land lying and being in Washoe County and State aforesaid to wit

Commencing at a point in the bank of Lewis Creek marked with three knobs in the east side and some old oak marks then westerly to the division line of the land of Arantha Preis Hequien and Jacquin Lecher Hequien one mile

Then westerly one half mile then westerly one mile parallel with said division line then down said creek to the place of beginning containing two hundred and twenty acres more or less

To Have and to Hold the said Real Estate to the sole and only use and behoof of him the said Edmund Wilson his heirs and assigns forever

And the said Jacquin Lecher Hequien hereby covenants and agrees to warrant and defend the aforesaid premises unto the said Edmund Wilson his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever

In testimony whereof the said Jacquin Lecher Hequien has hereunto set his hand and seal this 31st day of October A.D. 1852

Jacquin Lecher Hequien
Hequien Seal

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Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Johnson Howell
John J. Slosson

State of California }
Napa County ss }

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On this 13th day of October in the year one thousand eight
hundred and fifty two before me Johnson
Howell Judge of the County Court

Witness and
for said Napa County Incarnum Leach & Hig
gins to me known to be the person who executed
the above and foregoing deed

And acknowledged
that he freely and voluntarily executed the
same for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Johnson Howell
County Judge
of Napa County

Filed for Record October 16th 1852 at 5
O'clock P.M. and recorded at the request of
Thomas Phillips

State of California }
County of Napa ss }

I Robert & Samuel County

Records in and for said Napa County hereby
certify

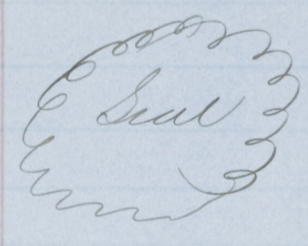
That the foregoing is a full true and
correct copy of the Record of a deed from
Incarnum Leach & Higgin

To Edward Wilson

asked in Book B. Page two hundred and
twenty eight of the Records of said Napa County

Witness my hand

and official seal at Napa
City this 16th day of February
A.D. 1853



Robert & Samuel
Recorder

By G. S. Coffey
Deputy Recorder

Filed in Office March 3. 1853

George Fisher

Sentencing

Opinion
of the
Board

Number 803
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The United States

For a part of the Ranch
called Las Carreras
in Napa County

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This claim must be rejected there being
no evidence of any title to the premises
arising under grant or otherwise from
the Spanish or Mexican Government
"Rejected"

Filed in Office February 27th 1855
Signed

Geo Fisher
Secretary

Records in Record of Decisions Vol 2 p 549
Signed

Geo Fisher
Secretary

Decree

Number 803
Edward Willson
vs
The United States

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 of title of land is
rejected.

Alplms. F. Loh
Mary Thompson
S B Farwell
Commissioners

Filed in Office February 27th 1855
Signed

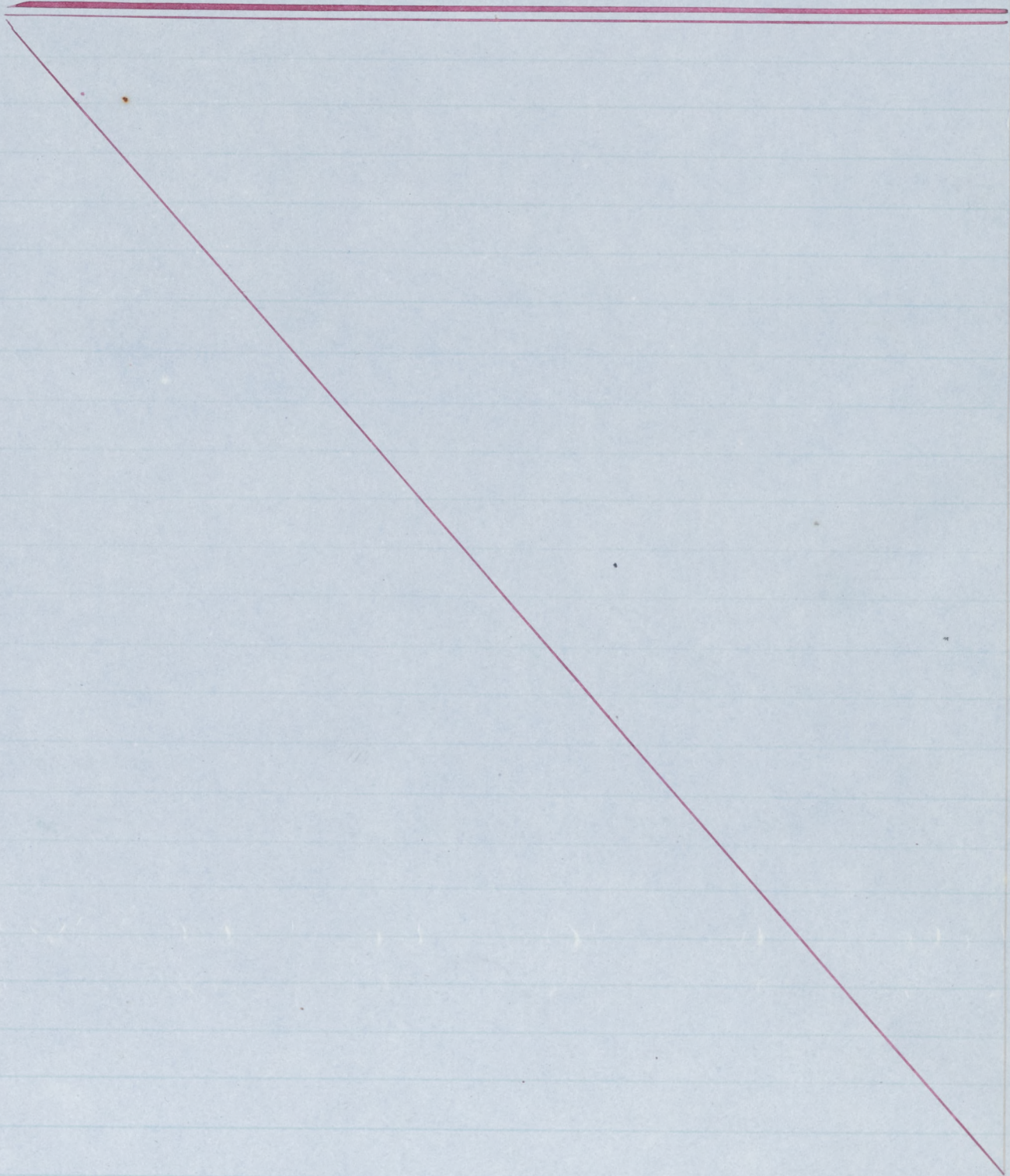
Geo Fisher Secy

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Signed
Geo Fisher
Secretary

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And it appearing to the satisfaction of the 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 and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are found to be made out and duly certified by the Secretary and of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the other returns made to the Attorney General of the United States



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a part of Entre Napra

Notice to
Reinstate

Motion to set aside the demurrer of objection
and to reinstate on Docket for the
purpose of taking testimony

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I agree that the above motion may be
granted

(signed)

J. W. McKune
U.S. Land Agent

Filed in Office March 27. 1855

(signed)
Geo. Fisher Juy

U. S. Land Commissioner
Edward Wilson
vs
The United States No 803.

Stipulation

It is hereby stipulated
by the Land Agent and Johnson Hornell on
the part of the party interested that the
original title papers filed in the case of
Jedrus Weston in 323 including the depositions
of Jasi de la Raza, Emili A. de Hornicost, be
received as evidence in this case, to the same
extent and with the same force and effect
as if the original documents were actually
on file among the papers in this case,
provided copies duly certified be filed
San Francisco

April 24th 1855. (signed)

J. H. McKim
U. S. Law Agent

Filed in office April 27. 1855

(signed) *C. J. Foy*
C. J. Foy

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Copy of
Recd

803 Know all men by these presents, that we
Nicholas Wiguera and Maria Antonia Vasquez
of the County of Santa, and State of California
for and in consideration of the sum of
fifteen hundred dollars to us in hand
paid by Rancin G. de la Riva of the County
and State aforesaid the receipt whereof we
acknowledge hereby, do by these presents give,
grant, bargain, sell, and convey, unto the
said Rancin de la Riva his heirs and
assigns forever, the following described
real estate, to wit: commencing at a
house formerly occupied by the said Ni-
cholas Wiguera, on the north side of the
Arroyo de Santa, thence running towards
the east to Santa Creek, thence down said
Creek to the mouth of Carreras Creek, and
following up said Creek eighteen thousand
varas, containing one league, more or less,
To Have and To Hold the above granted
premises with all the privileges and appur-
tenances thereto belonging to the said
Rancin G. de la Riva his heirs and assigns
forever, saving and reserving to Martha
Frias de Wiguera, and Encarnacion
Cacho de Wiguera the daughters of the
said Nicholas Wiguera the right of action
John Walker and John E. Brown, for the

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503 recovery of certain lands purporting to have been conveyed to the said Walter Brown by deed bearing date the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1850, and recorded in the archives of Napa County, and also reserving all other lands heretofore lawfully sold and conveyed within said boundary

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In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the seventh day of February, A. D. 1852,

Nicholas Higuera ^{his} Seal
mark

Ma. Antonio Vazquez ^{his} Seal
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of }
Jas. W. Brackett }
Washington Earle }

State of California }
Napa County S.D. }
I solemnly appear before me Johnson Hamell, county judge of Napa County Nicholas Higuera and Maria Antonio Vazquez known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged they signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed and contained, the Ma. Antonio Vazquez being examined by me separately and apart from and out of the hearing of the said Nicholas Higuera, declared that she signed the same of her own free will, without fear or compulsion on the part of said Nicholas Higuera.

Given under my hand this
7th day of February A.D. 1852

Johnson Hamell
County Judge Napa Co.

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State of California }
County of Napa } S.S. I the undersigned
County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid
do hereby certify that Johnson Howell, whose
whose name appears subscribed to the
within certificate of acknowledgment was
at the time of taking the same, County
Judge of Napa County within and for
said State, duly commissioned and qualified
that I am well acquainted with his hand,
writing and verily believe that his signature
to the within certificate is genuine

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and official seal at
office in Napa City this the 13th day of
March, A. D., 1852.

(L.S.) H. H. Lawrence Clerk
by J. W. Edmondson Dep. C.

Filed for record March 9, A.D. 1852 at 3 o'clock p.m.

State of California }
County of Napa } S.S. I, A. J. Watson,
County recorder in and for said County
hereby certify the foregoing to be a true
copy of a Deed on record in my office
as appears in book "B." on pages 141
& 142 of the records of deeds of said County
Given under my hand & seal
at Napa City this 4th day of
April, A.D. 1855

(True) A. J. Watson
Recorder

Filed in office April 23, 1855

(Signed) Geo Fisher Feely

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Know all men by these presents that I, Rancón
G. de la Riva of the county of Napa and state
of California in consideration of Seventy-seven
hundred dollars to me in hand paid by
Martha Frias de Hoiquera of the county and
state aforesaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby
acknowledge, do hereby grant, give, bargain, sell,
and convey unto the said Martha Frias de
Hoiquera and Encarnacion Cacho, de Hoiquera
all the following described Real Estate (to-wit:)
Commencing at the mouth of Carreras Creek
running thence up Carreras Creek to a point
one and a half miles above the mouth of Car-
reras Creek, thence down said Napa Creek to
the place of beginning, also the following described
real estate (to-wit:) Commencing at a house
formerly occupied by Nicolas Hoiquera (of county
and state aforesaid) on the north side of the arroyo
de Napa, thence running towards the east
to Napa Creek, thence down said creek to
the mouth of Carreras Creek and following
up said creek eighteen thousand varas to an
old corner at the lower ford thence on a north
line to Napa Creek being twenty-five thousand
varas containing one league of land more or less,
I have and do hold the above granted premises
with all the privileges and appurtenances there-
unto belonging to the only proper use, benefit
and behoof of the said Martha Frias de Hoiquera
and Encarnacion Cacho de Hoiquera, their heirs
and assigns forever, saving and reserving all other
lands heretofore lawfully sold and conveyed within
in said boundary by Nicolas Hoiquera, previous
to the seventh day of February A.D. 1852 and
I, the said Rancón G. de la Riva, do for myself
my heirs, executors and administrators covenant
with the said Martha Frias de Hoiquera and
Encarnacion Cacho de Hoiquera aforesaid and that

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I will and my heirs shall forever warrant and defend the aforesaid premises to the said Manuel Frias de Higuera and Inocencio Cacho de Higuera their heirs and assigns forever against the lawful demands of all persons whatever.

In testimony whereof I the said Ramon G. de la Rosa, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of March A. D. 1852 R. G. de la Rosa, S. S.

In presence of
J. W. Edmondston }
Dauph Green }

State of California }
County of Napa S. S. On this the twenty-
eighth day of ^{March} 1852, the undersigned recorder
in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared
Ramon G. de la Rosa, known to me to be the person
described in and who executed the foregoing
instrument, who acknowledged to me that he
executed the same freely and voluntarily and for
the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Given
under my hand and seal of office at Napa City
this the day and year in this certificate first
above written

H. W. Lawrence Recorder
By J. W. Edmondston Dep Rec.
Filed for record March 29th A. D. 1852 at 9 o'clock A. M.

State of California }
County of Napa S. S. J. A. J. Watson,
County recorder in and for said County hereby
certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the
records of deeds as appears in Book "B"
on pages 149 and 150 of the records of
Napa County

Given under my hand
and seal at Napa City

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and seal at Napa Calif
this 7th day of April 1855

A. J. Watson
Recorder

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(signed) C. Fisher Jew,

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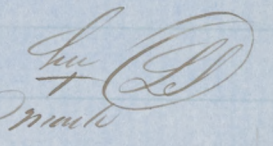
Know all men by these presents that I, Martha
Frias Higuera of the County of Napa and State of
California in consideration of a certain deed of
conveyance signed, sealed and delivered to me
and bearing even date herewith by Anuaracion
Cacho Higuera do hereby bargain sell and
convey and by these presents do grant, bargain
sell and convey and confirm unto the said Anuaracion
Cacho Higuera, all my right, title, interest, claim,
and demand in and to the following described
real estate in said County of Napa and State
aforesaid, commencing at a house formerly oc-
cupied by Nicolas Higuera on the north side
of the arroyo de Napa, thence bearing towards
the east to Napa Creek, thence down Napa
Creek to the mouth of Carnias Creek, thence up
said creek eighteen thousand varas to an old
corral at the low ford, thence on a north line
to Napa Creek saving and excepting all the
lands heretofore legally sold and conveyed for
a fair and bona fide consideration and also
all the lands or interest in said lands, this
day sold and conveyed to me by the said An-
uaracion C. Higuera, and also saving and
reserving all my right, title and interest in
a certain piece or parcel of land conveyed to
Nicolas Higuera by John E. Brackett, to Fran-

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and should the said Real Estate hereby sold,
to the sole use, benefit and behoof of her the
said Incarnation Cacho Hoiquira her heirs and
assigns forever

In testimony whereof I, the said
Martha Frias Hoiquira have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 13th day of October AD.
1852.

Martha Frias Hoiquira 

signed sealed and delivered
in presence of John
Aoul, John D. Keppin

State of California }
Napa County } S.S.

On this 13th day of
October 1852 personally appeared before me
John W. Correll, County Judge of Napa County,
Martha Frias Hoiquira to me known to be the
person who executed the above and foregoing
deed of conveyance, and acknowledged that
she freely and voluntarily executed the same
for the uses and purposes therein expressed and
contained

John W. Correll,
County Judge of Napa Co.

Said for record Oct 13th AD. 1852 at 2 o'clock p.m.

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

J. W. J. Watson
County Recorder in and for said county hereby
certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an
instrument on record in my office as appears
in Book "B" on the pages 233, & 234 of
the records of deeds of said county.

Given under my hand
and seal at Napa City

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this 7th day of April A.D. 1855

A. J. Watson

Recorder

Filed in office April 23rd 1855.

(Signed)

Jos. F. J. J. J.

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copy of deposition
of Jose de la Rosa

San Francisco Jan'y 15, 1853

On this day before
Comm. Harry D. Thornton came Jose de la Rosa
a witness in behalf of the claimant Felice
Martin petition No. 323 and was duly sworn
his evidence being interpreted by the Secretary

The U. S. Associate Law Agent was present

My name is Jose de la
Rosa, my age 44 years, I reside in Sonoma
and have resided there over 21 years

I know the Rancho called
"Entre Napa", it is in Napa Valley and was
granted to Nicolas Hoigman in 1836.
He built a house on it and corralled had
cattle and horses on it and cultivated a
portion of the land, he continued to
occupy it until his death; he died in
1852; before his death he sold portions of
it to Joseph J. Thompson and others

I know the signatures
of Mariano Chico, Francisco de Leustillo
Negrete, Salvador Vallejo, Cayetano Jomard,
Apolinario Miranda, Jacob Reese; their
signatures to the papers before me marked
Not an genuine

(Signed) Jose de la Rosa

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U. S. Law Agent present

Brown to and subscribed
before me this 15th of
January, 1853

Harry J. Huntington
Comr

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Filed in office Jan 15, 1853

Geo. Fisher
Jury

I George Fisher Secretary to the
U. S. Board of Land Commissioners to ascer-
tain and settle the private land claims
in the State of California, hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy
of a deposition in case No 323, Julius
Martin vs. The United States for the place
called "Cute Mapa" now on file in this office

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto subscribed my name officially
at office in the city of San Francisco, Cal.
this 24th day of April, AD 1855

Geo Fisher
Jury

Filed in Office April 24, 1855

signed
Geo Fisher
Jury

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Deposition of
Emilio A. d'Hermeconst

United States of America
State of California J. S. F.

San Francisco, July 8, 1854.

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This day personally
came before the said Commissioner for taking
testimony to be used before the Board of U.S.
Land Commissioners in said State, Emilio A. d'
Hemecourt, a witness on behalf of the United
States in case No. 323, on the docket of said
Board, wherein Arthur W. Martin is claimant and
said witness being duly sworn in oath depused
in English as follows, to wit:

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The Claimant's Counsel is present

Question by U. S. Law Agent

1st Question What is your
name, age and residence?

Answer. My name is
Emilio A. d' Hemecourt, my age 38 years, I
reside in Wapa County, California

2^d Question What is your
profession, what office do you now hold
and state whether you are acquainted with
the Rancho of Entre Wapa, formerly owned
by Nicolas Wignura in said County of
Wapa, state herein the character of your
acquaintance with said rancho?

Answer. I am a surveyor,
by profession, I am now County Surveyor
of Wapa County. I am acquainted with
the rancho named, I have had in my pos-
session the Expediente of the title thereof,
and have surveyed the rancho.

3^d Question, Are you
acquainted with the Spanish language, if
yes, look at the mode of description in
the document marked "Exhibit to deposition
of Narciso G. de la River, P.L." and filed in
this case, and state whether from your

knowledge of the country, the land intended to be granted by said document can be located by the records of description therein.

Answer. I am acquainted with the Spanish language well enough to read it but cannot keep up a conversation in it very well with a Spaniard. I can speak it so as to make myself understood. Now my knowledge of the country I cannot by these words of description locate the mile square of land called *ya*, because in the deed it mentions only a road and an indefinite point of hills, and there there is but one line mentioned in the deed and I do not know how, from only one line of description to enclose 140 acres of land.

4th Question. What is the distance from the point where the road crosses the Carnacas Creek to the first point of hills on said road to the east?

Answer. It is three miles.

5th Question. Look at the map marked "Exhibit 3" annexed to deposition of "Ramon G. de la Riva P.L." and say whether it correctly delineates the land it purports to represent and particularly with respect to the road laid down and the hills east of the Carnacas Creek.

Answer. I made a map of which this appears to me to be a traced copy and it is a correct description of the land it represents, and the said road and hills as here laid down are correctly delineated.

Examined by Plaintiff's Counsel

1st Question Do you know

which place is called "Rincon de la Carneras I"
 Quena. I understand all
 the land forming the delta between the Car-
 neras Creek and the Yapa River to be the
 "Rincon" without any definite limit to the
 North

Em. A. d. Hemenway

Subscribed and sworn to
 before me on the 8th day
 of July, A.D. 1854.

John Lott
 Commissioner

Filed in Office July 8th 1854
 Geo. Fisher
 Secy

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 that the foregoing
 is a true and correct copy of a
 deposition in case No. 323, Julius
 Martin vs The United States for the place
 called "Entre Yapa" now on file in this
 office

In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto subscribed my name officially at
 office in the City of San Francisco, Cal.,
 this twenty-fourth day of April, A.D. 1855.

Geo. Fisher
 Secy

Filed in Office April 24, 1855
 (Signed) Geo. Fisher
 Secy

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Deposition of
Joel P. Walker

United States of America }
State of California } ss.

San Francisco May 4. 1854

This day personally came before me Peter
Lott a Commissioner for taking Testimony
to be used before the Board of U. S. Board
Land Commissioners in said State, Joel P.
Walker, a witness on behalf of the Claim
ant in Case No. 323 on the Docket of said
Board wherein Julius Martin is Claimant
and the said witness being duly sworn
On oath deposed in the English Language
as follows—

The U. S. Law Agent is present.

Questions by Attorney for Claimant

1st Question. What is your name
age and present residence?

Answer. My Name is Joel
P. Walker, my age 54 years, my residence
Sonoma County, California.

2^d Question. Are you acquaint-
ted with the boundaries of the tract of
land claimed in this Case by Julius
Martin, in the tract called Entre Napa
if you state them. Also look at the
plot in this Case, and state whether
the boundaries or map in the document
marked K and filed in this Case, and
state whether the boundaries of said
Martin's Claim are therein correctly
delineated?

Answer. I am acquainted with
the boundaries of Martin's Claim, in
"Entre Napa" and this map is a correct

representation of them. The trace lies between the Arroyo de los Cuerneros and Napu Creek. Nicolas Sequera who sold the land to Fallon told me the boundary commenced at a certain tree, he sent his grandson to show me the tree, the beginning cana, he took us to run an East Course to a Spring at the point of the hills, and that the land lying South of that line was what he sold to Fallon. The tree was at the Cuerneros Creek, at the lower Force. The tree was marked as a Cana tree.

3^d Question. On what occasion, when and for what purpose was you running or examining the boundary of said land?

Answer. Sometime in the year 1850 my brother Joseph R. Walker who was acting for Julius Martin came to my house and informed me that he had come to get Nicolas Sequera to point out the cana of the land, and also to have the trace surveyed for Mr. Martin. He requested me to go with him, I went to Sequera's house, and it was at that time that Sequera gave me the information, we went then on the land with said Sequera's grandson, and found the tree, Sequera himself afterwards came and showed us the tree, John E. Brown the County Surveyor made the survey, and this plot is the one he made of that survey. The trace is called Rincon de los Cuerneros.

4th Question. Who lived on this trace when that survey was made?

Answer. No person.

5th Question. Who has had possession since that time?

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Answer. There are several persons on it now, Nicoria Frias, Edouard Wilson, and McCampsey and others I do not know

6th Question. How long have you been on the premises and where do you reside?

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Answer. I live 2 1/2 or 3 miles from the place, and I have since 1848 lived in the neighborhood and am well acquainted with the place

Crop Examined by U. S. Land Agent

1st Question. Are you a practical Surveyor?

Answer. I am not.

2nd Question. How then do you know this map to be a correct delineation of the Land, which you have sworn to in this case?

Answer. I saw the Survey made, I know the courses of the Creek and I think I could make as good a map of the Land myself altho, I do not profess to be a practical Surveyor I think the map a correct representation of the Land

3rd Question. Are you interested in this claim?

Answer. No in no way

Joel P. Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 4th day of May A.D. 1854

Peter Lott Commissioner
for taking Testimony &c

Filed in Office May 4. 1854

Geo. Fisher Secy

2 Deposition of
R. G. de la
Riva

United States of America }
State of California } ss:

San Francisco July 7 - 1854

This day personally came before Peter Lott
Commissioner for taking Testimony to be used
before the Board of U. S. Land Commis-
sioners in said State, Ramon G de la Riva
a witness on behalf of the United States
in Case No. 323 on the Docket of said
Board, wherein Julius Martin is Claimant
and said witness being duly sworn on
Oath deposed in English as follows.

The Claimant's Counsel is present.

Questions by U. S. Land Agent

1st Question. What is your name
age and residence?

Answer. My name is Ramon
G de la Riva, my age 30 years. I reside in
Los Angeles County California

2^d Question. Do you now
reside in the County of Napa if you
have long, and were you acquainted with
Joel P. Walker while you lived there?

Answer. I lived in Napa
County, from February 1850 to June 1853
and I knew Joel P. Walker while I
lived there.

3^d Question. Were you acquainted
with the Rancho of Entre Napa formerly
claimed by Nicolas Siguenza, if you, what
was the Character of your acquaintance
with him?

Answer. I was acquainted with it

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Answer. I was acquainted with it
I lived on it all the time I lived in Napo
County.

1st Question. State whether
the said Joel P. Walker converses in Spanish
Language?

Answer. He was not able up to the
time I last knew him, some 14 months since to
hold a conversation in Spanish, he could
speak a few words, enough perhaps to buy
a few articles. I acted as interpreter for him
when he went to survey the land claimed in
this case, and he then told me, he did not
understand enough of their language to know
what Segura said at that time.

5th Question. Were you
acquainted with Nicolas Segura, if you
state whether he could speak the English
Language?

Answer. I was acquainted with
him, and he could not speak a word of
English.

6th Question. Were you ever present
at a conversation between Nicolas Segura
and Joel P. Walker with reference to the
land claimed by Julius Martin, within
the entire Napo tract, if you, state when
where, who was present, what occasioned
the conversation and what circumstances
attended it?

Answer. I was present at such
a conversation between said parties. It was
some three years ago or possibly a little
more. It was on the place of Los Cuernos
Captain Walker, a brother of Joel P.
Walker, and John E. Brown, and one or
two sons of Joel P. Walker, were present.
I see which Capt. Walker had from

Julius Martin gave rise to the Controversy - The circumstances were, that Capt. Mlalka had a deed from Mateo Fellina to Julius Martin, and he Capt. Mlalka said that he had that interest or that he represented Julius Martin. I do not know what was the transaction between them - Nicolas Stegner told Joe P Mlalka and Capt. Mlalka, that he had sold a mile to the same Mateo Fellina, and the highway road (the main road from Sonoma to Napa) then Capt. Mlalka and Joe P Mlalka replied that they had bought the whole place according to the deed, then Nicolas Stegner denied it and said he only sold one mile of land. They talked in this way for a long time and they could not agree, and at last Capt. Mlalka said he was going to run the line, that he knew what he had bought, then the old man [Stegner] came back to the house and I went with him.

This answer objected to as hearsay testimony by Claimants because as containing the declarations of the grantor and conveyance terms between these persons, and for other reasons of substance -

7th. Question. Who acted as interpreter in the Conveyance you have just repeated?

Answer. Said, at the request of Capt. Mlalka, Joe P Mlalka and John E Brown the Surveyor, who served me at that time.

8th. Question. State whether Capt. Mlalka claimed to act as

whether Capt. Walker claimed to act as
as the agent of Julius Martin at that time
and whether he then and there Exhibited
deeds, and whether the two papers now
shown you and marked Exhibit 1 and
Exhibit 2 to your deposition were those
Exhibited by him?

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8th. Question objected to by C. C. Martin's Coun-
sel as in part irrelevant and part leading
P.L.

Answer. He did not say that he
was agent or was not, but he Exhibited
on that occasion the paper marked "Exhibit 2"
a deed signed by Nicolas Aguirre and his
wife, the other paper "Exhibit No 1" I do not
recollect to have seen.

9th. Question. State whether
either Joel P. Walker or Capt. Walker, was
a partner of Julius Martin at that time?

Answer. I do not know whether
at that time, either of them were partner of
Julius Martin.

10th. Question. What was
the point of land between the Carreros
Creek and the Napa River near their
junction, called?

Answer. It was always
called "La Bolsa" de los Carreros, when
I was there.

11th. Question. Look at the
map marked "Exhibit 3" annexed to deposi-
tion of Ramon G. de la Riva, P.L. and
state whether it correctly delineates the
line between the two streams just mentio-
ned so far as it extends

Answer. This map is a
correct description of the land between

streams, according to my recollection of the way the land lies.

12th. Question. Are you acquainted ^{with} the wagon roads crossing the trace of "Entre Napa" and with the point of hills and location of the high lands in said Rancho East of the said Roads, if you, point out on said map the location of said Roads and describe said high lands.

Answer. I am acquainted with the said Roads, hills and high lands, and it seems to me that the road as laid down on the map, is correctly laid down, there is another road running further up in the hills which passes by Nicolas Steganas house, and runs to Napa.

13th Question. Do you know of a survey running off the land in the "Bolsa" before mentioned of said Mountain, if you who was he, and was he forbidden to survey it if yes by whom and when did this occur?

Answer. At the same time I have before spoken of, when the workers and John E. Brown were there together said Brown surveyed the Land in the Bolsa, he was forbidden to do so by me as a Mesquero sent by Nicolas Steganas, and I went and told him and Cape Blalcha in the presence of one Joseph Green that Nicolas Steganas protested against their surveying said land.

14. Question. Look again at the document marked "Exhibit 1" and

announced to your petition and state whether from the census of descriptions contained therein you think you could locate the width your knowledge of the country you could locate the quantity of land called for in said document?

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Answer - I will say that I do not think I could locate a piece of land properly from this description or any other because I am no surveyor, and therefore there is no use in my reading the Document

Crop Examined by Claimant's Licensed

1st Question. What is the name of the land between the Arroyo de los Leuneros and the Napa River?

This 1st Question objected to as not crop examination, by U. S. Land Agent P. L.

Answer. By taking the whole grant it is called Rancho de Napa Aleajo so far as I recollect, the point between the two streams near their junction, I was told when I lived there, was called the "Balsa" and as Nicolas Requena told me, the piece which was called "Rincon de los Leuneros" at the point marked on said map was about where the road crosses the Arroyo of Los Leuneros at the point marked on said map as "Forn at the Luna Canal, because at the time when the Nipim was there they kept some sheep about at that time

point, the Canal was south of the road

Q. Question. How far is it from the ^{of} Ford just mentioned on the arroyo de las Curnas to the foot of the hills near Bacon on Saia's map in a North Eastern Course along the road, as laid down on Saia's map?

A. Answer. I think it is about 2 miles, it may be more or less—

Ramon G de la Riva
Subscribed and sworn to before me
On this 7th. day of July A.D. 1854

Peter Lott

Commr.

For taking Testimony

Filed in Office July 7th 1854

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Promovido en Solicitud del parage que indica el decano
p^r.

Nicolas Iguera.
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J. King. Jr. Cl.

Sello tercero dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Botana Maritima de Monterey de la Alta Calif. para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

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Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

Monterrey. En.º 22 de 1836.

Sr. Jefe Sup.º Politico.

De conformidad con las leyes de la materia impone a N.º en esta frontera antes V.º S. Ayuntamiento de San Francisco si el contenido en esta instancia ob- tiene los requisitos que previene la ley de 28 de Agosto de 1825. Si el terreno que pretende pertenecer a la propiedad de algun particular, Misión o Pueblo. Si es de regadío temporal o abrevadero con su familia y casa i que estension cubra. Si con objeto de establecerse estas obligaciones pasaria al May propio que cultivar y le ordeno de la Misión de San Francisco proporcione su Subsist para que esponga lo que crea conbte en esta futura y bienololo el Sr. D.º Nicolas Gutierrez teniente el que va unido con Coronel de Caballeria del Ejercito el ordeno adjunto que Permanente Comandante General consta de una legua Inspector i Jefe Politico de la Alta Caudrada en el parage California husilo mandó secreto de Mapa. N.º V.º S. i firmo de que doy fe.

Nicolas Gutierrez.

Suplica se sirva coniderarlo a este

9.º del Castillo Negro. Sr. solicitud con su acostumbrada benignidad de que vivirá eternamente reconocido.

Sonoma 30 de Diz.º de 1835.

Nicolas Ignera.

Sr. Jefe Sup.º Politico.

En Cumplimiento de lo prevenido por el Superior decreto de Jan.º 22 de Enero del presente año que se halla en la presente solicitud que hace el ciudadano Nicolas Ignera del terreno de Napa. El Ayuntamiento de esta demarcacion dice lo siguiente: que el interesado obtiene los requisitos necesarios para ser atendido, el terreno que pretende no esta comprendido en las 20 leguas limitrofas y si de las 10 litorales, es de regadío temporal y abrevadero: dicho parage lo ocupaba la Misión de San Solano para en la actualidad ignorar

here follows a copy of the

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Administracion de S. Francisco de Osis.
Con fecha once del p^oo Marzo me remitió el Sr Alcalde
del pueblo de S. Francisco estos dos expedientes para
informe segun el superior decreto que se halla al mar-
gin de otros expedientes i como yo no tengo conocimiento
de estos terrenos por no pertenecer a la de mi cargo
i Sabeedor de que pertenecen a esa ex-Mision de San
Solano solo se puede informar a cerca de lo espuesto
en virtud de ser un administrador de otras. Dios
y libertad. Pueblo de Dolores. Diaz y seis de abril
de 1836. Guad. Dolores. S. Notor de S. Solano.

El Notario de S. Francisco de Osis con Oficio de fha.
16 del corriente me acompaña los dos expedientes prom-
ovidos por los cc. Ignacio Pacheco i Nicolas Requena
para que informe segun lo pide en su oficio citadas y
para facilitar el curso de ellos dice que los terrenos que
solicitan no estan ocupados ni por los naturales de
este pueblo ni por el pronto i semoviente que estan a
mi cargo, pues aquellos tienen ya sus ranchos establecidos
en comun i este ocupa desde el parage de Loscal hasta
el rancho de Carquines sin suerda alguna por su
entidad por respectivo a las personas que lo solicitan
obtienen los requisitos para ser atendidos, i los terrenos
no estan comprendidos en las veinte leguas limtrofes
an en las diez literales que espresa la ley de diez y
ocho de agosto de 1824 a pesar de que asi lo informo
el Ilustre Ayuntamiento de S. Francisco de Osis
Los tres documentos adjuntos dichos, tengo el honor
de acompañar a V. S. para los fines que consergan
Dios y libertad. Sonora. Abril 24 de 1836. —
Antonio Ortega. S. Jefe superior politico de la
Alta California.

Es copia de los documentos que se
hallan incorporados en el expediente de Ignacio Pacheco
a los que me remita.
Monterrey. Mayo 5. de 1836.
Castillo.

Sello terreno Dos reales.

Sello tercero Dos Reales.

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

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Castro.

Ayud. Pruniver.

Este Ayuntamiento si estava despueblo p' aquel Pueblo p' lo que es de parecer informe el comisionado o Mayor como de Sonora.

Pueblo de San Francisco. Mayo 11 de 1836.

José Joaquin Estudillo. Francisco Sanchez. Srio.

Monterrey. Mayo 9 de 1836.

Vista la peticion con que al principio este Excmo. Ayuntamiento del Ayuntamiento de San Francisco, el de los Administradores de las Misiones de San Francisco de Asis y de San Francisco Solano, con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver convido. De conformidad con lo dispuesto en las leyes y reglamentos de la materia se decretó al Sr. Nicolas Figueroa dueño en propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre de Entre Napa segun esplica el oficio que corre en el expediente.

Se le dio el despacho correspondiente; tomese razon de el en el libro respectivo; entreguese al interesado y reserve este expediente para claridad a la E. Diputacion para su aprobacion. El Sr. Don Mariano Chico Jefe Superior Politico de la Alta California asi lo mandó decretó y firmó de q. doy fe.

Mmanuel Chico.

Fiel del castillo Negrete. Srio.

En 31 de Mayo. pasó a la Comision de terrenos Valeros. Malouardo. Srio.

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 custody a portion of the archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California do hereby certify that the eight preceding and herewith annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to eight inclusive and each of which is verified by my initials (S.D.K.) exhibit true and accurate copies of certain papers 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 31st day of July. 1859.

Saml. King. Surveyor G. Cal.

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Retired in office. Sept. 4. 1859.

Geo. Fisher.

Secy.

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Translation of
Expediente

Stamp Three Two Riols

Provisionally authorized by the Administration
of the Maritime Custom House of Monterey
of Alta California for the years 1834 & 1835
(Signed) Castro (Signed) Ange Ramirez

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Senior Superior Political Chief

Nicolas Yguera, settled in this
frontier, before your Excellency in the manner
provided by law represents; That some time
ago he has removed the stock which he
had in San Francisco on the other side
of the Port to this Pueblo of Sonoma for
the purpose of establishing himself here
with his family, and having need of a
private Landa for cultivation and for his
future subsistence, and being desirous that
which is marked out in the map upon
see which comprises one square league in
the place of Napa

Wherefore he prays your
Excellency to be pleased to grant this request
with your accustomed benignity, for which
he will be entirely grateful

Sonoma December 30th 1835

(Signed) Nicolas Yguera.

Monterey January 22nd 1836

In Conformity with
the laws relating to the matter the
Ayuntamiento of San Francisco well report
of the petition proposed the requesters
provided in the Law of August 28. 1824
to entitle his petition to be attended to,
if the Landa asked for belongs to any
private person Mission or Pueblo, if it is

irregular dependent on the seasons or pasture
Land and what may be its extent?

These examinations being finished
this will be passed to the Mayor Alamo
of the Ex Mission of San Francisco in order
that he may report what he may deem
Convenient.

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Don Don Nicolas Gutierrez
Lieut. Colonel of Cavalry in the permanent
Army, Commandante General and Political
Chief of Upper California thus ordered,
decreed and signed of which I certify
(Signed) Nicolas Gutierrez
(Signed) Francisco Custodio Negrete
Secretary.

Señor Superior Political Chief

In compliance with the
Superior decree of the 22^o of January of
the present year on this petition of citizen
Nicolas Siquero respecting the Land
of Napa, the Ayuntamiento of this Loca-
lidad says the following

That the petitioner
presents the requisites necessary to be attended
to; that the land asked for is not comprehen-
ded in the 20 border leagues, but is in the
littoral leagues; it is irregular dependent
on the seasons, and pasture Land, said
place was occupied by the Mission of
San Solano, but this Ayuntamiento is igno-
rant whether it is now occupied by that
Pueblo; but the Comisarios or Mayor
Alamo of Sonoma can inform

Pueblo de San Francisco, March 11-1836
(Signed) Jose Joaquin Esteveles
(Signed) Francisco Sanchez Secy

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Administration of S. Francisco de Asis.

Under date of the 11th of March last the Alcalde of the Pueblo of San Francisco sent me two Expedientes for report in Compliance with the Superior Order in the Margin of these "Expedientes" and as I have no knowledge of these lands in as much as they do not belong to my Charge and as I know that they pertain to that of the Exmision of San Solano, You alone can report upon the matter being the Administration of said Lands,

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See and Reply.

Pueblo of Dolores April 16th 1836
To the Administration (Signed)
of San Solano J. Garcia Dolores

The Administration of S. Francisco de Asis in an Official Note of the 16 of the present Month sends me the two "Expedientes" moved by Citizens Ignacio Pacheco and Nicolas Herrera to report as asked in said Official (Communication) and in view to facilitate their arrangement I will say that the Lands asked for are not occupied by the Nations of the Pueblo nor by the Stock or Cattle under my Charge, for the former have their Ranchos Established in Common and the latter occupy the place of Socal to the Streets of Burgines, where they trouble no one by their location, with respect to the persons who petition they possess the requisites to entitle them to be attended to, and the Lands are not included in the 20 or an leagues, but are in the 10 leagues which are referred to in the Law

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of August 18th 1834, according to the report of
the Illustrissimos Ayuntamiento of San Francisco
de Asis - The three aforesaid annexed docu-
ments I have the honor to send herewith
to your Excellency for the Encas which you
may please. Law and Liberty

Sonoma April 24th 1836 -

(Signed) Antonio Ortega

Senor Superior Político }
Chief of Upper California }

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These are true copies of the two documents
sent to me and incorporated in the Expedi-
ente of Ygnacio Pacheco

Monterey May 5. 1836

(Signed) Castiello

Monterey May 9th. 1836.

Having seen the petition
at the beginning of this Expediente, the
Report of the Ayuntamiento of San Fran-
cisco, that of the Administrators of the
Missions of San Francisco de Asis and
of San Francisco Solano, with all else
presented and proper to be seen:

In Conformity with is provided in the laws
and regulations on the matter, Nicolas
Siquera is decreed owner in fee of
the Land known by the name of Entre-
Napas, as explained by the map which
goes with the "Expediente". Let the Comisario
along dispatch issue; take note of it in
the respective Book, deliver it to the party
interested, and reserve this Expediente
in order to report to the Excellent Departa-
ment for its approbation - Senor Don Maria-
no Leticia, Superior Political Chief of Upper

no chico, Secy of Potencia Chief of Bureau

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California then Oraned, decreed and signed
of which I certify.

(Signed) Mariano Chico

(Signed) Francisco Custillo Negro
Secretary

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On the 31st of May paper to the Committee
On Vacant Lands

(Signed) Malconaco
Secretary

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Juzgado de Sonoma.

Espectante instruido p^a medir y dar posesion de
un sitio de Ganado Mayor en el Rancho de Mapa
abajo al C. Nicolas Figueroa el dia 11 de En^o de
1812.

Quer El C. Salvador Vallego.

asda.

Apolinario Miranola.

asda.

Pagetano Loures.

Sello Primero Seis pesos.

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

Figueron.

A Ramirez.

Revalidado para el bienio de 1836 y 1837.

Intierron.

A Ramirez.

El C^o Coronel Mariano Chico, Representante de la Nacion, Jefe Superior Politico y Comandante General de la Alta California.

Gobierno politico de la Alta California. Por cuanto el C^o Nicolas Diezguerra Mejicano por nacimiento, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un sitio de ganado mayor por el nombre de Napa: practicados previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes a lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas en decreto de este dia y a nombre de la Nacion Mejicana he venido en concebirle el terreno mencionado declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras y a reserva de la aprobacion de la Exma Dignacion y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1^o Que se sometera a las que estableciere el reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entretanto ni el agremiado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se les adjudica, imponer censo, vinculo fideicomiso hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piousa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2^o Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las traversias Caminos y servidumbres: lo disputara libre y exclusivamente a destino solo al uso y cultivo que mas le aconviene pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3^o Solicitara del Juez respectivo que le otorgue la posesion quietativa en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcan sus linderos en cuyos limites podran a uno de las morneras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4^o El terreno de que se hace donacion es de un sitio de ganado mayor por el nombre de Napa, segun explica el plano que corre en el Expediente. El Juez que otorgue la posesion lo hara medir con arreglo a ordenamiento queriendo el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

5^o Si contraxiere a estas condiciones perdera

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Si el derecho al terreno y será denunciable por otro.

5. Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perderá su derecho al terreno y será denunciable por otro.

En consecuencia mandó que se hiciera de título el presente y teniendo por firme y válido se tome razón de él en el libro que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demás fines. Dado en Monterrey a nueve de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y seis.

Manuel Chico. Fe.^{ca} del Castillo Negro. Sr.

Queda tomada razón a fojas 112 y señalada con el número 108. del libro que corresponde y obra en la Secretaría de mi cargo. Monterrey. Mayo. 20 de 1836.

Castello.

Dros. 10. p.^{as}

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Sr. Juez de paz de la frontera.

El Ciudadano Nicolas Figueroa vecino de esta jurisdicción, dueño del rancho de Napa abajo: como mejor proceda de derecho ante V. pasesco y digo: que como consta del título que presento con la solemnidad y juramento necesario tengo en mi otro rancho un sitio de ganadero Mayor por lo mas, abajo de los linderos que expresa otro título y por que necesito para que en todo tiempo corra hasta donde llegara y si me perjudican o perjudica a alguno de los circunvecinos se servirán V. mandar que procediendo las diligencias a costumbres de identidad vista de ojos y reconocimiento se proceda con citación de los circunvecinos a la medida de mis parcelas para cuyo efecto nombro desde ahora y para cuando el caso llegue por mediador al Ciudadano Rafael Narvaiz vecino de esta jurisdicción inteligente en esta materia de medidas y otro que sea interesado nombro a otro mediador por escrito luego y habiéndolo hecho así los que nombren con el referido Rafael Narvaiz por mi nombrado aparezcan a aceptar y juren y en su conformidad se proceda a otras medidas

Por tanto a V. suplico que habiéndolo por presentado dicho documento se sirva mandar hacer como llevo pedido y hechos que sean se me vuelvan otros. Recaudos con las diligencias originales que se hicieron para resguardo de mi derecho este escrito y todo lo necesario. Amigos de mi Sr. padre. =

En el pueblo de Sonoma a los diez días del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos ante mí el Ciudadano Salvador Vallejo, Comandante Militar y Juez de esta jurisdicción se leyó esta petición y vista: lo tuve por presentado

con el documento que expresa y muestra que con citacion de los circunvecinos se haya informacion de identidad vista de ojos y reconocimiento de dhas. tierras a q. este pronto sea asistido personalmente asi lo proveyo, mandó y firmó con los de mi assa. Salvador Vallejo.

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assa. Apolinario Miranda. assa. Cayetano Soares.
En el expresado pueblo de Sonoma a los diez dias del mismo mes y año del referido Juicio con los de mi assa para proceder a la informacion de identidad hice comparecer ante mi al Ciudadano Ramon Mesa, vecino de esta jurisdiccion de oficio Subyudador del cual recibí juramento en forma de derecho por el cual prometió decir verdad y Dijo preguntado por el conocimiento que q. tiene de las tierras y parajes, terminos y linderos pertenecientes al rancho de Napa abajo: dijo: que hace ocho años que existe en esta frontera y sabe que las tierras pertenecientes a dho. sitio son del Ciudadano Nicolas Biquena y que tiene por linderos el arroyo de los Carneros el arroyo de napa y el camino real abajo por lo mismo: que otras tierras a vista y reconocido varias veces y que desde que las posee el referido Biquena las ha labrado y cultivado y han prestado en ellas sus ganados y para prueba de lo que tiene dho. esta pronto a ir a otras tierras con el presente Juicio y señalarle los parajes terminos y linderos y asiendo llevar. en que se afirmó y ratificó a cargo del juramento que tiene hecho. Declaro ser de veinte y cinco años de edad y no tocarle las generales de la ley y lo firmo con mi go y los de assa. Salvador Vallejo.

assa. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Soares.
En Seguinda hice comparecer ante mi y los de mi assa. al Ciudadano Jorge Pivi y habiendolo hecho prestar el juramento de costumbre oficio decir verdad y preguntado por las tierras, parajes, terminos y linderos pertenecientes al rancho abajo: dijo: que hace ocho años que es vecino de esta poblacion y sabe que las tierras pertenecientes a dho. rancho son de la propiedad de Nicolas Biquena y tiene por linderos los mismos que su antecesor testigo acaba de declarar que las ha visto y reconocido varias veces y que es cuanto tiene q. decir quedando conforme con la declaracion anterior y declaro ser de cuarenta y nueve años de edad y no tocarle las generales de la ley y lo firmo con mi go y los de assa. segun derecho. Salvador Vallejo. assa. Apolinario Miranda assa. Cayetano Soares.

At continuacion hice comparecer ante mi y los de asda al Ciudadano Angel Bojorges y habiendolo le hecho prestar el juramento de costumbre oficio decir verdad: y preguntarlo por las tierras, parrages, terminos y linderos pertenecientes al rancho de Napa abajo. Dijo: que hace tres años que es vecino de esta Jurisdiccion y sabe que las tierras pertenecientes a Dho. rancho son de la propiedad del ciudadano Nicolas Mequera y tiene por linderos los que su antecesor testigo acaba de declarar que las ha visto y reconocido varias veces y que es cuanto tiene que decir y a cargo del juramento que tiene hecho en que se afirmo y ratifico declaro ser de treinta años de edad y no tocarle las generales de la ley y lo firmo con miyo y los de asda. Salvador Vallejo.

Angel Bojorges. Apolinario Miranola. Cayetano Soares.
Estando en el Campo en el parrage de Napa abajo a los diez dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos. Yo el Juez actuando por receptorio con dos testigos de asda. por falta de escribano publico, los testigos por mi examinados presente el ciudadano Nicolas Mequera dueño de dhas. tierras y los ciudadanos Cayetano Soares y Apolinario Miranola los colindantes y circunvecinos procedi a ver y reconocer las tierras de dho. rancho y para mayor claridad puesto a caballo en compañía de todos las partes y testigos referidos, mandé a los Jurados que me señalasen los parrages, terminos y linderos de ellas segun las señales que han declarado en sus disposiciones; y en su conformidad guiava a la parte del lote que mira de Dho. rancho costando el estero hacia al Sur, hasta llegar a el arroyo de los carneros de alli se prosiguio conociendo tomando el arroyo arriba que corre al O.E. hasta llegar al corral del paso de abajo de alli tomamos el rumbo N. hasta llegar al arroyo de Napa para la parte de O.E. donde se concluyo el reconocimiento y vista de ojos de dhas. tierras hasta donde los testigos dijeron ser los ultimos parrages, terminos y linderos de dhas. tierras cuyos parrages y el referido Juez vi y reconoci con los de asda. testigos examinados y papeles presentados y estigados los autos del referido reconocimiento ser cierta la identificacion de las mencionadas tierras segun y como declararon dhas. testigos y para que conste se puso por diligencia y lo firmo con los de mi asda y otros que supieron firmar. Hoy fe.

Salvador Vallejo. Apolinario Miranola.
Dho. Cayetano Soares. Ramon Mesa. Jose de. Jue. d. Sec.

Inmediatamente yo el Juez digo que para proceder a las medidas contenidas en estos autos cuando se

notifique al Ciudadano Nicolas Higuera el título de las tierras para que ratifique el nombramiento de mediador como así mismo que de acaerle y todos los coludantes nombren por supuesto al Jefe viniendo ser inteligente en materias de medidas y hecho esto estoy pronto a señalar día para otras medidas así lo proveo, mandé y firmé con los de mi asá.

Salvador Vallejó. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Soares.

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En el mismo día, mes y año Yo el referido Jefe ley y notifiqué el auto de su uso según y como en el se contiene al Ciudadano Nicolas Higuera y a sus coludantes y en sus personas q. conoseo habiendo lo oido y entendido dijeron lo ollen, habiendolo nombrado al Ciudadano Dolores Cantua por mediador y el referido Higuera ratificó su nombramiento en el Ciudadano Rafael Navarro ambos inteligentes en materia de medidas a quienes les notifiqué, parecieron, acepten y juran y a consecuencia se proceda a otras medidas como esta mandato así lo firmaron con una señal de la Sta Cruz auté mi y los de asá. = Do y fei. =

Dolores Cantua. Rafael Navarro.

Salvador Vallejó. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Soares.

En el Pueblo de Sonoma en el mismo, día mes y año Yo el Jefe actuando por receptoria con otros testigos de asá por falta de escribano público ley notifiqué el auto y nombramiento de mediadores a los Ciudadanos Rafael Navarro y Dolores Cantua vecinos de este pueblo estas personas que conoseo y habiendolo oido y entendido dijeron que aceptan el encargo de mediadores que se les confia y juran a Dios y a una señal de la Sta Cruz en forma de derecho que usaron de su encargo fiel y legalmente según su leal saber, saber y entender y otras medidas las verifican con fidelidad y exactitud como es de sus obligaciones y a satisfacción de los interesados y habiendolo así respuesto lo firmaron con miyo y los de mi asá.

Rafael Navarro. Dolores Cantua.

Salvador Vallejó. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Soares.

Inmediatamente Yo se hizo saber el auto que me mandó a la parte interesada Ciudadano Nicolas Higuera las medidas Rafael Navarro y Dolores Cantua y entendidos dijeron que se dan por ollen y lo firmaron con el presente Jefe y los de asá.

Dolores Cantua.
Rafael Navarro. Salvador Vallejó. asá. Apolinario Miranda.
De asá. Cayetano Soares.

En el Rancho de Papu abajo

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a los once dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos presentes las partes y circunvecinos a Dhas. hice comparecer ante mi a los de mi assa. Ciudadano Cayetano Torres y Apolinario Miranda a los medidores nombrados a quienes mande tomasen un cordel cantaro y mediesen cincuenta varas de cuatro palmas Castellanas lo que verificaron a vista y presencia de los interesados y circunvecinos y para que conste mande se ponga por diligencia y se proceda a dhas medidas como esta mandado los que certifico asi mismo firmando con los de mi assa.

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assa. Salvador Vallejo. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Torres.

Estando en el campo de las tierras pertenecientes al rancho de Napu hoy martes del mismo mes y año Yo el Jefe de esta Jurisdiccion actuando por receptor con dos testigos de assa. por falta de escribano publico presentes los medidores Ciudadanos Rafael Navarra y Dolores Cantua nombrados por las partes interesadas y solicitantes mande proceder a la medida de un sitio de ganado mayor polo unos que corresponde al rancho de Napu abajo segun el titulo presentado en cuyo obediencia principi a Dhas. medidas comensando desde la casa para la parte al Este; Costeando el Estero hacia el Sud, hasta llegar a el arroyo de los Carneros y prosiguiendo el arroyo arriba asi al O. E. hasta llegar al conal del paso de abajo; donde se contaron diez y ocho mil varas castillas; de alli tomando el rumbo N. donde se pusieron tres muchoneros hasta llegar al arroyo de Napu donde se puso la ultima muchonera y se contaron veinte y cuatro mil varas donde quedo delimitado un sitio de ganado Mayor polo unos; por todo ejemplar de la naturaleza posecion y herencia acostumbrada arranco piedras y hierbas y trazo por todos los cuatro vientos en manifestacion de su legal y legitima posesion que tuvo por si y para que en todo tiempo conste reconocen por terminos y linderos de sus tierras los demas circunvecinos de ellas y de hacerse efectuado dhas. medidas quiete y pacificamente lo pido por testimonio y yo el referido Jefe con los de mi assa lo doy de hacerse pasado como dhas. y que las expresadas medidas han sido practicadas a todo el legal saber y entender de los medidores segun depusieron sin dolo fraude ni engaño contra ninguna persona para mayor seguridad y ratificacion del yramento que tiene hecho, lo firmaron con mi go y los de mi assa.

Rafael Navarra. Dolores Cantua.
Salvador Vallejo. am. Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Torres

En vista de hallarse concluido este Expediente enq. Costa
hubiese dudo posesion Juridica Del rancho

En el mismo dia mes y año se libraron Coletas
de comparendo a los solidantes Cayetano Soares, Dⁿ Luis
dis para que comparecan el proximo dia ante en el mencio-
nado rancho de napa abajo a las ocho de la mañana
de este dia y para constancia lo firmé con los de mi ofi-
Salvador Vallijo. asu. Apolinario Miranda.
de asu. Cayetano Soares.

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Estos es el campo de las tierras pertenecientes al rancho
de napa hoy partes del mismo mes y año Yo el Juec.
de esta jurisdiccion actuando por receptoria con dos
testigos de asu. por falta de escribano publico presenté
los medidores Ciudadanos Rafael Navarro y Dolores
Carrillo nombrados por los.

En vista de hallarse concluido este Expediente enq.
Costa haberse dudo posesion Juridica Del rancho nom-
brado napa abajo a cinco leguas de este Puesto al
Ciudadano Nicolas Higuera entreguesle a la parte el
original para los usos que le correspondan. con los documentos
que expresa.

El Ciudadano Salvador Vallijo Comandante
Militar de esta frontera y Juec. de esta Jurisdiccion
actuando por receptoria con dos testigos de asistencia
por falta de escribano publico asi lo provey mandé
y firmé a once dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos
cuarenta y dos. Salvador Vallijo.
Apolinario Miranda. Cayetano Soares.

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Secy.

Translation of
Title

Stamp First - Six Dollars.

Provisionally authorized by the Administration
of the Maritime Custom House of Monterey
in Upper California for the years 1834 and
1835

(Signed) Figueroa (Signed) A. Ramirez

Revalidated for the two years of 1836 & 1837
A Ramirez

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Citizen Colonel Mariano Chico Representa-
tive of the Nation, Governor and Comman-
ding General of Upper California.

Excel Gov. of
Upper California

Whereas Citizen Nicolas Figueroa
a Mexican by birth, has for his own personal
benefit and that of his family, petitioned
for a little more than one square league
in the place known by the name of
Napco, all the proper measures and exam-
inations being judiciously made as required
by laws and regulations on the matter,
using the powers which are conferred on
me in a decree of this day and in the
Name of the Mexican Nation I have gran-
ted him the aforesaid tract of land
declaring to him the ownership thereof
by the present letters, subject to the approv-
al of the Most Excellent Department
and under the following Conditions: viz;

1st That he shall submit to those Condi-
tions which may be established by the
Regulation which is formed for the distribu-
tion of Govt Lands, and in the mean

time, neither the grantee nor his heirs can
 alienate or alienate that which is granted
 to them or impose any payment, entail
 pledge, Mortgage, or other encumbrance
 for religious purposes or convey it in Mortu-
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2^o He may Enclose it without detri-
 ment to the Crops, woods and Sweetwoods
 and enjoy it freely and Exclusively, making
 of it such use and Cultivation as may best
 suit him, but within One year at furthest
 he shall build a house on it and it
 shall be inhabited.

3^o He shall apply to the proper Magistrate
 to give him judicial possession by virtue of
 this title by whom the boundaries shall
 be marked out, in the limits of which he
 shall place, besides the land marking some
 fruit or useful fruit trees.

4th The tract of which donation is made is
 a little more than one square league as is shown
 by the sketch to the Especifico.

The Magistrate who
 may give the possession will cause it to be
 measured in Conformity with the Ordinances,
 leaving to the Nation for its convenient uses
 the Surplus which may result—

5th If he continue these Conditions he shall
 forfeit his right to the land, it shall be
 liable to be adjudged by another

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

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and it be delivered to the person interested
 for his security and other purposes
 Given in Monterey on the ninth
 of May One thousand eight hundred thirty
 six - (Signed) Manuel Chico
 (Signed) Francisco del Castillo
 Regente de la Secretaría

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Note has been made on folio 112 and
 marked with the number 108 of the corres-
 ponding book which exists in the Secre-
 tary's office in my charge.
 Monterey May 20th 1836

(Signed) Castillo

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Sr. Topesino

To the Justice of the Peace of the Frontier
Citizen Nicolas Figueroa a
resident of this jurisdiction owner of the
Rancho of Napa Abajo; as I may best
proceed in Law, before you appear and
say; that as appears by the title which
I present with the necessary solemnity and
Oath - I have in my said Rancho a title
more than one square league, within the
boundaries mentioned in said title, and
as it is necessary for me that it should
at all times appear where they extend to
and whether my neighbors prejudice me
or I prejudice any of them; you will be
pleased to order that previously taking
the necessary information of identity and
ance Examination, and the Colonies being
summoned, the measurement of my lands
be proceeded to; for which purpose, I
appoint measurer, now and for when the
time may arise, Citizen Rafael Narvaez,
a resident of this jurisdiction, skillful in
this matter of measurements, and let any
other person who may be interested appoint
another measurer on his part - and having
done so, let those whom they may appoint
and the aforesaid Rafael Narvaez by me
appointed, appear, accept and take the
Oath, and in conformity thereto let the
said measurements be proceeded to

Wherefore I pray you
that admitting said document, you will
be pleased to order that what I have
asked be done, and being finished, that
said titles be returned to me with the
original proceedings which may be made

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For the security of my right, this petition and
 whatever else may be necessary
 At the request of my father -

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In the Pueblo of Sonoma on the 10th day of
 the Month of January 1843, before me,
 Citizen Salvador Vallijo, Military Comman-
 dant, and Magistrate of this jurisdiction,
 this petition was read and being seen, I
 admitted it with the document therein
 mentioned, and I order that the Colindan-
 tes being summoned, information be taken
 of identity, view and Examination of
 Saice lands, at which I am ready to assist
 personally - I thus provided Read and
 signed with those of my assistants
 Asistente Altimapas
 Apolonio Miranda
 Capitano Jorquez
 Salvador Vallijo

In the aforesaid pueblo of Sonoma, on
 the tenth day of the same month and
 year, I the Magistrate aforesaid with
 those of my assistants, in order to proceed
 to the information of identity, caused to
 appear before me Citizen Ramon Mesa
 a resident of this jurisdiction, by occupa-
 tion a laborer, of whom I received an
 oath, which he made by the sign of the
 Holy Cross in due form of Law, by which
 he promised to speak the truth, and
 being questioned as to the lands and
 places, terms and boundaries pertaining
 to the Rancho of Napa Abajo he said
 that for eight years he has lived on this
 frontier, and knows that the lands
 belonging to Saice place are the property
 of citizen Manuel Siguero and that this

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of citizen Nicolas Higuera; and that their boundaries, the Arroyo de los Cameros, the Arroyo of Napo, and the lower main road a little less: - that he has seen and Examined said Lances several times, and that since the said Higuera has owned them, he has worked and Cultivated them, and his Cattle have pastured on them, and for a proof of that which he has said he is ready to go to said Lances with the present Magistrate and point out to him the places, terms and boundaries and how far they extend; all which he affirmed and ratified under the oath which he has made; he declared that he was twenty five years old and that the legal Exceptions do not affect him, and he signed it with me and those of assistance

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Ante. Ullinop
Apolinario Marana Ramon X Mesco
Cayetano Larez Salvador Vallejo

In continuation I caused to appear before me & those of my assistance citizen Jorge Roe and having made him take the customary oath, he promised to speak the truth, and being asked for the Lances, places, terms and boundaries belonging to the Rancho of Napa abajo, he said; that for eight years he has been a resident of this Town and that he knows that the Lances belonging to said Rancho are the property of Nicolas Higuera and that its boundaries are the same which the preceding Ullinop has just declared; that he has seen and Examined them several times; and that this is all he has to say

agreeing with the foregoing declaration; - and
 he said he was forty nine years old, and the
 legal Exceptions not to effect him, and he
 signed with me and those of my assistance

Assisting Witnesses
 Apolinario Miranda
 Capitano Joarez

Jose Ros
 Salvador Vallejo

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In Continuation I caused to appear before me
 and those of my assistance, Citizen Angel
 Bojorges and having made him take the
 Customary Oath, he promised to speak the
 truth, and being asked for the lances, places
 terms, and boundaries, pertaining to the Rancho
 of "Napa Alejo" he said; that for three years
 he has been a resident of this jurisdiction
 and knows that the lances pertaining to
 said Rancho are of the property of Citizen
 Nicolas Figueroa, and its boundaries are
 those which the preceding Witness has just
 declared; that he has seen and examined
 them on various occasions, and this is all
 that he can say under the Oath which he
 has made, which he affirms and ratifies
 he declares that he was thirty years old
 and that the legal Exceptions do not
 effect him and he signed it with me and
 those of my assistance

Assisting Witnesses
 Apolinario Miranda
 Capitano Joarez

Angel Bojorges x
 Salvador Vallejo

Being in the place in the place of Napa
 Alejo on the tenth day of the month of
 January One thousand Eight hundred &
 forty two, I the Magistrate acting in virtue

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of my office, with two assisting witnesses, for
 want of a Notary Public, the witness by
 me Examined being present, Citizen Nicolas
 Aguera, owner of the Lanzas, and Citizens
 Cayetano Suarez and Apolinario Muñedo, the
 Colocantes and neighbors - I proceeded to see
 and Examine the Lanzas of Saico Rancho, and
 for greater cleareness, mounting on horse back
 with all the parties and witnesses referred
 to - I ordered the last named to point out
 to me the places, terminations, and bounda-
 ries of them, according to the signs they
 have declared in their depositions, and in
 Compliance they led the way to the point on
 the East Side which looks from Saico Rancho
 Coasting the Estero towards the South until
 we arrived at the Arroyo de los Carreros;
 thence we continued Examining, going up the
 Arroyo which runs to the West, to the
Corral del paso de Alejo; thence taking a
 Northernly direction to the arroyo of Napu
 on the West Side, where was concluded
 the Examination and view of Saico Lanzas
 as far as the witnesses Saico were the further
 places, terminations and boundaries of them
 which places of the Saico Magistrate saw
 and Examined, with those of Apistones,
 the witnesses Examined and papers presented
 and the acts of the aforesaid Examination
 being compared, that the identification of
 the aforesaid Lanzas was certain according
 to the declarations of Saico witnesses - and
 in testimony it was Officially recorded, and
 I signed it with those of my Apistones
 and others who knew how.

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Assisting witnesses } Salvador Vallejo
 Apolinario Muñedo } Ramon Mesa

Cayetano Suarez

Jose Roe
Jacobo I Leese

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Immediately the Magistrate said that in
order to proceed to the measurements referred
to in these acts, I order that Citizen Nicolas
Siqueira, the Owner of the Lands, be notified
and that he may ratify the appointment
of measure, and also that all the Colindantes
by Common Consent appoint one on
their part, it being proper that he should be
skilled in the matter of measurements -
I thus provided, ordered and signed with
those of my assistance

Assty Alcaides
Apolinario Mucanda
Cayetano Suarez
Salvador Vallejo

On the same day month and year of the
aforesaid Magistrate, read and ratified
the act referring to them to Citizen Nicolas
Siqueira and his Colindantes, in their persons
which I know, as it appears above, and
having heard and understood it, they
said that they heard it & having heard
appointed Citizen Dolores Cantina as meas-
ure - and the aforesaid Siqueira ratified
his appointment of Citizen Rafael Narvaez
both skilled in matters of measure-
ments, who were notified to appear, ^{at the} accept,
the oath, and proceed to said measurements
as has been ordered; thus they signed it
with a sign of the ~~of~~ Holy Cross, before
me and those of assistance

Assting Alcaides
Apolinario Mucanda
Cayetano Suarez
Dolores Cantina
Rafael Narvaez
Salvador Vallejo

In the town of Sonoma on the same day,
Month and year of the magistrature acting by
Commission, with two assisting alitneps for
warrant of a Notary Public, read and made
known the act and appointment of measure
to citizens Rafael Navarez and Dolores
Cantua residents of this town, in their
persons which I know, and having heard
and understood it they said that they
accept the charge entrusted to them, and
they made oath by God & a sign of the
Holy cross, in due form of Law, that they
would ^{discharge their office} faithfully and legally, and would
verify said measurements with fidelity and
accuracy, as they are bound to do, and to the
satisfaction of the parties interested; and
having so replied they signed it with me
and those of my assistance

Assisting Alitneps	Rafael Navarez
Apolinario Miranca	Dolores Cantua
Cayetano Suarez	Salvador Vallejo

(a) Immediately afterwards the foregoing act
was read made known to the party inter-
ested, Citizen Figueroa & the measurers Rafael
Navarez and Dolores Cantua, and having
understood it they acknowledged notice
and signed with the present Magistrature
and those of assistance

Asst. Alitneps	Dolores Cantua
Apolinario Miranca	Rafael Navarez
Cayetano Suarez	

(a) On the same day, Month and year written
Summons were issued to the coadjutors
Cayetano Suarez & Don Luis Sis, that they
should appear on the eleventh day of the

Month in the aforesaid Rancho of Napa Abajo,
at Eight O'clock in the Morning of this day
and in testimony I signed it with those of

My assistance
Asisting Alitneps

Salvador Vallejo

Apolinario Miranua

Cayetano Gomez

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In the Rancho of Napa Abajo on the Eleventh
day of the Month of January One thousand
Eight hundred and forty two, present the
parties and neighbors of said Rancho, I
ceased to appear before me, and those of my
assistance, Citizens Cayetano Gomez and
Apolinario Miranua those appointed
measures whom I ordered to take a hempen
rope and to measure off fifty Varas of
Span Castilian palms which they did
in the sight and presence of the persons
interested and the neighbors - and in testi-
mony I saw that it be officially recorded
and that said measurements be proceeded
as is ordered; I which I certify; also sign-
ing it with those of my assistance.

Cayetano Gomez

Apolinario Miranua

Salvador Vallejo

Cayetano Gomez

Being in the field on the lands belong-
ing to the Rancho of Napa Abajo, this
day, Tuesday of the same month and year
the magistrate of this jurisdiction acting
in virtue of my office with two assisting
Alitneps for want of a Notary Public
persons present the measures Citizens Rafael
Nunez and Dolores Cantua, appointed
by the parties interested and Colondatos

I ordered them to proceed to the measurement
of one square league a little more or less
which corresponds to the Rancho of Napco
Alcajo according to the title presented, in
obedience to which they commenced said
measurements, beginning from the house
towards the East Side Coasting the Estero
towards the South to the Arroyo de las
Cañeras and following up the Arroyo
Westerly to the Coral de las pasadas Alcajo
where there were counted eighteen thousand
Castilian Venas, thence taking a westerly
direction, where three land marks were
placed till reaching the Arroyo of Napco
where the last land mark was placed and
there were counted twenty four thousand
Venas, by which was marked out a little
more than one square league; finally
and in sign of true possession & accustomed
ceremony he the (grantee) pulled up
stones and gave and threw them to the
four corners in manifestation of his legal
and legitimate possession, which he personally
took - and that it may in all time appear,
and they be recognized as the terminations
and boundaries of his Lands by the others
Neighbors to them, and that said said meas-
urements were quietly and peaceably
made he asked for a record and if the
aforesaid Magistrate give it their way
thing passed as has been said; and
that the said measurements have been
executed to the best knowledge and
understanding of the measurers as they
deposed, without any fraud or deceit
against any person - and for greater security
and the ratification of the Oath which

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they have made, they signed with me and
 those of my assistance
 Assisting Ulicinpas Rafael Navarro
 Apolonario Miranda Dolores Cantua
 Capitano Lopez Salvador Vallejo

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In view of this Especiente being concluded
 wherein it appears that judicial possession
 of the Rancho named Napualajo, distant
 five leagues from this pueblo, has been given
 to Citizen Nicolas Sigueras; let the Original
 together with the document referred to, be
 delivered to the party by his Command uses

I Citizen Salvador
 Vallejo, Military Commandant of this Frontier
 and Magistrate of this jurisdiction acting
 in virtue of my office with two assisting
 Ulicinpas, In view of a Notary Public
 thus provided, ordered and signed, on the
 Eleventh day of the month of January
 One thousand eight hundred and forty two
 Assisting Ulicinpas Salvador Vallejo
 (Signed) Apolonario Miranda
 " Capitano Lopez

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entubor 1.

Conozcan todos los hombres por estos presentes que yo Mateo Pellen y mi esposa Manuela Brionna del distrito de Sn. José y territorio de la alta California por y en consideracion de la suma de dos mil pesos subueda de plata en mano pagada el recibo que (de) yo aqui admito he yo este dia otorgado y vendido a Julio Martin del mismo territorio y a sus herederos y sucesores pa siempre, una cierta cantidad de terreno, estando, siendo y situado en el distrito de Sonoma del mismo territorio en el valle de Napu conteniendo mas o menos una milla cuadrada de terreno en el parage conocido como Rincon de los Carneros, empesando en el camino de las Carretas y acabando a la punta de la loma al oriente para tener y acaparar lo mismo con todo sus pertenencias, privilegios y derechos a tal terreno perteneciendo al dicho Julio Martin el referido terreno con toda la existencia y extension de derechos que me dan mis títulos e en testimonio de que yo Mateo Pellen y Manuela Brionna mi esposa hemos aqui puesto nuestras firmas y rubricas en el dia 1.º de Julio de 1850.

Mateo Pellen.

Manuela Brionna Pellen.
(mark)

(State of California
{ County of Santa Clara { Personally came before me
the undersigned Judge of the County and State
appeared Mateo Pellen and Manuela Brionna
his wife both of whom are personally known to me
to be the same whose names are subscribed to
the above and foregoing instrument of writing and
they signed the same and acknowledged the same
to be their act and deed for the purposes therein
contained. Given under my hand and seal
this 5th day of July 1850.

J. W. Newman.
County Judge of the County of
Santa Clara.

Filed for record July 11th 1850 at one o'clock.
Recorded in book "A" page 62 archives of Napu
County at 2 o'clock P. M.

M. W. McNulty. Recorder.

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Know all men by these presents that I, Matthew
Fellum and Manuela Brines my wife, of the
Territory of San Jose, Territory of Upper California
Fellum and wife to
Martin,

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Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in silver, in hand
paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
have this day conveyed and sold to Julio Martin
of said territory, and to his heirs and assigns for
ever, a certain tract of land, lying and being
situated in the district of Sonoma, of same ter-
ritory, in Napa Valley, containing more or less a
square mile of land in the place known as
Rincon de las Camaras, beginning at the wagon
road, and ending at the point of the hill to the
East, to hold and keep the same with all its
appurtenances, privileges and rights to said land
belonging to said Julio Martin and heirs forever,
I sold to said Julio Martin the said land, with
all the contents and extensions of rights which
the title give to me, in testimony thereof, I,
Matthew Fellum and Manuela Brines, my wife,
have set our hands and seals on this 10 day of
of July A.D. 1850.

Signed, *Matthew Fellum*
Manuela Brines Fellum

John in office Sept 4, 1852
Signed *Geo John Gray*

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exhibit 2.

Conoscian todos hombres por estos presentes que llo
 Nicolas Biquena hi mi esposa Maria Antonia Vasquez
 Del Distrito de Sonoma y territorio de la alta Calif
 ornia por y en consideracion de la suma seis pesos
 moviada de plata a me en mano pagado el precio
 de que llo aqui admito. Ni llo este dia he' electo
 y vendido a Mateo Pellone del mismo territorio y a
 sus herederos y sucesores para siempre una cierta
 cantidad de terreno estavelo, Lienlo y situado
 en el Distrito y territorio lla nombrado. en el Valle
 de Napa conteniendo mas i menos una milla cuadrada
 de terreno en el parage conocido como el rancho de
 las Carneros enpetando en el camino de las Casitas y
 acabando a la puerta de la loma al Oriente. Para
 tener y guardar lo mismo con todas sus apertencias
 privilegios y derechos a tal terreno perteneciendo, a' el
 dicho Mateo Pellone y a sus herederos para siempre
 el dicho Nicolas Biquena y su esposa por ellos mismo
 sus herederos y sucesores a que se comprometen o' y
 con Mateo Pellone sus herederos y sucesores a guardar
 y para siempre defender el titulo a' dicho terreno
 de los justos cargos o' reclamos de qualquiera
 persona o' personas que sean reclamando o' que quis
 reclamar.

En testimonio de que
 el dicho Nicolas Biquena y su esposa Manuel Antonia
 Sean a que puesto sus firmas y rubicas. en 13 de
 dia de Noviembre de 1847.

Nicolas hi Biqueni.
 (mark) Maria Antonia Vasquez.
 mark.

Territory of California.
 { District of Sonoma. } Personally appeared
 before me the undersigned Alcalde of said District
 Nicolas Biqueni and Maria Antonia his wife
 both being known to me to be the persons whose
 names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument
 of writing as having executed the same and severally
 acknowledged the same to be the same and severally
 a know. act and deed for the purposes therein
 mentioned.

Given under my hand at office in
 Sonoma this 13th day of November 1847.
 Lillman W. Dagg.
 al calde.

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W. Boggs. Alcalde.

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Translation of
Conveyance from
Niguma & wife
to Felton

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Known all men by these presents, that I, Nicolas Niguma and my wife Maria Antonia Vasquez of of the district of Sonoma and territory of Upper California do hereby acknowledge, I, the aforesaid have this day granted and sold to Mateo Felton of the same territory, and to his heirs and successors forever, a certain quantity of land, lying, being and situate in the district and territory already named, in the Valley of Stapa, containing more or less, one mile square of land in the place known as the rancho de las Carreras, commencing at the wagon road and ending at the point (punta) of the hill on the east, to have and to hold the same, with all its appurtenances, privileges and rights to the said land, appertaining to the said Mateo Felton, and to his heirs forever; The said Nicolas Niguma and his wife, for themselves their heirs and successors to which they covenant to, and with Mateo Felton, his heirs and successors to protect and forever defend the title to said land from the just claims or demands of any person or persons whatever claiming or who may claim the same.

In witness whereof the said Nicolas Niguma and his wife Maria Antonia Vasquez have hereunto affixed their signs manual and marks this 13th day of November of 1847.

Nicolas Niguma *[his mark]* Seal
Maria Antonia Vasquez *[her mark]* Seal

Weld in office Sept 4th 1852
(signed)

Geo John Jey

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Opinion
of the
Board

Number 803
Edward Wilson
of
The United States

}
} For a part of the
} claims in the
} County of Mappa

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In this case the
petitioner claims title from Nicholas
Pezunia the grantee from the Government
and by written stipulation the depositions
relating to title and the title papers in
case number 323 are made evidence
in this case

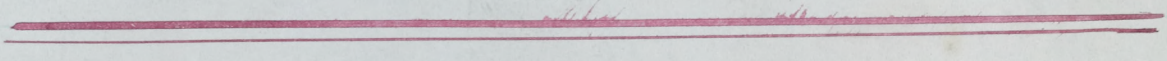
and it appears from the
evidence in the case that the land of
which the present claim is a part was
granted by James Wilkinson the 9th day
of May 1836 to Nicholas Pezunia and
conveyed by deed to R. B. de la Riva on
the 28th of March 1837 to Martin Fias
Pezunia

and also and from Pezunia
lead to the present claimant and the
original papers

The grant in this
case has already been passed upon by
this Board and adjudicated to be valid
and we think the present claimant
has shown himself entitled to a conveyance
inasmuch as he is set forth in his
petition and decree well and lawfully
accordingly. (Conforming)

Filed in Office June 12th 1855

Signs
Geo Fisher
Secretary



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Number 803
Edward Wilson

Order
of
Confirmation
The United States

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In this case after hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Commission that the claim of the said Petitioner is valid and it is therefore decreed that his application for confirmation above mentioned be allowed.

The land of which confirmation is hereby given is situated in the County of Washington as part of a place called Las Carinas and bounded as follows to wit

Commencing at a gran tree on the Bank of Carinas which marks with three Nails on the east side and some old iron marks

Thence east by or to the division line of the Camp of Wharton Thence North and thence across track beginning thence north and half mile thence east by or half mile parallel with said division line

Thence down said creek to the place of beginning containing three hundred and twenty acres more or less

Wm Thompson

J B Farnell
Commissioner

Filed in Office June 12th 1855

Signed Geo Fisher
Secretary

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

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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
preceding *Seventy six* pages, numbered from
to *76*, 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. *813*, on the Docket of the said Board,
concerning

Edward Wilson is
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "*Part of Los Barreros*."

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

Geo. Fisher.



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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,

Northern District of California.

No. 365

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THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

Edward Wilson.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE

BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS.

In Case No. *803.*

Filed, *December 24, 1855*

J. A. Cronin,
clerk.

1855

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 31. Dec. 1855.

No 3. "Los Carneros"

Edward Wilson 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 18th day of December, 1855 the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

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Attorney General.

No. 365 =

United States

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Circuit Nelson.

Writ of Habeas Corpus

Case no. 803.

Filed Dec 11 1856.
J. Cheever,
Deputy.

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United States of America } District Court
State of California } Northern District

No

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The United States } Appellants

vs
Edward Wilson } Respondent.

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The said respondent
for answer to the petition filed in
said cause denies that said claim
is invalid but avers that the same
is just & valid & they therefore pray
this Honorable court to affirm
the decree of the Board of Land
Commissioners confirming the
same.

Crocker & Robinson
Attys for Respdt.

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The U. S.

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Edward Wilson

Answer

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Cheney,

deputy

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Crocker & Robinson

To the Honorable the District
Court of the United States in & for
the Northern District of California

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The United States }
vs Appellants } No 365
Edward Wilson }

The petition of the
United States by their attorney represents
that this cause is an application for
a review of the decision of the
Board of Commissioners whereby
the claim of the said appellee was
confirmed as appears by reference to
the records in this case; that a
transcript of the said Records
was filed in this court on the
day of 1855; that a
notice of appeal was filed on
the day of 1855
& that the land claimed lies in
the said District. That the
said claim is invalid wherefore
appellants pray that the said
decision of the Board be reversed
& that the court decree the said
title to be invalid.

Respectfully &c

A. Hassell,
Asst. U.S. Dist. Atty.

No 365

The U. S.

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Petition

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Deputy.

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A. Russell

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 *Friday* the *20th* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, *District Judge.*

The United States

Edward Wilson

D. C. 365: L. C. 803.

The Attorney General of the United States having given notice that appeal will not be prosecuted in this case, and a stipulation in accordance therewith having been entered into by the U. S. Attorney:

On motion of the District Attorney it is ordered Adjudged and decreed that the appeal to this Court from the decision of the U. S. Land Commission be dismissed and that claimant have leave to proceed under the decree of said Land Commission heretofore rendered in his favor, as under Final Decree.

Ogden Hoffman
U. S. Dist. Judge

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United States District Court, Northern
District of California.

The United States

vs.

Edward Wilson

ORDER.

Demissing Appeal

Filed *March 20,* 1857

John A. Mousne,
CLERK.

By *W. H. Chivers*
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California Land Claims
Attorney General's Office
6 Feby 1857.

Sir:

In the case of the claim of
Edward Wilson, confirmed
to the claimant by the Commis-
sioners, case no: eight hundred
and three, (803), appeal will
not be prosecuted by the United
States.

I am,
Respectfully,
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Wm T. Standing Esq
U. S. Attorney,
San Francisco.

In the District Court of the U.S.
for the Northern District of California

The United States

Edward Wilson

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} S.C. 365: S.C. 803.

In pursuance of a notice
from the U. S. Attorney General, herewith annexed,
it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the appeal
taken in this case from the decision of the U. S.
Land Commission be dismissed; that notice of
intention to prosecute said appeal filed in this
Court be withdrawn and that claimant have
leave to proceed under the decree of the said
Land Commission heretofore rendered in his
favor, as under Final Decree

San Francisco March 20, 1857

Wm Blanding
Dist Atty

Crocker & Robinson
Attys for claimants

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Filed March 20, 1857,
W. H. Chereid,
Deputy.

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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, Dec 10th 1855

J. A. Munroe 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 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. 813 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

Edward Wilson is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of "Part of Las Carreras"
and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher
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