

CASE No.

433

NORTHERN DISTRICT

PORTION OF RANCHO de NAPA GRANT

JOHN FINNELL

CLAIMANT

LAND CASE 433 ND pgs. 161

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No. 433

U. S. District Court,
District of California.

In re petition of
John Pinnell
vs.

For Confirmation to him of
a portion of Rancho de Napa.

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In the United States District Court in and
for the District of California.

To the Hon. Ogden Hoffman,
Judge of said Court:

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Now comes John Finnell, and presents
this his petition and claim for certain lands
situate in Napa County, California, the
same being a portion of that tract of land
commonly known as the "Rancho de Napa,"
which petition and claim is made by
authority of an Act of Congress, approved
June 20th, 1884, entitled, "An Act authorizing
claimants to the Rancho de Napa, in Napa
County, California, to prove up their title," of
which Act a true copy is herewith annexed,
marked Exhibit "A," and made a part of
this petition.

That in accordance with said Act
your petitioner respectfully represents:

That on the 21st day of September,
A.D. 1838, Juan B. Alvarado, then Political
Chief of Upper California, granted to one
Salvador Vallejo a tract of land known as
"Napa," which tract of land is situate in
the County of Napa, State of California,
and is the same tract of land named in
the said Act of Congress as the "Rancho de

Tapa."

That said grant was presented to the Departmental Assembly of Upper California, and was by that Body duly and legally approved on the 23^d day of September, 1838.

That on the 8th day of February, 1844, juridical possession of the lands granted as aforesaid was delivered to the said Salvador Vallejo.

That the tract of land thus granted to said Vallejo was never presented as an entirety to the Board of Land Commissioners created by Act of Congress of date March 3^d, 1851, for confirmation, although portions of said land were presented to said Board in accordance with the requirements of said last named Act; and the portions and parcels thereof thus presented were finally confirmed thereunder.

That the exterior boundaries of said Rancho were finally surveyed in October, 1858, by C. C. Tracy, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, and the survey thereof finally approved by the proper authorities. That said Rancho was by said survey segregated from the public domain, and the boundaries thereof thus established conformed to the boundaries of said Rancho as defined in the original title of Salvador Vallejo.

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That the boundaries thus established have ever since been recognized by all parties and the United States as the true boundaries of said Rancho.

That the boundaries of said Rancho as established by said survey are as follows: "Commencing at a large dead oak standing on the right bank of the Arroyo Napa, established by the Mexican authorities at the time of giving juridical possession as one of the corners of said Rancho, thence (variation 16° East) $S. 22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ along the division line between the Rancho de Napa and the Rancho Entre Napa, $302.\frac{6}{10}$ chains to the center of Carneros Creek, the center of said creek at said point being the common corner of said Rancho de Napa and the Rancho Entre Napa; thence up the center of said creek, following its meanderings, to a stake marked "N. No. 3." in a mound of stones, which stake is set where the old trail from Napa to Sonoma crossed said creek at the upper crossing; thence $N. 14\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$ 427 chains to the S. W. corner of the Caymus Rancho; thence $N. 45\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E.$ 140 chains to the center of Napa River; thence down the center of Napa River, following its meanderings to the junction of Napa River with the Arroyo Napa; thence up the center of the Arroyo Napa, following its meanderings, to the place of beginning."

That your petitioner is the claimant and owner of the following described portion of said Rancho: Commencing at a point in the center of Napa River where the South boundary line of the Caymus Rancho crosses said River; said point being the North East corner of the Rancho de Napa, as established by C. C. Tracy, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, thence S. $45^{\circ} 25'$ W. along the South boundary of said Caymus Rancho 60.31 chains; thence S. $41^{\circ} E. 34.88$ chains to the South East corner of lands formerly owned by J. L. Grigby; thence S. $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W. 26.25$ chains to the County road leading from Napa City to Yountville; thence South along said road 60 feet to the North West corner of lands formerly owned by C. L. James; thence N. $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 36.30$ chains to the North East corner of the tract of land formerly owned by C. L. James; thence S. $41^{\circ} E. 42.23$ chains; thence N. $45^{\circ} 20' E. 50.92$ chains to the center of Napa River; thence up Napa River, following the meanderings thereof to the place of beginning, and containing about 500 acres of land, and being the same lands now in the possession of your petitioner.

That said lands are included within the exterior boundaries of said "Rancho de Napa."

That your petitioner derains title to said land last above described through the original Mexican grantee, the said Salvador Vallejo.

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That "Exhibit B." hereto annexed and made a part of this petition exhibits the derainment of title from said Salvador Vallejo to petitioner.

That the deeds set forth in said derainment of title are of record in the Recorder's office, of said Sapa County and are sufficient in form and legal effect to and do vest in the petitioner the title of said Vallejo to that portion of said Rancho now in petitioner's possession.

That neither the claim of petitioner, nor that of his predecessors in title, to that portion of said Rancho now in his possession has ever been passed upon by proper authority.

That the claim of the original grantee to said lands was good and valid under the Mexican laws relating to such cases.

That there is not now, nor has there ever been, any valid adverse claim to said land which petitioner claims, or any part thereof, existing under the presumption, homestead, or other laws of the United States.

That there is not now, nor has there ever been any person or persons having or holding any portion of said lands under valid claims under the pre-emption, or homestead, or other laws of the United States.

That there are no persons entitled to receive releases from this claimant to any portion of said land in his possession, as provided by said Act of June 20th 1884.

That petitioner is in the sole and exclusive possession of the lands ~~for~~ to which he seeks for a confirmation of his title, and he and his predecessors in title have been in such sole and exclusive possession since the year 1844.

Wherefore your petitioner prays for a decree of this Honorable Court, confirming the claim of petitioner to the lands herein petitioned for, and for such other general and special relief as may be meet in the premises. And your petitioner will ever pray,

Crouch & Johnston,
Attys for Petitioner.

Exhibit "A"

An Act authorizing claimants to the Rancho de Napa, in Napa County, California, to prove up their title.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled - That the claimants to the lands situated in Napa County, California, known as the Rancho de Napa, who derive title through the original Mexican grantee of said Rancho, and whose claims or those of their predecessors in title have not been hitherto passed upon by proper authority, are hereby permitted and authorized to present their claim to said lands to the District Court of the United States for the District of California within one year next after the passage of this act, and not afterward, for examination; and if upon the hearing of said case it shall appear to said Court that the claim of the original grantee was good and valid under Mexican laws relating to such cases, and that the claimants are entitled to have such confirmation, the said Court shall by decree confirm said claim: Provided, That no lands shall be confirmed to said claimants to which there are any valid

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claims existing under the pre-emption, homestead, or other laws of the United States at the date of the passage of this act; nor shall any decree of confirmation affect any valid adverse right of any other person or persons, or give to the confirmees, or any of them, any claim upon the United States for compensation for any land such confirmees may lose by pre-emption, homestead, or other claims or rights as aforesaid: Provided further, That said claimants, before filing their claim, shall execute releases to any person who may have or hold any portion of said lands, under valid claims under the pre-emption, homestead or other laws of the United States, at the date of the passage of this act, to the portions of said lands so held respectively; and before rendering a decree of confirmation the said Court shall ascertain that said releases have been duly executed.

Sec. 2.- That the United States and any party in interest are hereby granted the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, within six months next after any decree shall be entered, in the manner allowed in other cases of appeal; and the said Court in the examination of the claims presented by any person under this Act shall be governed, so far as

applicable, by the provisions of the act passed March third, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California."

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Sec. 3. That the United States Surveyor-General for California is hereby directed, upon the filing in his office by said claimants of a certified copy of a final decree of confirmation under the provisions of this act, to cause said claim to be surveyed as other claims of like nature are now surveyed under existing laws; and upon the approval of said survey by proper authority a patent shall issue to said claimants in the usual form.

Approved, June 20, 1884.

Exhibit "B."

Deed
Deraignment of Title from Salvador Vallejo to John Finnell.

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Salvador Vallejo }
to
John Grigsby }

Deed

Dated Sept 25th 1847.

Consideration \$1100.^{xx}

Beginning at a point on Napa River where the Southern boundary line of George Yount's land crosses the same; thence running with said Yount's southern boundary line in a Westerly direction one mile and a half to a corner as at present surveyed; thence from said corner in a South Easterly direction one mile and a half according to the present survey to a stake; thence running parallel with said Yount's Southern boundary line to Napa River; thence with and following the meanders of said River to the point of beginning, containing fourteen hundred and forty acres.

Recorded April 22^d, 1851, in Liber A of Deeds page 300, Napa County Records

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Mahala Grigsby }
- AS - }
John Grigsby.

Decree of Divorce.

Dated Aug. 20th, 1856

In the District Court Seventh Judicial District

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Recorded June 28th, 1866, in Liber J of Deeds,
page 103, Records of Napa County.

3.

John Grigsby }
to }
W. N. Seawell.

Deed.

Dated Sept. 15, 1860

Consideration, \$15,660.

Recorded Sept. 17, 1860, in Liber F of Deeds, page
286, Napa County Records.

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W. N. Seawell, }
to }
John H. Seawell.

Deed

Dated January 29, 1861.

Consideration \$7,500.

Recorded January 29, 1861 in Liber F of Deeds page
447, Napa County Records.

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John H. Seawell }
to }
Tesse Grigsby. }

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Deed

Dated October, 9, 1862.

Consideration \$10,000

Recorded October 29, 1862 in Liber G of Deeds
page 524, Napa County Records.

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Tesse Grigsby }
to }
John Lawley. }

Deed

Dated October 26, 1863.

Consideration \$10,105.

Recorded October 26, 1863 in Liber H of
Deeds, page 257, Napa County Records.

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John Lawley
to
Isaac Laukershim
and George Linn

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Deed Dated Sep. 1. 1864.
Consideration \$12,000.

Recorded Sep. 1, 1864 in Liber H of Deeds, page
478. Napa County Records.

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Jesse Grigsby, Administrator
of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby,
Deceased
to
Isaac Laukershim and
George Linn.

Deed Dated Oct. 6. 1864.
Consideration \$9,414.40.

Recorded October 7th 1864 in Liber II of Deeds
page 83. Records of Napa County.

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John Grigsby
to
Isaac Laukershim
and George Linn.

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Deed

Dated April 27, 1867.

Consideration \$100.

Recorded April 29, 1867, in Liber J of Deeds
page 470. Kapa County Records.

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Isaac Laukershim
and George Linn.
to
W. L. Phillips.

Deed

Dated Feb. 21, 1871

Recorded May 5, 1871, in Liber O of Deeds, page
113, Kapa County Records.

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W. L. Phillips }
to
George Liin. }

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Deed. Dated Nov. 4. 1873.

Recorded Nov. 13. 1873. in Liber S of Deeds, page
35, Napa County Records.

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Isaac Lautershim }
to
George Liin. }

Deed - 12 1871 Dated June 26. 1871

Recorded June 26. 1871 in Liber ~~of~~ O of Deeds, page
192, Napa County Records.

13.

George Liin }
to
Isaac Lautershim }

Deed. Dated June 26. 1871.

Recorded June 26. 1871, in Liber O of Deeds, page
193, Napa County Records.

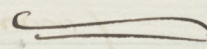
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Isaac Laukershim }
to
John Finnell. }

Deed Dated Dec 27, 1873.

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Recorded Dec. 27, 1873, in Liber 5 of Deeds, page 125, Napa County Records.

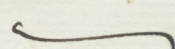


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George Linn and wife }
to
Levi George. }

Deed - Dated March 25, 1882.

Recorded in Liber 31 of Deeds, page 153, on April 15, 1882, Napa County Records.



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George Linn }
to
John Finnell }

Deed Dated April 15, 1882.

Recorded, April 27th 1882, in Liber 29 of Deeds page 422, Napa County Records

17.

Levi George
to
John Finnell

Deed

Dated June 3. 1882

Recorded June 3. 1882, in Liber 29 of Deeds
page 457, Napa County Records.

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In The U.S. Dist Court
Dist of California

Petition of John
Finnell for con-
firmation of a
portion of Ranches de
Napa.

Filed October 2nd 1884
Mortimer H. Johnson
Clerk

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Crouch & Johnston
Attys for Petitioner

In the United States District
Court in and for the District of California

In the Matter of the petition of John
Lemuel for Confirmation of a portion
of the Rancho of de Mafu.

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Now Comes S. G. Wilbourn United
States Attorney for the District of California
and on behalf of the said United
States answers the said petition filed
hereto and for such answer denies
generally and specifically each and
every allegation in said petition
contained

Wherefore he prays that the said
petition may be denied

S. G. Wilbourn
United States Attorney

In the U.S. Dist Court
District of California
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Answer of the U.S.
to petition of John
Linnell for Confirmation
of a portion of the Ranch
de Mesa

Filed October 14th 1884

Southland Attorney
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S. G. Wilburn
att. atty

Plain Copy Exhibit - 6

John Lawley
to
Isaac Sankershin
and George Linn

This Indenture, made the First (1st) day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Four, Between, John Lawley of the County of Napa and State of California, party of the first part, and

Isaac Sankershin of the City and County of San Francisco and George Linn of the County of Napa; State aforesaid parties of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000^{00/100}) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said Parties of the second part, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said Parties of the second part, and to their Heirs and assigns forever, All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Yount Township - County of Napa, and State aforesaid, and described as follows, to wit; Beginning at a Stake in the South line of Younts Grant, at the North East corner of W. R. Matthews land, and running thence North 45°. 20'. E. with Younts line Sixty & ³/₁₀₀ (60.3) chains to the Centre of Napa Creek, thence down said Creek with the meanders thereof, S. 72°. 30'. E. five & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (5.50) chains, thence S. 58°. 30'. E. fourteen (14) chains, thence S. 84°. E. five & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (5.50) chains, thence S. 50°. 30'. E. eleven & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (11.50) chains, thence S. 7°. E. three (3) chains, thence S. 22°. 30'. W. two & ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (2.50) chains, thence S. 1°. 30'. E. one & ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ chains to a Stake on the west bank of said Napa Creek, from which a white oak tree six (6) inches in diameter bears S. 19°. E. thirty seven (37) links distant, and a ⁴/₂ oak tree four (4) inches in diameter bears N. 10°. W. fourteen (14) links distant, thence S. 45°. 20'. W. Sixty nine & ⁸⁵/₁₀₀ (69.85)

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Sept 11 1864 \$5-
Lawley \$5-
John \$2-

chains, to a Stake in C. L. James, east-line, thence North 41° West, thirty eight & $\frac{26}{100}$ (38.26) chains to the place of beginning - containing two hundred and sixty one (261) acres of land, more or less, Together with the tenements, rights, ways and easements therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, And also all the Estate right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in Law as in Equity of the said party of the first part, of or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances.

To Have and To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Parties of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever,

And the said John Lawley, for himself & his heirs, the said premises in the quiet and peaceable Possession of the said Parties of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, against the said Party of the first part, and his heirs, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will warrant and by these presents forever defend, except against a Mortgage on said land, held by W. H. Gibbs for sum of \$6000. dated Oct 26th 1863.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first part, hath hereunto set his hand and Seal, the day and year first above written.

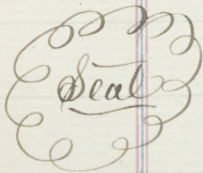
Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of } John Lawley Seal
Rob. Couch }

State of California }
County of Napa } ss. On this first day of September A.D.
one thousand Eight hundred and sixty four, before me, J. H. Howland,

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a Notary Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named John Lawley, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said annexed Instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.



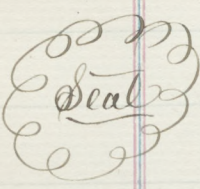
J. H. Howland
Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at request of George Sinn Sept. 1st
A. D. 1864, at 43 mins. past 11. a.m.

J. H. Howland County Recorder
By E. S. Penwell, Deputy Recorder.

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a Notary Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named John Lawley, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said annexed Instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

D. H. Howland
Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at request of George Linn Sept. 1st
D. H. Howland

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book H of Deeds pages 478 & 479 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



Certified Copy

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- Deed -

John Lawley
to

Isaac Lankershim and George Linn



Dated 1st Sept. 1864

No 433.

U.S. Dist Court Dist of Cal

In re the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
partion of Rancho de Tapa

Plaintiff's Exhibit 6.

Filed December 5th 1884

Notarial Affidavit
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Plainly Exhib. 5

Jesse Briggs
to
John Lawley

This Indenture, made the Twenty Sixth (26th) day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty three, Between Jesse Briggs of the County of Napa and State of California, Party of the first part, and John Lawley of the same place, Party of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said Party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand one hundred and five (\$10,105⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, remised, conveyed, and quit-claimed, and by these presents, doth grant, bargain, sell, remise, convey and quit-claim, unto the said Party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, All the right title and interest of the said Party of the first part, of, in and to All that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Napa and State of California, known and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a Stake in the South line of Yount's grant, at the North East corner of W. R. Mathews land and running thence North 45° 20' E. with Yount's line Sixty (60) Chains thirty one (31) links to the Center of Napa Creek, thence down said Creek with the meanders thereof, S. 72° 30' E. five (5) Chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 58° 30' E. fourteen (14) Chains, thence S. 84° E. five (5) Chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 36° 30' E. Eleven (11) Chains fifty links, thence S. 7° E. three (3) Chains, thence S. 22° 30' W. two (2) Chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 1° 30' one (1) Chain forty (40) links to a Stake on the west bank of said Napa Creek, from which a white oak tree six (6) inches in diameter bears S. 19° E. thirty seven (37) links distant and a white oak tree four (4) inches in diameter bears N. 10° W. fourteen (14) links distant, thence S. 45° 20' W. sixty nine (69) Chains eighty five (85) links to a Stake on

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C. S. James East line, thence North 41.° W. thirty Eight (38) chains twenty six (26) links to the place of beginning Containing two hundred and sixty one acres of land more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, Hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, and the rents issues and profits thereof.

To have and to hold, all and singular the above described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Party of the second Part his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part hath here unto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of } Jesse Grigsby (Seal)

Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863	Stamp 2- J. G. Oct. 26 1863
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State of California } ss. On this Twenty Sixth day of October A.D.
County of Siskiyou } One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, before me, Robert Couch, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, personally appeared the within named Jesse Grigsby whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument as a Party thereto Personally Known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said annexed Instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office, in Siskiyou City, the day and year last above written.

Rob Couch Clerk

A true copy of an Original Recorded at request of John Sawyer 26th October 1863 at 38. Min past 3 o'clock P. M.

Rob Couch Co. Recorder
by J. C. Penwell Dep't.

C. S. James East line, thence North 41° W. thirty eight (38) chains
twenty six (26) links to the place of beginning Containing two hundred
and sixty one acres of land more or less.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed
recorded in Book H of Deeds pages 257 &c as the same appears
of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day

of Nov A. D. 188 4

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

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Jesse Grigsby
John Sawley -

Dated 26th Oct. a.d. 1863.

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In re the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
Portion of Rancho de Napa

Plaintiff's Exhibit 5

Filed December 5th 1884

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Plain Copy Exhibit 15

George Linn
To
J. Lankershim

This Indenture, Made the twenty sixth day of
June, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy
one Between, George Linn of the County of Napa,
State of California, party of the first part, and

Isaac Lankershim of the City and County of San Francisco, State aforesaid party of
the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in con-
sideration of the sum of One Gold coin Dollar, lawful money of the United States
of America, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before
the making and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is truly acknowledged,
hath granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth
grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and
to his heirs and assigns forever, All his undivided one half interest in and to
that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, lying, being and situate in the County
of Napa, State of California, bounded and described as follows, to wit; Be-
ginning at a point in the centre of Napa River where the Northwestern line
of land now or heretofore belonging to Jesse Whitton, intersects said Napa
River and running thence S. 44°.30'. W. 50 ⁹²/₁₀₀ chs. to the center of a ditch
forming the Northeastern boundary of land of W. H. Gibbs; thence with the
centre of said ditch N. 41°.15'. W. 42 ²³/₁₀₀ chs. to the Northern line of a lane
fifteen feet wide; thence with said line of the lane N. 55°. E. 27 ³⁷/₁₀₀ chs. to
a cross fence, in front of the house occupied by G. Linn; thence with said
fence N. 40°.30'. W. 8 ²⁷/₁₀₀ chs. to a mark on said fence; thence N. 39°.30'. E.
0.65 chs. to the centre of a slough passing in the rear of the house now oc-
cupied by G. Linn; thence with said Slough and following the meanderings
thereof N. 89°.15'. E. 1 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ chs. and S. 61°.30'. E. 5.72 chs; thence quitting
said Slough N. 45°.20'. E. 39 ²⁵/₁₀₀ chs. to the center of Napa River; thence
down said River and following the meanderings thereof to the point of be-
ginning, containing 243 ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ acres, a little more or less, Together with
all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto

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belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said Party of the first Part; of, in or to the above described Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To Have and To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Party of the second Part, his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part hath hereunto set his hand and Seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the presence of }
Louis Brück } George Linn Seal

State of California)
County of Napa) ss. On this twenty Sixth day of June A. D. one Thousand and Eight Hundred and Seventy one, before me, Louis Brück, a Notary Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared the within named George Linn, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Instrument as a party thereto, Personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said foregoing Instrument, and he the said George Linn acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.
Louis Brück
Notary Public.

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belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said Party of the first Part, of, in or to the above described Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

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To Have and To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Party of the second Part, his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part hath hereunto set his hand and Seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the presence of }
Louis Brück }

George Linn Seal

State of California On this twenty ninth day of June A. D. one thousand

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "O" of Deeds page 193. as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder
By Henry Brown Deputy.

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Deed

George Linn

Isaac Lankershim

Dated. 26th June A.D. 1871

No. 433

U. S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Stapa

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Plaintiff Exhibit - 14

J. Sankershim } This Indenture, made the twenty sixth day of June
 to } a. d. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy one,
 George Linn } Between Isaac Sankershim of the City and
 County of San Francisco, State of California, Party
 of the first part, and George Linn of the County of Napa, State aforesaid
 Party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said Party of the first part,
 for and in consideration of the sum of One Gold Coin Dollars, lawful money
 of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said Party of the
 second part, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt
 whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and
 confirmed, and by these presents doth, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm
 unto the said Party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever,
 All his undivided one half interest in and to that certain piece, parcel or
 tract of land, lying, being and situate in the County of Napa, State of California,
 bounded and described as follows, to wit; Beginning at a Stake on the Southern
 line of the Yunt Grant at the North Eastern corner of Matthew's land and running
 thence with said Southern line of Yunt N. 45° 20' E. 60 ³¹/₁₀₀ chs. to the center of Napa
 River; thence down said River and following the meanderings thereof S. 72° 30' E. 5 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀
 chs. S. 58° 30' E. 14 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ chs. S. 84° 0' E. 5 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ chs. S. 50° 30' E. 11 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ chs. S. 7° 0' E.
 3 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ chs. S. 22° 30' E. 2 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ chs. and S. 1° 30' E. 0. ⁵¹/₁₀₀ chs; thence quitting the
 center of said River S. 45° 20' W. 39 ²⁵/₁₀₀ chs to the center of a Slough in the
 rear of the house now occupied by G. Linn, thence with said Slough and following
 the meanderings thereof N. 61° 30' W. 5 ⁷²/₁₀₀ chs. and S. 89° 15' W. 1 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ chs. thence
 quitting said Slough S. 39° 30' W. 0. ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ chs. to a mark on a cross fence, thence
 with said fence S. 40° 30' E. 8 ²⁷/₁₀₀ chs to the Northern side of a lane fifteen feet
 wide, thence with said line of said lane S. 55° 0' W. 27 ³⁷/₁₀₀ chs. to the center of a
 ditch forming the Western boundary of said tract, thence with said ditch. N.
 41° 0' W. 34 ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ chs. to the point of beginning, Containing 253 ³⁶/₁₀₀ acres, Ex-
 cepting therefrom however a certain fifteen acre tract of land conveyed by,

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G. Linn and Isaac Sankershim to W. L. Phillips by deed dated February 21, 1871, which said deed was recorded on the 5th day of May 1871, in the Office of the County Recorder of Napa County in Book "O" of Deeds Page 113, and which said deed is hereby made part of this instrument by reference thereto.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainders and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of the said party of the first Part, of, in or to the above described Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with the appurtenances,

To Have and To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second Part, his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of } Isaac Sankershim
Louis Bruck }

State of California }
County of Napa } ss. On this twenty sixth day of June A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy one, before me, Louis Bruck a Notary Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named Isaac Sankershim whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Instrument as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said foregoing Instrument, and he the said Isaac Sankershim acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Louis Bruck - Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at request of G. Linn June 26th A.D. 1871, at 15. mins past 3. P. M.

L. M. Corwin Co. Recorder
By Pierson Dept

G. Linn and Isaac Sankershim to W. L. Phillips by deed dated February 21, 1871, which said deed was recorded on the 5th day of May 1871, in the Office of the County Recorder of Napa County, in Book "O" of Deeds Page 113, and which said deed is hereby made part of this instrument by reference thereto.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of the said party of the first Part, of, in or to the above described Premises, and Every Part and Parcel thereof, with the appurtenances,

To Have and To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Party of the second Part, his Heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part hath hereunto set

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "O" of Deeds page 192 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 188 4

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

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Isaac Sankershin

to
George Linn

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Dated 26th June A.D. 1871

No 433.

U. S. Dist. Court. Dist of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell

for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Sapa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 14

Filed December 5th 1874

Southard Hoffman
Clerk

Geo. Linn et al.
to
W. L. Phillips

This Indenture, Made the Twenty-first
(21) day of February A. D. One thousand
eight hundred and Seventy one, Between,
George Linn of the County of Napa, State
of California, and Isaac Sankershim of the City and County of San Francisco

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I. L.
21/2/71

State aforesaid, parties of the first part, and W. L. Phillips of the County of Napa party of the second part; Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$1500 Fifteen hundred Gold coin Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said Party of the second part, at or before the on sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm unto the said Party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever, All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, lying, being and situate in Yount Township, County of Napa, State of California, bounded and described as follows, to wit; Commencing at the Northwest corner of the land belonging to the parties of the first part hereto, said N. W. Corner being in the center of the County Road, thence Southerly and along the center of a ditch, which said ditch is the boundary between the land hereby intended to be conveyed, and the land belonging to S. Griffin, a distance of Seventeen (17) chains and thirty two and one quarter (32 1/4) links, thence Easterly and Parallel with the above mentioned County Road, eight (8) chains, sixty six (66) links; thence Northerly and Parallel with the first described line, seventeen (17) chains, thirty two and one quarter (32 1/4) links to the center of the County Road, thence Westerly along the center of the County Road, eight (8) chains, sixty six (66) links to the place of beginning and containing fifteen (15) acres of land.

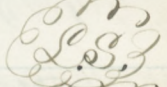
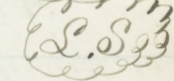
Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the

reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity, of the said Parties of the first Part, of, in, or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances. To Have ^{and} To Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second Part, his heirs and assigns forever.

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In Witness Whereof, the said Parties of the first Part, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }

George Linn 
Isaac Lankershim 

State of California }
County of Napa } ss.

On this Twenty first day of February, A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy one, before me, Louis Brück a Notary Public in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named George Linn, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Instrument as a party thereto personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said foregoing Instrument and he the said George Linn acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  affixed my official seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written. Louis Brück
Notary Public

State of California }
County of Napa } ss.

On this fifth day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, before me Louis Brück a Notary Public in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and

Sworn, personally appeared Isaac Lankershiin, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument as party thereto, personally known to me, to be the same person described in and who executed the said annexed Instrument, as a party thereto, and he the said Isaac Lankershiin acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Louis Brück
Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at request of Geo. Sinn May 5th A. D. 1871 at 45 mins past 1 P. M.

L. M. Corwin
Recorder

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State,

the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "O" of Deeds page 3113 &c as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



Sworn, personally appeared Isaac Lankershiin, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instrument as party thereto, personally known to me, to be the same person described in and who executed the said annexed Instrument, as a party thereto, and he the said Isaac Lankershiin acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Louis Bruck
Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at request of Geo. Sinn May 5th A. D. 1871 at 45 mins past 1 P. M. L. M. Corwin

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "O" of Deeds page 3113 &c as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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J. Sankershin and G. Linn
to

W. L. Phillips

Dated 21st Feby ad. 1871

No 433.

U. S. Dist Court. Dist of Col^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Japa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 13.

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Plaintiff Exhibit - 10

Jesse Grigsby, Adm^r &c
To

Isaac Sankushin
and George Linn

This Indenture, made the Eighteenth
(18th) day of October, A.D. one thousand
eight-hundred and Sixty-four, by and Be-
-tween Jesse Grigsby, the duly appointed
and qualified Administrator of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, deceased,
late of ~~_____~~ the County of Napa and State of California, the party
hereto of the first Part, and Isaac Sankushin of the City and County of
San Francisco, and George Linn of the County of Napa and State
of California, the Parties hereto of the second part, Witnesseth,
that, Whereas on the thirteenth day of August A.D. 1864, the Probate
Court of said County of Napa, made an order bearing date the day and
year last aforesaid, authorizing the said Party of the first Part to sell at
Public Auction to the highest bidder for Cash, certain real Estate belonging
to the Estate of said Deceased, situated in the said County of Napa and
specifically and particularly described in said Order of Sale, either in one
Parcel or in subdivisions, as the said Administrator shall judge most
beneficial to said Estate, a certified copy of which order of Sale was re-
corded in the Office of the County Recorder of said Napa County with-
in which said land is situated, on the sixth day of October A.D. 1864,
at 40 minutes past One O'clock P.M. and is on record in said Office
in Liber "A" of "Orders of Probate" page 75, and following and which
said order of Sale now on file and of record in said Probate Court, and
which said record thereof in said Recorders Office, are hereby referred to
and made a part of this Indenture, and Whereas, under and by virtue
of said Order of Sale, and pursuant to legal notice given thereof, the
said Party of the first Part, on the twentieth day of September, A.D.
1864, at the door of the Court House in Napa City, in said County of Napa,
between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and the setting of the sun
on the same day, to-wit; at twelve O'clock noon, offered for sale in one

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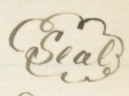
Parcel (judging it most beneficial to said Estate) at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash and subject to confirmation by said Probate Court, the said real Estate situated in said County of Napa and specified and described in said Order of Sale, as aforesaid, and at such sale the said Isaac Lankershin and George Linn, the parties hereto of the second part, became the purchasers of the Real Estate aforesaid and hereinafter particularly described for the sum of Nine Thousand four hundred and fourteen $\frac{40}{100}$ (\$9414.40) Dollars, they being the highest and best bidders and that being the highest and best sum bid. And, Whereas, the said Probate Court, upon due and legal return of his proceedings, under the said Order of Sale, made by the said party of first part, at a subsequent sitting of said Court after making the said sale, notice of at least ten days, given in such manner as the Judge of said Court had directed, did on the first (1st) day of October A.D. 1864, make an order confirming the said sale and directing conveyances to be executed to the said Purchasers, conveying to them all the right, title, interest and Estate of said intestate in the said premises at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said Estate by operation of law or otherwise may have acquired in the said premises other than or in addition to, that of the said intestate at the time of her death, a certified copy of which order of Confirmation was recorded in the Office of the said County Recorder of said County of Napa, within which the said land sold is situated, on the sixth day of October A.D. 1864 at 45 minutes past one o'clock P.M. and is on record in said Office, in Liber "A" of "Orders of Probate", page 78 and following, and which said Order of Confirmation, now on file and of record in the said Probate Court, and which said record thereof in said Recorder's Office are hereby referred to and made a part of this Indenture. Now, Therefore, the said party of the first part, pursuant to the order last aforesaid and for and in consideration of the sum of Nine thousand four hundred and fourteen $\frac{40}{100}$ (\$9414.40) Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof, is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed

and by these presents, does grant, bargain, sell and convey, unto the said Parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever, All the right, title, interest and estate of the said Mahala Grigsby, deceased, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said Estate by operation of law or otherwise, may have acquired, other than or in addition to that of said intestate at the time of her death, in and to that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being in said County of Napa, and described in said Order of Sale, and Order of Confirmation as follows, to wit; "The Lower or Southernly half of the following described 660 acre tract of land, lying and being in Yount Township, Napa County, State of California and bounded on the Northern side, on one side, by Younts land, on the East by Napa River, and on the South by lands belonging to Jesse Whittom, and on the West by the County road and lands now or formerly belonging to V. M. Harbin, save and except a certain tract or parcel of land deeded to Calvin L. James by John Grigsby wife, containing One hundred and thirty nine ³⁵/₁₀₀ acres of land, by deed dated October Second, 1858 and recorded in Liber "E" of Deeds page 165, Napa County Records," Which said tract of land hereby conveyed is more particularly described by metes and bounds, as follows, to wit; Commencing at a point in the center of Napa River where the North western line of land now or formerly belonging to Jesse Whittom touches said center of said river, and running thence with said line South $44^{\circ} 30'$ West 50.92 chains to the center of a ditch forming the North Eastern boundary of lands of Wm. H. Gibbs, thence along said last mentioned line North $41^{\circ} 15'$ West 38.85 chains to a corner in said above named Ditch, thence North $44^{\circ} 30'$ East 69.28 chains to a point in the center of Napa River aforesaid, thence down the center of said River and following the meanderings thereof to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and thirty five ³⁶/₁₀₀ (235.36) acres, Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold,

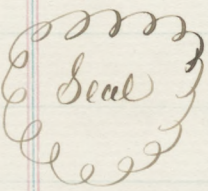
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all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances unto the said Parties of the second Part, their heirs and assigns to them and their sole use, benefit and behoof forever. This Conveyance is made for the purpose of correcting errors and omissions in a former conveyance, made by the said party of the first Part, to the said Parties of the second part, of the same Land and Premises herein described, said Deed of Conveyance bears date October sixth 1864 and is recorded in Liber "I" Record of Deeds of Napa County on pages

57. 849. In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Jesse Grigsby 
Rob. Couch Administrator of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, Deceased, State of California
County of Napa } ss. On this twenty fifth (25th) day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, before me, J. H. Hornland, a Notary Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named Jesse Grigsby, whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, as the party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said annexed instrument as the Administrator of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, deceased, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same as such administrator aforesaid, freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

 J. H. Hornland
Notary Public
A true copy of an original, recorded at request of Rob. Couch, Oct. 25th 1864 at 12⁵ P. M.
J. H. Hornland
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all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances unto the said Parties of the second Part, their heirs and assigns to them and their sole use, benefit and behoof forever. This Conveyance is made for the purpose of correcting errors and omissions in a former conveyance, made by the said party of the first part, to the said Parties of the second part, of the same land and premises herein described, said Deed of Conveyance bears date October sixth 1864 and is recorded in Liber "I" Record of Deeds of Napa County on pages 57. 849. In Witness Whereof, The said Party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
Tesse Grigsby (Seal)
Rob. Couch Administrator of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, Deceased,
State of California) On this twenty fifth (25th) day of October A. D. one thousand
County of Napa } ss. Eight hundred and Sixty four, before me, J. H. Holland, a Notary
Public, in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book I of Deeds pages 8340 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1864

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder
By Henry Brown Deputy.

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Jesse Grigsby Admr

to

Isaac Sankushim
and George Sinn

Dated 18th Oct. 1864.

No 433.

U.S. Dist Court, Dist of Cal

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Cropa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 10

Filed December 5th 1884

Jonathan Hoffman
Clerk

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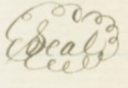
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John Grigsby, by his Atty. in fact
To
Isaac Laukersheim & George Linn
John Grigsby of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri; Party of the first
part and Isaac Laukersheim of the City and County of San Francisco and
George Linn of the County of Napa, State of California; Parties of the second part,
Witnesseth, that the said Party of the first part, for and in consideration of the
sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, lawful money of the United States, to him in
hand paid by the said Parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged, doth hereby grant, remise, release and quit-claim, unto the said Parties
of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever, All that certain Piece or
Parcel of land, situated in Grant Township, Napa County, and State of California and
described as follows, to wit; Commencing at a Stake in the centre of the County Road
leading from Napa City to Sebastopol, said Stake being the North West corner of land
now owned by W^m H. Gibbs, and running along said Gibbs Northerly line North $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
East, Twenty six & $\frac{3}{100}$ (26.30) chains to the line of land belonging to said Laukersheim
and Linn; thence North 41° West to the South East corner of land formerly owned by
Jerral S. Grigsby; thence South $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West Twenty six & $\frac{1}{100}$ (26.05) chains to a Stake
in the centre of said County Road, said Stake being the South West corner of said Jerral
S. Grigsby's tract, thence in the centre of said Road South $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East to the
place of beginning; Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appur-
tenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remain-
der and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, And also, all the estate right, title, interest,
property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of the said Party
of the first part, of, in or to the above described Premises, and every part and Parcel thereof,
with the appurtenances. To have and to hold, all and singular the above mentioned and describ-
ed Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Parties of the second part, their
heirs and assigns forever.


In Witness Whereof, the said party of the first part, hath hereunto set

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his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } John Grigsby 
} By Jesse Grigsby, his Attorney in fact.

State of California }
County of Napa }^{35.} On this twenty ninth (29) day of April A. D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, before me, J. H. Howland, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared Jesse Grigsby, personally known to me to be the same person described in and who executed by Power of Attorney the annexed Instrument, as the attorney in fact of John Grigsby, named in the annexed Instrument as a party thereto, and therein described as the party executing the same by his said Attorney and the said Jesse Grigsby acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, as and for the act and deed of the said John Grigsby, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my official Seal, the day and year first above written.  J. H. Howland
Notary Public

A true copy of an original recorded at the request of George Linn April 29th A. D. 1867 at 55 mins. past 9. A. M.

J. H. Howland - Co Recorder

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of record in my office
recorded in book
the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of
J. H. Howland, County Recorder of the County of Napa, State of California
County of Napa
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
APR 29 1867

His hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } John Grigsby *Seal*
By Jesse Grigsby, his Attorney in fact.

State of California }
County of Napa } ss. On this twenty ninth (29) day of April A. D. One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Seven, before me, J. H. Howland, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared Jesse Grigsby, personally known to me to be the same person described in and who executed by Power of Attorney the annexed Instrument, as the attorney in fact of John Grigsby, named in the annexed Instrument as a party thereto, and therein described as the party executing the same by his said Attorney, and the said Jesse Grigsby acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, as and for the act and deed of the said John Grigsby, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my official

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "J" of Deeds page 470 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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- Deed -

John Griegsby by atty.

to
Isaac Lauksheim and George Linn.

Dated 29th April a.d. 1867

No 433.

U. S. Dist Court. Dist of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Topa

Plaintiff's Exhibit 12

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Jonathan Hoffman
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Plaintiff Exhibited - 11

John Grigsby)
) To
Terse Grigsby)

Know all men by these presents, that I, John Grigsby, of the County of Napa, and State of California, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Terse Grigsby, of the same County and State, my true and lawful Attorney, in fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my use and benefit to ask, demand, sue for recover and receive all sums of money, debts and demands whatsoever, which are now due and owing or which shall hereafter become due, owing or demandable to me, and have, use and take all lawful ways and means in my name or otherwise, for the recovery thereof, by attachments, arrests, distress or otherwise, and to compromise and agree for the same, and acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the same for me and in my name to make, seal and deliver, to receive legacies and bequests, to collect rents, interests, dividends and annuities due or to grow due, to bargain, contract, agree for, purchase, receive and take lands, tenements and hereditaments and accept the seizen and possession of all lands and all deeds, and other assurances in the law therefor, and to lease, let, demise, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, mortgage and hypothecate lands, tenements and hereditaments, upon such terms and conditions and under such covenants as he shall think fit, Also, to bargain and agree for, buy, sell, mortgage, hypothecate and in any and every way and manner, deal in and with goods, wares, and merchandise, choises in action, and other property in Possession or in action, and to make do and transact all and every kind of business of what nature or kind soever, And also for me, and in my name, and as my act and deed, to sign, seal, execute, deliver and acknowledge such deeds, covenants, indentures, agreements, mortgages, hypothecations, bottomries, charter parties, bills of lading, bills, bonds, notes, receipts, evidences of debt, releases, and satisfaction of Mortgage, Judgments, and other debts, and other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature. And other Attorneys, one or more, in his place and stead or under

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him to make, constitute and appoint, and the same at his pleasure to annul,
remove and revoke,

Giving and Granting unto my said Attorney, full Power and au-
thority, to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite
and necessary to be done in and about the Premises, as fully to all intents
and Purposes, as I might or could do if personally present, with full power
of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my
said Attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by
virtue hereof,

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal, the 6th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.
Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of } John Grigsby,
L. Bruck }

State of California) On this sixth day of January A.D. one thou-
County of Napa) ss. -sand eight hundred and sixty three, I Before
me, Louis Bruck, a Notary Public, in and for
said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the with-
in named John Grigsby, whose name is subscribed to the annexed Instru-
ment as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described
in and who executed the said annexed Instrument and who acknowledged to
me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and
Purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my official Seal the day and year, ^{in this Certificate} first above written,
L. Bruck
Notary Public

A true copy of an Original recorded at request of Jesse Grigsby, January 1st 1864 at
12 o'clock and 35 minutes
D. C. Fenwick, Recorder.

him to make, constitute and appoint, and the same at his pleasure to annul,
remove and revoke,

Giving and Granting unto my said Attorney, full Power and au-
thority, to do and performe all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite
and necessary to be done in and about the Premises, as fully to all intents
and Purposes, as I might or could do if personally present, with full power
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said Attorney or his Substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by
virtue hereof,

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal, the 6th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.
Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of } John Briggsly
L. Bruck }

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney
recorded in Book "A" of "Powers of Attorney" pages 304 &c as the same appears
of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day
of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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Power of Attorney

John Grigsby

Jesse Grigsby

Dated 6th July A.D. 1863

No. 433.

U.S. Dist Court Dist of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Tapa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 11.

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Marriage Certificate
Grigsby and Grigsby

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Napa Valley 21 - June 1857

This is to certify that by virtue of Authority invested in me as
a Minister of the Gospel have this day joined together in Holy
matrimony John Grigsby and Mahala Shields both of Napa
Valley, Napa County, State of California

Witnesses

R. C. Simmons

M. R. James

A. M. Walker

Benj. Grigsby

Mathew Lassiter
Minister of the Gospel

Filed for record June 24. 1857 at 10 o'clock A. M.
& Recorded at the request of M. Lassiter.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Marriage Certificate
Grigsby and Grigsby

Napa Valley 21 - June 1857

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Witnesses
R. C. Simmons
M. R. James

Mathew Lassiter
Minister of the Gospel

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Marriage Certificate recorded in Book "A" of "Marriages" page 71 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 1st day of Dec^r A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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Marriage Certificate

John Grigsby

to

Mahala Shields

Dated 21st June 1857

No 433.

U.S. Dist Court. Dist of Cal.

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for Confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Topa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 8.

Filed December 5th 1884

Jonathan Hoffman
433 ND Clerk



Plaintiff's Exhibit - 7.

Decree

In the District Court, In Equity -

Mahala Grigsby

v.s.

John Grigsby

Before Hon. E. W. McKinstry, Judge,

August 20th A. D. 1856.

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This cause being submitted on the pleadings, stipulations of the parties and the Special Verdict of the Jury empannelled and sworn to find Special issues to them submitted: The Court finds as facts; That the parties were married in the State of Missouri on the 14th day of July A. D. 1842; That the parties have been residents of this State for more than six years; That the said John Grigsby committed Adultery with one Isabel Yates in the month of October A. D. 1855, in said County of Napa without the consent, connivance, privity or procurement of the Plaintiff Mahala Grigsby; That six children have been born unto the said parties since their marriage; That there is a large amount of common property both Real and Personal belonging to them, capable of a division; That the common property consists of the following Real Estate, in all six hundred and sixty acres of land, lying and being in Yount Township, in Napa County and known and described as bounded on the Northern side one mile by Younts land, on the East by Napa River, and on the South by lands belonging to Jesse Whitten and on the West by the County Road and lands now or formerly belonging to J. M. Harbin, being the same place on which the parties to this action have heretofore resided; Also, that the common property consists of the following Personal Property, to wit; about three hundred and fifty head of grown cattle, and one hundred and fifty head of calves, thirty head of horses, fifty head of Hogs, grown and some Pigs, fifteen hundred bushels of Wheat and five hundred bushels of Barley, carriage, Farm Wagon and Farming utensils and tools, Household furniture and provisions and Three Yoke of Work Oxen.

And the Court further finds, that the said Real and Personal

Property may be divided without loss or injury, and that the following is a just and equal division of the Real Estate, that is, that the Northern and Southern halves 330 acres of land, each separated by a division line commencing on the Western limit of said land at the County Road, and running Eastwardly to Napa River in a line parallel to the Northern line of the entire Tract of 660 acres, would be a just and equal division of said Real Estate. And that it would be just and equal to divide the personal property into two parts as follows, one part to consist of all the grain 2000 bushels, all of the Household Furniture and provisions, the Carriage, Wagon, and all the farming utensils and tools, all of the same, three Yoke of Work Oxen, Fifteen head of horses and one hundred head of select cows, and the other part of said common personal property, to consist of the remainder of the entire personal property enumerated above, and that the foregoing would be fair and just and equal Divisions of the common property of said Parties.

Wherefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the marriage between the said Plaintiff Mahala Grigsby and the said Defendant John Grigsby be dissolved, and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly, and the said Parties are and each of them is freed from the obligations thereof. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that it shall be lawful for the Plaintiff Mahala Grigsby to marry again in the same manner as though the defendant John Grigsby was actually dead. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Plaintiff shall have the care, custody, and Guardianship of her said six children, until they arrive at the age of maturity, and the said John Grigsby shall not. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the common property aforesaid belonging to Plaintiff and Defendant be divided and apportioned as follows; The aforesaid tract of land of six hundred and sixty acres shall be divided into two equal portions of three hundred and thirty acres each by a line running from the County Road on the Western limit of said land Eastwardly to Napa River in a line parallel to the north line of said Tract, the same being the Southern line of the Ranch of

George C. Yount, so as to leave one half of said tract of 660 acres above and one half below said line extending as aforesaid Eastely through the same, And that the lower and Southern half of said land the portion of 330 acres adjoining the lands of Jesse Whittom be set apart for, and the same is hereby set apart for & as the sole and separate property of the Plaintiff Mahala Gigsby, and that the other, the northern half of said tract of land be set apart for and as the sole and separate property of the Defendant John Gigsby, and that the two portions of Real Estate above named and described are and henceforth shall be the sole and separate property of the Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, as above divided and apportioned and that this decree do operate and be fully and effectually a transfer and conveyance of all of the interests of the Plaintiff to the Defendant in that portion of the land hereby assigned and apportioned to the Defendant, and also of all the right, title and interest of the Defendant John Gigsby to the Plaintiff in the aforesaid portion herein set apart for & as her sole and separate property.

And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the personal and common property of said Parties be divided and apportioned as follows, One portion to consist of all the grain, Two thousand bushels, all of the Household Furniture and provisions for the Family the Carriage, Wagon and Farming utensils and tools, all of the Swine, the Three Yoke of Oxen, thirteen (13) head of horses and one hundred head of select cows, The other portion to consist of Seventeen head of Horses and the ballance or remaining portion of the cattle after the selection of one hundred head of cows as aforesaid. It is further ordered adjudged and decreed that the last above enumerated be set apart for and as the sole and separate property of Defendant John Gigsby, and that the portion of property, the portion containing among other things the Grain, be the sole and separate property of the Plaintiff Mahala Gigsby, and that the Plaintiff and Defendant each have and hold separately and in their own individual right, respectively, the portions of property herein assigned and set off to them respectively.

And that this Decree operate so as to vest in the said Mahala Grigsby the exclusive right and ownership of the portions of both Real and Personal Estate herein assigned to her, and also to direct the said John Grigsby of any right, title and interest now and forever in the property assigned to Plaintiff as aforesaid, and also to direct the said Mahala Grigsby of all right, title and interest in the property herein appointed to the said John Grigsby forever.

E. W. McKinstry

Dist. Judge

State of California)
County of Napa)^{35.}

J. C. B. Seeley Clerk of the District Court in and for Napa County and State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the original Decree in the above entitled action as the same appears on file and of record in my office.

5th Stamp
C. B. S.
June 27
1866.

Seal

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this 27th day of June A.D. 1866.

C. B. Seeley
Clerk

A true copy of an original recorded at request of George Sinn June 28th A. D. 1866, at 45 mins. past 2, P. M. the words "last above enumerated be set apart" for and as the sole and separate property of Defendant John Grigsby, and that "the portion of property" were interlined by me before signing.

J. W. Howland, - C^l Recorder

And that this Decree operate so as to vest in the said Mahala Grigsby the exclusive right and ownership of the portions of both Real and Personal Estate herein assigned to her, and also to divert the said John Grigsby of any right, title and interest now and forever in the property assigned to Plaintiff as aforesaid, and also to divert the said Mahala Grigsby of all right, title and interest in the property herein appointed to the said John Grigsby forever.

E. W. McKinstry
Dist. Judge

State of California }
County of Napa } ss.

I, C. B. Seeley Clerk of the District Court in and for Napa County and State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the original Decree in the above entitled action as the same appears on file and of record in my office.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court this 27th day

5th Stamp
O. B. S.
June 27
1866

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Decree recorded in Book J of Deeds pages 103 + c as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

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Decree
in
The Dist. Court, Napa County

Mahala Grigsby
vs.
John Grigsby

Dated August 20th a.d. 1856.

No 433.

U.S Dist Court. Dist of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Napa
Plaintiff Exhibit 7.

Filed December 5th 1884

Jonathan Hoffman
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Clerk

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State of California
Napa County

In Probate Court
said County

To the Probate Court, said County.

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Your petitioner Jesse Grigsby a citizen of said County respectfully represents to this Hon. Court, that Mrs Mahala Grigsby late of said County, on or about the 20th day of March 1860 died in said county intestate leaving real and personal property therein. That the decedent's personal estate is worth six thousand dollars (\$6,000⁰⁰) or thereabouts, and real estate of the value, of about fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000⁰⁰). That the decedent had six children who are her heirs and entitled to inherit the said estate. That all the said children are under the age of twenty one years. That one of them intermarried with one Thomas Wyatt to wit Nancy Ann, that none of the children are competent to administer on said estate. That the decedent leaves a surviving husband, John Grigsby, that said husband requests in writing that said petitioner should take out letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent, said request is in writing and herewith filed. That the children are named and aged as follows, Nancy Ann aged 6 years, John J. aged 15 James P aged 13 Keziah aged 11 Levice aged 9 Ella aged 7 years. That there is no will of the decedent to the knowledge of the petitioner. Wherefore your petitioner prays that letters of Administration be granted to your petitioner upon the estate of the decedent, and for such other and further orders, judgments &c as may be just and proper in the premises

Wallace & Newell
Atty for Petitioner

State of California

Napa County } This affiant Jesse Grigsby being
duly sworn on oath says that he has heard read the

above petition and know the contents thereof and that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to the matters and things therein stated upon information & belief and as to those matters he believes it to be true, saving and excepting the value of personal estate which this affiant cannot state accurately about

Sworn to before me this
19th day of May 1860

Jesse Grigsby

Robert Crouch
Clerk

(Endorsed) Filed 30 April 1860. Robert Crouch - clerk

State of California
County of Napa

In the Probate Court
Napa County

In the Matter of the Estate of } Order appointing Administrators
Mahala Grigsby, - Deceased }

The Petition of Jesse Grigsby, praying for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said deceased, coming on to be heard; and due proof having been made to this Court that the Clerk had given notice thereof by causing notices to be posted up in at least three public places in the County, - one of which was at the place where the Court is held - Stating the name of the deceased, the name of the applicant, and the term of the Court at which the application would be heard, the same having been given at least ten days before the hearing, and that the notice was in all respects according to law; and it being proved by the oath of the petitioner, that the said Mahala Grigsby, died on the 20th day of March 1860, intestate, in the County of Napa

and that she was a resident of Napa County at or immediately before her death, and has left Estate in this County, and within the jurisdiction of this Court; And no Person interested in said Estate appearing to Contest the application of the said Petitioner, It is Ordered, That Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the said Mahala Grigsby, deceased, issue to Jesse Grigsby, upon his taking the oath and filing a bond according to law, in the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Pulaski Jacks
Judge of the Probate Court.

(Endorsed) Filed 19 May 1860 - Robert Crook - Clerk -

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In the Matter of the Estate } In the Probate Court, November Term,
of } A.D. 1863, in and for Napa County
Mahala Grigsby, deceased } State of California -
To the Honorable - the Probate Court of the County
of Napa -

The petition of James N. Grigsby, Thos. J. Grigsby, Eliza R. Grigsby and Levisa Grigsby, respectfully sheweth, that by the decree of distribution of this Hon. Court made herein on the 30th day of December A.D. 1863, the estate real and personal of the said Mahala Grigsby, deceased, was assigned to your petitioners, sole heirs at law of the deceased, the proportion or parts of each being named therein respectively, according to their several rights; but that said estate so assigned is common and undivided and the respective shares of said petitioners are not separated and distinguished, Wherefore your petitioners pray that a partition of said property so assigned as aforesaid may be made, and that the respective shares of your petitioners, and each of them may be so partitioned and divided and set off to them respectively, in the proportions named in said decree, as the

heirs at law of said deceased, reference to which decree, the same being on file in this Court, is made as a part of this petition, and that a day may be appointed for the hearing of this application, and that notice may be given to all persons in interest residing in the State of California or their guardians and agents, Attorneys if there be any in this State of such interested persons as reside out of the State as and in the manner by law in such cases made and provided.

Jesse Grigsby
Guardian of James K. Grigsby, John
J. Grigsby and Eliza R. Grigsby,
Minors of said deceased.
Marion A. Hale
Guardian of Levisa Grigsby,
Minor of said deceased.

In the matter of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, Deceased, } In the Probate Court in and for Napa County State of California,
The application of John Grigsby, Nancy Wyatt, formerly Nancy Grigsby, John J. Grigsby, James K. Grigsby, Keziah Grigsby, Levisa Grigsby and Eliza R. Grigsby, for a partition of the property of this estate assigned to the heirs of said deceased, this day coming on to be heard in accordance with the decree of this Court, duly made and entered on the 30th day of November A.D. 1863, assigning and distributing the residue of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby, deceased, to said petitioners in the respective proportions in said decree specified - and due notice having been given of this application to the

Satisfaction of the Court, to wit; All of the said heirs and parties in interest having filed a consent to the distribution of the residue of said Estate, in writing in this Court on the 30th day of November A.D. 1863, and all the heirs of said deceased, as named in the decree of the 30th day of November A.D. 1863, appearing either in person, attorney or Guardian and assenting thereto, and the matter being duly considered by the Court. It is ordered, adjudged and decreed hereby that the application of said heirs be granted and that such partition be made and that Robert Sheehy, Smith Brown and Riley Gregg, are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose, and whose duty it shall be to make division of the real estate of the Estate of Mahala Grigsby deceased, situate lying and being in the County of Napa, State of California and particularly described in said decree of the 30th day of November A.D. 1863, assigning and distributing said estate to the said petitioners, the heirs of the said Mahala Grigsby deceased, as aforesaid.

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Napa City March 8th 1864.

Rob Crouch
Probate Judge

(Endorsed) Filed March 8th 1864, J. M. Carter Clerk By E. S. Penwell Dep't.

In the Probate Court in and for the County of Napa and State of California.

In the matter of the Estate
of

Mahala Grigsby, Deceased, } Whereas, heretofore, to wit; on the thirtieth day of November A.D. 1863, a decree of distribution was entered herein, ordering and decreeing that the residue of said Estate be distributed among the heirs at law of said Estate in the following proportions, to wit; one equal undivided one third thereof unto John Grigsby, surviving husband of said Deceased, and the remaining two thirds thereof to be equally divided between Nancy A. Wyatt, Keziah Grigsby, Lorrain Grigsby, Elva R. Grigsby, J. A. Grigsby and John J. Grigsby, surviving children of said deceased, share and share alike, and whereas a portion of the residue of said Estate consisted of a tract of land situated in said County of Napa, particularly

described in the said Decree, to which reference is hereby made; and thereupon upon
Petition of said heirs, a Decree for the partition of the said tract of land, ^{among the heirs} was made
therein on the 8 day of March 1864, and Robert Shuck, Smith Brown and Riley Gregg
were appointed commissioners to make said Partition, and the said Commissioners having
filed their report, from which it appears among other things that the said land and
Premises were and are incapable of fair and actual Partition and division among the
heirs at law; and the said commissioners having recommended a sale thereof, and there-
after a division of the proceeds of said sale among the heirs at law, according to their
respective interests and shares and the said report having this day been duly confirmed,
Now, in motion of T. J. Tucker Esq. of Counsel for U. A. Wyatt, Guardian of Keziah
Grigsby, and Nancy A. Wyatt, and M. N. Hale, Guardian of Loris Grigsby, heirs at law
of said Decedent, and all the other heirs at law being present in person and by Attorney
and Guardians and consenting thereto, and no one appearing to oppose, and it appearing to
the Court, on due deliberation, necessary and expedient that a sale of the said Premises
should be made in accordance with the recommendation of the said Commissioners and the
Statute in such case made and provided. It is by the said Court ordered, adjudged
and decreed that Jesse Grigsby, the Administrator of said Estate do forthwith proceed to
sell at Public auction to the highest bidder for Cash, the following described property be-
longing to said Estate, that is to say; All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying
and being in the County of Napa and State of California; and described as follows; to wit;
The lower or southerly half of the following described 660 acre tract of land lying and
being in Grant Township, Napa County, State of California and bounded on the northern
side one mile by Grants land, on the East by Napa River, and on the South by lands
belonging to Jesse Whilton, and on the West by the County Road, and lands now or forme-
rly belonging to J. M. Horton, save and except a certain tract or parcel of land deeded
to Calvin L. James by John Grigsby & wife, containing one hundred and thirty nine
& $\frac{85}{100}$ acres of land, by Deed dated October second 1858, and recorded in Liber "E" of
Deeds page 165 Napa County Records; And it is further ordered, that the said
Administrator, before proceeding to make sale as aforesaid, give due notice of the time

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and place of holding said sale, by posting notices thereof in three of the most public places in the Township where said land is situated, and one at the Door of the Court House, in Napa City, and by publishing a notice thereof in the "Napa County Reporter" a weekly newspaper printed and published in Napa City, in said County, for three weeks successively next before such sale, in which notice the lands and tenements to be sold shall be described, with certainty, and that said sale be made between the hours of Nine o'clock in the morning, and the setting of the sun on the same day; That the said Administrator in all things proceed, conduct and manage said sale, as by the statute in such case made and provided, is directed and required, and make due return of his proceedings to the Probate Court in and for the County of Napa. And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said sale be held at the Door of the Court House in Napa City, in said County. And it is further ordered, that before making such sale the said Administrator shall give an additional Bond, with two or more ^{sufficient} sureties, in the penal sum of ~~(\$10,000)~~ Ten Thousand Dollars, conditioned that the said Administrator shall faithfully execute the duties of the trust according to law.

Dated Napa City August 13th 1864.

Robt. Couch
Probate Judge

(Endorsed) Filed Aug 13th 1864. J. Maurice Carter - Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

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I, N. L. Nielsen, County Clerk in and for the County of Napa, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said county, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of "Petition of Letters, Jesse Gigsby" of "Order appointing Administrator" - of "Petition for Partition" - of "Order appointing Commissioners" and of "Order of Sale" - in the Estate of Mahala Gigsby, dec'd; as the same appears of record ^{or on file} in my office, with the original of which _____

_____ said copy has been compared by me and is a correct transcript therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Napa, this 29th day of November A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Clerk.
By Henry Brown Deputy Clerk.



In the Probate Court
of ⁷
Napa County

In the matter of the Estate
of Mahala Grigsby, Dec'd

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Certified copies
Petition for Letters
Order appointing Administrator
Petition for Partition
Order appointing Commissioners
and of
Order of Sale

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U. S. Dist Court, Dist of Cal^a

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Napa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 9

Filed December 5th 1884

Southern & Mexican
County

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Deed.

S. Vallejo

to

Jno. Grigsby

Filed for record this 22nd day of April A.D.
1857, at 1 o'clock P.M.

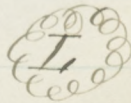
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Know all men by these presents that S. Salvador Vallejo of the District of Sonoma in the territory of California for & in consideration of the sum of Eleven Hundred dollars to me in hand paid by John Grigsby the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day granted bargained & sold & by these presents doth hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said John Grigsby & to his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying being & situate in the valley of Nappa in the District & territory aforesaid & bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at a point on the said Nappa Creek where the Southern boundary line of George Yount's land crosses the same, thence running with said Yount's southern boundary line in a westerly direction one mile & a half to a corner as at present surveyed, thence from said corner in a south easterly direction down the valley one mile & a half according to the present survey to a stake, thence running parallel with said Yount's southern boundary line to the Nappa Creek, thence with & following the meanders of said Creek to the point of beginning containing fourteen hundred & forty acres (1440) more or less the said tract of land being the same as surveyed by William B. Ide in pursuance of Authority from me. - To have & to hold the said granted & bargained Premises together with all & singular the rights, privileges & appurtenances therunto belonging unto him the said John Grigsby & to his heirs & assigns forever - And I the said Salvador Vallejo for myself my heirs and assigns doth hereby covenant to &

with the said John Grigsby his heirs & assigns to warrant & forever
to defend the title to the said tract of land from the lawful claim or
claims of any & every person whatsoever claiming or to claim the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
seal, Done at Sonoma in the said Territory of California this
twenty fifth day of September A. D. 1847.

Salvador Vallejo 

Territory of California
District of Sonoma } ^{ss.} Personally appeared before me the under-
signed Alcalde of the District of Sonoma, Salvador Vallejo, who is
personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to
the foregoing instrument of writing as having executed the same &
acknowledged the same to be his act & deed for the purposes therein
mentioned - Given under my hand at Office in Sonoma this 25th day
of Sept. 1847

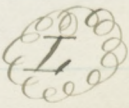
L. W. Boggs

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with the said John Grigsby his heirs & assigns to warrant & forever to defend the title to the said tract of land from the lawful claim or claims of any & every person whatsoever claiming or to claim the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal, Done at Sonoma in the said Territory of California this twenty fifth day of September A. D. 1847.

Salvador Vallejo 

Territory of California }
District of Sonoma } ss. Personally appeared before me the undersigned Alcalde of the District of Sonoma, Salvador Vallejo, who is personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as having executed the same & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed for the purposes therein

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book A of Deeds page 300 as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 188 4

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

Deed
Salvador Vallejo
to
John Grigsby

Dated 25th Sept - a.d. 1847

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u.s. Dist Court Dist of Cal

True of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Napa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 1.

Filed December 5th 1884

Donald Hoffman
Clk

Pauliff's Esch. No. 19

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This Indenture, Made the ⁻¹¹⁻ 25⁻ day of *March*

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*two*

BETWEEN

George Linn and Nancy Linn, his wife, of the County of Napa and State of California, Parties of the first part, and Levi George of the County and State aforesaid

the party of the second part, WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand* $\langle 25,000 \rangle$

Dollars, in gold coin of the United States of America, to

them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed and by these presents, Do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, and to *his* heirs and assigns forever

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those certain lots pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the *said* County of *Napa* and State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit:

1st Tract— Beginning at a stake on the Southern line of the Yount Grant, at the North Eastern corner of Mathews land, (formerly), and running thence with said Southern line of Yount Grant N. 45° 20' E. 60.31 chains to the center of Napa River; thence down said River, and following the meanderings thereof S. 72° 30' E. 5.50 chains; S. 58° 30' E. 14.00 chains; S. 84° E. 5.50 chains; S. 50° 30' E. 11.50 chains; S. 7° E. 3.00 chains; S 22° 30' E. 2.50 chains and S. 1° 30' E. 0.51 chains; thence quitting the center of said River, S. 45° 20' W. 39.25 chains, to the center of a Slough in the rear of the House now occupied by the Parties of the first part; thence with said Slough and following the meanderings thereof N. 61° 30' W. 5.72 chains and S. 89° 15' W. 1.50 chains; thence quitting said Slough S. 39° 30' W. 0.65 chains to a mark on a cross fence; thence with said fence S. 40° 30' E. 8.27 chains to the northern side of a Lane, fifteen feet wide; thence with said line of said Lane S.

55° W. 27.37 chains to the center of a Ditch forming the Western boundary of said tract; thence
N. 41° W. 34.88 chains to the point of beginning. — Containing $253 \frac{36}{100}$ acres of land. —

2nd Tract. — Beginning at a point in the middle of Napa River where the Southern line
of the Caymus Grant crosses said River, thence running along said Southern line S. 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W.
71.95 chains to a point; thence N. 45° W. 18 links to a point; thence N. 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 67.43
Chains to a point; thence N. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 4.06 chains to a point in the middle of said River, and
thence down the middle of said River following the meanderings thereof to the place of beginning. —
Containing $5 \frac{29}{100}$ acres of land. —

TOGETHER WITH all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

AND ALSO, all the estate, right, title, interest.....
.....property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said parties.....of the first part,.....of, in or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party.....of the second part.....his.....heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties...of the first part have...hereunto set their...hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delibered in the Presence of

C. A. Bourne
J. H. Alberding

George Linn
her
Nancy Linn Seal
mark

Territory of New Mexico }
~~State of New Mexico~~ } ss. *John R. Gaynes*
County of Lincoln }

ON THIS *Twenty fifth 25th* day of *March*

A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two 1882* before me,
George R. Bannan Clerk of the *3^d Judicial District Court*
~~in and for the Territory of New Mexico~~ By *George B. Barber* Deputy Clerk
personally appeared *George Linn*

known to me to be the same person whose name *is* subscribed to the within instrument, and *acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed as Grantor for the uses and purposes set forth in the same* acknowledged to me that *he* executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my *own* Seal, ~~my~~ in the *Lincoln* County of *Lincoln Territory aforesaid* the day and year in this Certificate first above written.



George R. Bannan Clerk
By *George B. Barber* Deputy

TOGETHER WITH all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belong-
ing, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders,
rents, issues and profits thereof.

AND ALSO, all the estate, right, title, interest.....
.....property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well
in law as in equity, of the said parties.....of the first part,.....of, in or to the above
described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

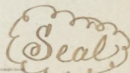
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together
with the appurtenances, unto the said party.....of the second part.....his.....heirs and
assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties...of the first part have...hereunto
set their...hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

C. M. Bourne
J. H. Alberding

George Linn
her
Nancy Linn
marks



State of California

County of Napa

ON THIS fifteenth day of April

A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ eighty-two before me,

Joseph C. Noyes a Notary Public,

in and for the County of Napa

personally appeared Nancy Linn

wife of George Linn known to me to be the person

whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, described as a married woman, and upon
examination, without the hearing of her said husband, I made her acquainted with the contents
of said instrument, and thereupon she acknowledged to me that she executed the same, and
that she does not wish to retract such execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the
County of Napa
the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Joseph C. Noyes
Notary Public.



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U.S. District Court
District of California

DEED.

In the Matter of the
Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to
him of portion of
Rancho de Stapa

George Linn & wife

TO

Levi George

Dated, 25th March 1882

Recorded at the Request of

Levi George

on the 15 day of Apr A. D. 1882

at 15 minutes past 2 P M.

in liber 31 of Deeds, page 153

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N. L. Nielsen

Co. Recorder
By Henry Brown
Deputy

Plaintiff's Exhibit 19

Filed December 5th 1884

Arthur Hoffmann
 Clerk

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Plaintiff Exhibit 18

This Indenture, Made the 15th day of April

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two

BETWEEN George Linn of the County of Napa and State of California, Party of the first part and John Finnell of the County and State aforesaid

the party of the second part, WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten

him ⁽¹⁰⁾ Dollars, in gold coin of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, HAS granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed and by these presents, Does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever ALL his right, title and interest in and to

that certain lot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Napa and State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a Stake in the center of the County Road leading from Napa City to Gountville, said Stake being the Northwestern corner of land now owned by W^m H. Gibbs, and running thence along said Gibbs Northely line. N. 58 1/2° E. 26.30 chains to the line of land formerly belonging to Lankeshim and Sinn; thence North 41° W. to the Southeastern corner of land formerly owned by Terrel S. Grigsby; thence South 58 1/2° W. 26.05 chains to a Stake in the center of said County Road, said Stake being the Southwestern corner of said Terrel S. Grigsby's (formerly) tract; thence in the center of said Road South 28 1/2° E. to the place of beginning -

10' 40' 100'

10' 40' 100'

10' 40' 100'

10' 40' 100'

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TOGETHER WITH all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

AND ALSO, all the estate, right, title, interest..... property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part y..... of the first part,..... of, in or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said part y..... of the second part..... his..... heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party..... of the first part has..... hereunto set. his..... hand and seal - the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delibered in the Presence of

George Linn
By C. Hartson
his Attorney in fact

State of California,
County of.....

ON THE State of California, } day of

A. D. County of Napa } ss. before me,

On this 15th day of April
one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before me,

personally appeared C. D. Duley a Notary Public,
in and for the said County of Napa personally
appeared C. Hartson

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to
the within Instrument, as the Attorney in fact of George Linn
and the said C. Hartson
acknowledged to me that he subscribed the name of George Linn
thereto as principal and
his own name as Attorney in fact.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the City of
County of Napa the day and year in this
Certificate first above written.

C. D. Duley
Notary Public.



No 433.

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U. S. District Court
District of California

DEED.

In the Matter of the
Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Napa

George Linn

TO

John Finnell

Plaintiff's Exhibit 18

Dated, April 15th 1882.

Recorded at the Request of

A. P. Goodman

on the 27 day of Apr A. D. 1882

at 44 minutes past 2 P. M.

in liber 29 of Deeds, page 422

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N. L. Nielson

Co Recorder

By Henry Brown

Deputy

Filed December 5th 1884

Arthur Hoffman
Clerk

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Expediente promovido
por Don Salvador Vallejo en pretencion
del parage nombrado de Napa.

200. -

Por Comand^{te} de la frontera.

Salvador Vallejo vecino con radicacion en esta frontera ante V. en la mejor forma que a sus derechos combenga espone: que siendo poseedor de un numero considerable de ganado vacuno y caballar, tener todo lo q. pueda conducir al perfecto cultivo de un terreno productivo, y careciendo de él p.^a el objeto indicado, solicito q. V. se sirva concederme, interin solicito del Gobierno el titulo de propiedad; el conocido con el nombre de Napa colindante con el C. Nicolas Iz^a (alser) con terrenos baldios (al Norte) cuyo terreno es baldio, y aunque antes de ahora los indigenas de ese rumbo tuvieron el ganado q. se les dio, al secularizarse esta esmision, á V. mismo le consta q. todo el ganado lo mataron, corriendo igual suerte el lanar y caballar p.^a la cual causa los redujo V. mismo á Comunidad. Por estas causas y las q. he referido arriba.

A. V. suplico atender mi solicitud y decretar en mi favor si lo hayase justo.

Sonoma Mayo 1^o de 1837.

Salvador Vallejo.
Rubrica

Marginal
Decre.

Sonoma Junio 2 de 1837.

Se concede al interesado en esta inst.^a el terreno que solicita p.^a ser baldio y no reconocer propiedad particular, conforme los linderos que se demarcan, pudiendo formalizar sus docum^{tos} ante el Gob.^o politico del Estado emprendiendo cuando combenga cualesquiera clase de cultivo &c.

Vallejo
Rubrica

Sor Governador

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Salvador Vallejo vecino de esta frontera ante V.E. en
devida forma espone; y habiendo solicitado del
Sor Comandante de estos puntos el paraje de Napa
comprendido desde el arroyo de este nombre y divide
al Ciudadano Nicolas Figuera de alguna parte
del terreno q tiene el mismo nombre de napa hacia
el Sur, y al Norte con el Ciudadano Jorge Gount p^a
establecer sus bienes raíces y semovientes, le fue con-
cedido provisionalm^{te} en los terminos q expresa el
documento num^o 1.^o q debidam^{te} acompaño, asi co-
mo el diseño q indica su estension.

P. T. A. V.E. suplica se sirva estenderle el titulo de
propiedad en los terminos de estilo, no lleudo la
presente en papel del sello correspond^{te} p^o no haver
lo en este lugar.

Sonoma febrero 28. de 1838.

Salvador Vallejo
Rubrica

Monterey Enero 1.^o de 1839.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este
espediente la providencia que aparece al margen
con fecha 2 de Junio de 1837 del Comandante de
la Frontera de Sonoma, con todo lo demas que se
tuvo y ver convino, de conformidad con lo dispues-
to por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, con
especialidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824, y
reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828; se declara
a D^o Salvador Vallejo dueño en propiedad del
paraje conocido con el nombre de Napa, con la estension
y linderos que demuestra el diseño que corre agregado
a este expediente, con las condiciones que expresa el

3.

título: librese el despacho correspondiente al interesado, tomese razon en el Libro respectivo, y reservese este expediente para la debida aprobacion de la Exma Junta Departamental, asi el Señor Du Juan B. Alvarado Gobernador del Departamento lo mando decretó y firmo de que doy fe.

Alvarado.
Rubrica

Angeles Octubre 3 de 1845.

Dado cuenta en sesion de hoy con este expediente a la E. A. D. se mando pasar a la comision de terrenos baldios.

Pio Pico
Rubrica

Agustin Olvera
Rubrica

Exmo Sr.

La comision de Terrenos baldios se ha impuesto detenidamente del Expedite promovido por el Sr. Salvador Vallejo y no ha encontrado en él, noticia alguna que pueda iluminarla en la aclaracion de la estension de q se compone el paraje del Vapa q el Gobierno concedio a' dho Sr Vallejo pues aunq es de suponerse q el maximum no excedera de los once sitios asignados a cada colono por el reglam^{to} de 21 de Nov.^o de 1828, con todo como la comision en fuerza del conocim^{to} q tiene adquirido en este ramo sabe q por lo general, los solicitantes de terrenos baldios muy raras veces piden el maximum concedible y como ni en la instancia del solicitante ni en el diseño q aparece del tal paraje ni en el decreto de concesion aparece la estension del terreno concedido, la comision crea como la medida mas prudente que para venir en conocim^{to} de

la estencion de tierras concedidas por el Gob^o al Sr. Vallejo (unico medio que la comision cree conducente para q^e la Exma Asamblea emita con pleno conocimiento su aprobacion) se soliciten los documentos que comprenden la estencion del terreno de Napa: en consecuencia la comision somete a la deliberacion de V. E. la proposicion sig^{te}.

Mientras tanto el interesado no remitirá copia fehaciente del titulo de concesion del paraje de Napa, y un plano correcto con su correspondiente escala, se suspende la aprobacion hecha á su favor por el Gob^o:

Sala de comisiones Angeles octubre 7 de 1845.

Francisco de la Guerra
Rubrica

Narciso Botello
Rubrica

Angeles Octubre 8 de 1845

En sesion de hoy se aprobó por la Exma Asamblea Departamental la proposicion del dictamen antecedente, mandando se devuelva el expediente al E. S. Gobernador p^a los fines convenientes

Pio Pico
Rubrica

Agustin Olvera
Sri Rubrica

Se comunicó por la secretaria de Gobierno a la parte de D^o Salvador Vallejo la ultima disposicion de la Asamblea.



Office of the Surveyor-General,)
Of the United States, for California.)

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I, Surveyor-General of the United States for the State of California, and as such, having in my office, and in my charge and custody, a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory, or Department of Upper California, as also the papers of the late Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California; by virtue of the power vested in me by law, Do Hereby Certify, that the — 6 — preceding, and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to — six — inclusive, exhibit a true, full and correct copy of the original.

Record of Proceedings filed in case "No 495 Joseph P. Thompson - Part of Napa" as the same appears designated on the docket of the foresaid Board of U. S. Land Commissioners. Said Record being entitled (1839 "Espediente promovido por Don Salvador Vallejo en pretension del parage nombrado de Napa 200.") with a traced copy of the original map contained therein.

and now on file in this office, and in my custody; that I have carefully compared the same with said original, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused my Seal of Office to be affixed, at the City of San Francisco, this Fourth day of September 1884

W. H. Brown

U. S. SURVEYOR-GENERAL FOR CALIFORNIA.



No 433 ND

U. S. District Court
District of California

In the Matter of the
Petition of

John Finnell
for confirmation to him
of portion of Rancho
de Napa.

"Exhibit A"

Filed December 5th 1884.
Dortman Hoffman
Clerk

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El Ciudadano Juan B. Alvarado Jefe Político interior
de la Alta California

Por cuanto D.^{no} Salvador Vallejo, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Napa dentro de los linderos del diseño que acompaño á su solicitud; practicadas previamente las diligencias concernientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas á nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras entendiendose dicha concesion con entera conformidad á las leyes á reserva de la aprobacion ó desaprobacion de la Exma Diputacion y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1.^a El agraciado, ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el que se les adjudica, ni ponerle censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca, ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo á manos muertas.

2.^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las travecias caminos y servidumbres; lo disputará libre y esclusivamente dedicandolo al cultivo y usos que le acomode.

3.^a Cuando se le conceda la propiedad solicitará del Juez respectivo le de la posesion jurídica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcarán sus linderos y pondrá sus mojoneras.

4.^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es puramente el que se expresa en la solicitud del interesado y se demarca en el diseño; y el Juez que

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lo poseione pasará aviso á este Gob^{no} del número de sitios que comprende

En consecuencia mando que sirviendole de título el presente y teniendose por firme y validero, se le tome razon en el libro que corresponda y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines convenientes

Es dado en S^{ta} Barbara á veinte y uno de Septiembre de mil ochocientos treinta y ocho.

Juan B. Alvarado
Rubrica

Queda tomada razon en el libro respectivo

Fran^{co} C. Arce
S. Y. Rubrica

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

La Ex^{ma} Asamblea Departamental en sesion de hoy ha acordado lo siguiente:

"Se aprueba la concesion hecha por el Sup^{to} Gobierno del Departamento en título librado con fecha veinte y uno del corriente en favor del Cud^o Salvador Vallejo del terreno de Napa con entera conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1832 y el artículo 5^o del reglamento de 21. de Noviembre de 1828."

Y para resguardo del interesado lo hago asi saber.

Es dado en S^{ta} Barbara á veinte y tres de Septiembre de mil ochocientos treinta y ocho

Juan B. Alvarado
Rubrica

Fran^{co} C. Arce
Rubrica

Juzgado 1.º
de
Sonoma

Espediente yustruido p^a medir y dar
posesion de cuatro sitios de ganado
mayor en el Rancho de Napa

al
Capitan D. Salvador Vallejo
Febrero 8 de 1844.

Testigos de as^{ta} { D. Victor Prudon
D. Damaso Rodriguez

Sello Cuarto Dos Reales

SELLO.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana marítima del puerto de Monterey, en el Departamento de las Californias, para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco

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Micheltorena
Rubrica

Pablo de la Sierra
Rubrica

Por Juez del 2.º Nominacion

Salvador Vallijo, vecino de esta jurisdiccion, dueño del rancho de Napa, como mejor proceda de dño. auto V. parezco y digo: q como consta del titulo q presento con la solemnidad y juram^{to} neces^o tengo en mi dho rancho cuatro sitios de ganado mayor, dentro de los linderos q espresa dho titulo; y p^a q' en todo tiempo conste hasta donde llegau dhos linderos, y si me perjudicau alg^o de los circunvecinos o yo á estos suplico á V. se sirva mandar q precediendo las diligencias acostumbradas de identidad, vista de ojos y reconocim^{to} etc. se proceda con citacion de los circunvecinos á la medida de mis dhas tierras, p^a cuyo efecto nombro desde ahora y p^a cuando el caso llegue, p^r medidor á Paulino Vasquez, vecino de esta Jurisdiccion inteligente en esta materia y q los demas q fueren interesados nombren p^r la suya otros medidores, y habiendolo hecho asi, los q nombren y el referido Paulino Vasquez, p^r mi nombrado aparescan, acepten y juren, y en su conformidad se proceda á dhas medidas. - P. T. á V. suplico q habiendo p^r presentado dho. docum^{to} se sirva mandar hacer como llebo pedido, y fho. q sea, se me devuelvan dhos documentos con las dilig^{cias} originales q.

se hicieren p^a en guarda de mi derecho, este esen-
to y todo lo necesario etc.

Sonoma Febr^o 4^o/844.

Salvador Vallejo
Rubrica

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Juzgado 1^o }
de Sonoma }

Diligencia de
la Presentacion
del Memorial

En el pueblo de Sonoma a los cuatro dias
del mes de Febr^o de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro,
ante mi Jacobo P. Seese Alcalde de 1^o nominacion
de esta jurisdiccion, se leyó la peticion de antecedente
y vista, la tuve p^a presentada con el documento
y espresa; y mando q^e con citacion de los circun-
vecinos se haga informacion de identidad, vista
de ojos y reconocim^{to} de dhas tierras a que estoy
permito a asistir personalm^{te}; asi lo provei, mande
y firmé con los de mi ass.^{ia}

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

Ass^{ia}
N^o Prudon
Rubrica

De asistencia
Dau^o A. Rodrg^z
Rubrica

Declaracion
del 1^o testigo
Nazarario Berre-
yuesa.

En el espresado pueblo a los cinco dias del mismo
mes y año, yo el referido Alcalde 1^o con los de mi
ass.^{ia} p^a proceder a la informac^{on} de identidad,
hize comparecer ante mi al ciud^o Nazario Ber-
reyesa vecino de esta jurisdiccion de oficio labra-
dor y casado del cual recibí juram^{to} q^e hizo p^a
Dios y la señal de la cruz en forma: a cargo
del cual prometio decir verdad, y siendo pre-
guntado p^a el conocim^{to} de las tierras y para-

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ges, terminos y linderos pertenec^{tes} al Rancho de Napa. Dijo: q^e hace diez años es vecino de esta jurisdiccion y sabe q^e las tierras pertenec^{tes} a dho rancho son del Capitan D. Salvador Vallejo, y tiene p^r linderos, al N. E. el Rio de Napa: al S. el arroyo de los Carneros: al N. O. el del Rancho de Yumth.: y al S. E. el de Nicolas Higuera, las cuales ha visto y reconocido varias veces, y q^e desde q^e las posee el referido D. Salvador Vallejo, las ha labrado, cultivado, y han pacido en ellas sus ganados, y p^r a prueba de lo q^e tiene dicho está pronto a ir a dhas. tierras con el pres^{te} puz y señalarle los parages, terminos y linderos donde llegan: y q^e lo q^e lleba dicho es la verdad p^r el juramento q^e tiene hecho, en q^e se afirmó y ratificó: Declaró ser de cincuenta y seis años de edad, y no tocarle las grades de la ley. Firmó conmigo y los de ass^{ia}.

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

Nazario Berelleza
Rubrica

De asistencia
Dau A. Rodrig^o
Rubrica

ass^{ia}
N^o Prudon
Rubrica

Declaracion
del 2^o testigo
Rafael Narvaez

En el mismo pueblo dia mes y año, yo el referido Alcalde 1.^o hize comparecer ante mi y los de mi ass^{ia} al ciud^o Rafael Narvaez vecino de esta jurisd^{ic}, de oficio Sabador del cual recibí juram^{to} en forma, de decir verdad, y siendo preguntado p^r el conocim^{to} de las tierras y parages, terminos y linderos pertenec^{tes} al Rancho de Napa dijo: q^e hace seis años es vecino de esta jurisdiccion

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y sabe q las tierras pertenc^{tes} a' dho Rancho con del Capitan Dⁿ Salvador Vallejo y tiene p^r linderos: al N.E. el Rio de Napa, al S. el Arroyo de los Carneros, al N.O. el del Rancho de Yumth y al S.E. el de Nicolas Higuera, las cuales ha visto y reconocido varias veces y q desde q las posee el referido D. Salvador Vallejo, las ha labrado, cultivado y han pacido en ellas sus ganados y p^a prueba de lo q tiene dicho esta' pronto a' ir a' dhas tierras con el prest^e Juez y señalarle los parajes, terminos y linderos donde llegan y q lo q lleva dicho es la verdad p^r el juram^{to} q tiene hecho, en q se afirmo' y ratifico'. Declaro' ser de cuarenta y nueve años de edad, no tocarle las grades de la ley y

Jacob P. Leese
Rubrica

Rafael Narbaes
Rubrica

As^{ia}
V^r Prudon
Rubrica

As^{ia}
Dⁿ A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica

Declaracion
del 3^o testigo
Felipe Gomez

Acto continue, hize comparecer ante mi y los de mi ass^{ia} al ciud^o Felipe Gomez vecino de esta jurisd^{on} del cual recibí juram^{to} en forma de decir verdad, y siendo preguntado p^r el conoci^{to} de las tierras y parajes, terminos y linderos pertenec^{tes} al rancho de Napa, dijo: q hace cinco años, habita en esta frontera, y sabe q las tierras pertenec^{tes} a' dho Rancho son del Cap^{tan} D. Salvador Vallejo y tiene p^r linderos: al N.E. el Rio de Napa, al S. el arroyo de los Carneros, al

N.O. el del Rancho de Yumth, y al S.E. el de Nicolas Higuera, las cuales ha visto y reconocido varias veces, y q desde q las posee el referido D. Salvador Vallejo, las ha labrado, cultivado, y han pacido en ellas sus ganados; y p^a prueba de lo q tiene dho está pronto a ir a dhas tierras con el presente Juez, y señalarle los parages, terminos y linderos donde llegan y q. lo q. lleva dicho a la verdad p^r el juramento que tiene hecho, en q se afirmó y ratificó. Declaro ser de cincuenta y dos años de edad y no tocable las q^lbrs de la ley; y p^r no saber firmar hizo una señal de cruz de q doy fe

Felipe Gomez +

Jacobo P. Seuse
Rubrica

Dam A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica

ase^{ta}
N^o Prudon
Rubrica

Reconocimiento

Estando en el campo, en el parage nombrado Arroyo de Napa, lindero de Nicolas Higuera, el día cinco de Febr del presente año: yo el Alcalde 1^o actuando p^r receptoria con dos testigos de ase^{ta} p^r falta de escribano publico; los testigos p^r mi examinados pres^{te} el capⁿ D. Salvador Vallejo, dueño de dhas tierras y C.C. Georq. Yumth y Nicolas Higuera, colindantes y circunvecinos, procedi a ver y reconocer las tierras de dho Rancho; y p^r mayor claridad, puesto a caballo en compañía de todas las partes y testigos referidos mandé a los susodichos, me señalasen los parages, terminos y linderos de ellas segun las señales q han declarado en sus deposiciones y en su con-

formidad quiam al S. hasta llegar al arroyo de los
Carneros el q me mostraron y desde alli prosiguió
el reconocimiento y vista de ojos de dhas tierras,
rumbo N.O. hasta llegar al lindero del rancho
de Yumth, camino de arriba, de alli continuau-
do N.N.O siguiendo el mismo arroyo llegamos
al camino de arriba q va p^a el rancho de Yumth
desde donde me enseñaron una parte de tierra
intransitable hasta llegar al lindero de Yumth,
desde donde, tomando rumbo N.N.E. llegamos
al río de Napa y bajando dicho río, rumbo S.
llegamos al arroyo de Napa; el cual subimos,
siguiendo el rumbo O hasta encontrarnos en el
mismo punto de donde se empezó el reconoci^{to}
y dijeron ser todos los terminos y linderos de
las expresadas tierras pertenec^{tes} a D. Salvador
Vallejo, cuyos parages, yo el repetido Alcalde
1^o vi y reconoci con los de mi as^{ta} testigos
examinados y papeles presentados; y cotejados
con estos el referido reconoci^{to} ser cierta la
identificacion de las mencionadas tierras, segun
y como lo declararon dthos testigos y p^{as} q con lo
se puso p^r dilig^{ia} y lo firme con los de mi as^{ta}
y demas q supieron de q doy fe

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

As^{ta}

Dam A. Rodrig^o
Rubrica

As^{ta}
Vor Prudon
Rubrica

Nasario Berellesa
Rubrica

Rafael Narbaez
Rubrica

Felipe Gomez +

Notificación
al interesado p^a
que ratifique el
nombramiento
de medidor.

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Y enmediatam^{te} yo el Alcalde 1^o p^a proceder a las
medidas contenidas en estos autos mando q se
notifique a' dho D. Salvador Vallejo, dueño de
las tierras p^a q ratifique el nombram^{to} de
medidor, como así mismo q de acuerdo todos
los colind^{tes} nombren p^r su parte el scyo ha-
biendo de ser intetig^{tes} en materia de medidas,
y los q fueren nombrados, parezcan, acepten y
juren y hecho esto, estoy pronto a señalar día
p^a dhas medidas. Así lo provei, mandé y
firmé con los de mi ass^{ia}

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

de asistencia

Dam A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica

V^o Pridon
Rubrica

Ratificación
del nombram^{to}
de Medidor.

En el mismo día, mes y año, yo el Alcalde 1^o lei
y notifique el auto de su uso segun y como en
él se contiene al cap^o D. Salvador Vallejo y a sus
colindantes en sus personas q conosco; habiendolo
oido y entendido dijeron lo oyen, y el primero dijo
q ratifica su nombram^{to} en el ciud^o Paulino
Vasquez y los segundos nombran a Fran-
cisco Figuera ambos intetig^{tes} y de legalidad a
quienes notifique parezcan acepten y juren,
y a consecuencia se proceda a dhas medidas
como está mandado, y lo firmaron los que supi-
eron ante mi y los de ass^{ia} de q doy fe.

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

Nasario Berellesa
Rubrica

Paulino Vasquez +

Felipe Gomez +

Rafael Narbaez
Rubrica

De ass^{ia} Dam A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica

ass^{ia} V^o Pridon
Rubrica

Notificación
a los medidores
y su juram^{to}

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Inmediatam^{te} yo el referido Alcalde 1^o leí y notifiqué el auto de su uso y nombram^{to} de medidores a los C.C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera vecinos de esta jurisdicción en sus personas y conoço, y habiendo oído y entendido dijeron, q^e aceptan el encargo de medidores y se les confia, y juran a D. N. S. y la señal de la S. † q^e usarán de su encargo fiel y legalm^{te} segun su leal saber y entender, y dhas medidas las verificarán con fidelidad y exactitud, como es de su obligacion, y a satisfaccion de todos los interesados; y habiendo asi respuesto lo firmaron conmigo y los de as^{ia} de q^e doy fé

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

Paulino Vasquez †

De as^{ia}

as^{ia}

Dau. A. Rodriguez
Rubrica

V^{or} Prudon
Rubrica

Asignacion
del dia de
las medidas

En seguida yo el repetido Juez habiendo visto la aceptacion y juram^{to} hecho p^r los C.C. Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera nombrados p^r medidores: dije q^e p^a proceder a dhas medidas, asignaba y asigne el dia ocho del pres^{te} mes a las ocho de la mañana, y q^e se haga saber asi a los mencionados medidores, citandose al efecto, tambien a los circunvecinos colind^{tes} asi lo provei mandé y firmé con los de mi as^{ia}.

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

as^{ia}

V^{or} Prudon
Rubrica

De as^{ia}

Dau. A. Rodriguez
Rubrica

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Inmediatam^{te} se hizo saber el auto q^e antecede a la parte interesada Capⁿ D. Salvador Vallejo,

Notificación
del auto an-
terior.

a los medidores Paulino Vasquez y Francisco Higuera; y entendidos dijeron q se dan p^r citados, y lo firmaron con el preste Juez y los de as^{ta}.

Paulino Vasquez +
De as^{ta}

Jacob P. Seese
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Dam A Rodriguez
Rubrica

N^o Prudon
Rubrica

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Libram^{to} de
boletos de com-
parendo.

En el mismo dia, mes y año, se libraron boletos de comparendo a los Colindantes C.C. George Youth y Nicolas Higuera p^a q. comparecan el dia cita- do, y a la hora asignada; en el mencionado ran- cho de Napa; y p^a constancia, lo firmé con los de mi as^{ta}

as^{ta}

N^o Prudon
Rubrica

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

de as^{ta}

Dam A. Rodriguez
Rubrica

Medida del
Cordel.

En el Rancho de Napa a los ocho dias del mes de Febro de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro Presente el Capitán D. Salvador Vallejo y circun- vecinos a dhas tierras, hice comparecer ante mi y los de mi as^{ta} a los C.C. Paulino Vas- quez y Francisco Higuera medidores nombrados a quienes mandé tomasen un cordel de hilo y midiesen cincuenta v^{as} con vara de medir de cuatro palmos castellanos y en efecto, los referidos medidores en mi presencia, midieron en un cordel torcido y bien tirado, con v^a de medir Castellana Me- jicana y sellada el numero dicho de cincuenta varas. Lo q^d verificaron fiel y legalmente a vista

y presencia del interesado y circunvecinos; y p.^o
q. conste, mando se ponga p.^o diligencia y se
proceda a dhas medidas como está mandado,
lo q. certifico así mismo firmandolo con los
de mi a^{ss}ia.

Jacob P. Seese
Rubrica

ase^{ia}
Por Prudon
Rubrica

De a^{ss}ia.
Dau A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica

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Medida del
Rancho.

Estando en el campo y tierras pertenec^{tes} al Rancho
de Napa, del Cap.ⁿ D. Salvador Vallejo, hoy día
ocho de Febr. de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cua-
tro, yo el Alcalde l.^o de esta jurisdic.ⁿ actuando
p.^o receptoria, con dos testigos de a^{ss}ia p.^o falta
de Escribano Publico; presente los C.C. Paulino
Vasquez y Francisco Higuera, medidores
nombrados p.^o la parte interesada y colindantes
mandé procediere a las medidas de cuatro
sitios de ganado mayor q. poco mas o me-
nos, tocan y pertenecen al rancho dicho, se-
gun el titulo y disco presentados, en cuyo
obedecimiento habiendo vuelto a medir
y reconocer el cordel, dieron principio a
dha medida, empezando p.^o el arroyo de
Napa lindero de Nicolas Higuera, desde
donde siguiendo rumbo S. hasta llegar al paso
de abajo del arroyo de los Carneros se mi-
dieron ciento veinti cordeles de cincuenta
varas. Allí levanto el interesado un
monton de piedras en señal de la mohonera
q. pondria en efecto; de este punto siguiendo

la medida hacia el N. O. por todo el arroyo, hasta el camino de arriba q^o va p^a Napa, se contaron ciento veinte cordeles (seis mil v^o) y puso el interesado la correspondiente señal p^a formar allí tambien la mohonera respectiva. Siguiendo el mismo arroyo N. N. O. hasta el camino de arriba q^o va p^a el rancho de Yuuth se contaron noventa y dos cordeles (cuatro mil seiscientas va^o) y no pudiendo pasar adelante por ser una serrania intrasitable se calculó á vista de ojo hasta el lindero de Yuuth doscientos cordeles (diez mil va^o) donde así mismo puso otra señal p^a poner otra mohonera; y continuando hacia el N. N. E. hasta el Rio de Napa se midieron sesenta y cinco cordeles (tres mil doscientos cincuenta va^o) donde pondria igualmente q^u en las ant^o la correspondiente mohonera. Bajando el mismo rio rumbo S. E. hasta el arroyo de Napa, se midieron trescientos tres y medio cordeles (quince mil ciento setenta y cinco v^o); puso la señal de mohonera, y siguiendo el mismo arroyo, rumbo O. llegamos al punto de donde se dio principio á las medidas y se contaron cincuenta y dos cordeles (dos mil seiscientas va^o) de manera q^o dándose p^r concluida la medida del terreno q^o comprende el rancho de Napa, resulta una circunferencia de (cuarenta y siete mil seiscientas veinte y cinco v^o) poco menos de lo q^o corresponde á cuatro sitios de ganado mayor; y declaran los enunciados medidores estar enterado el Capⁿ D. Salvador Vallejo de las tierras q^o le corresponden, segun el título y diseño q^o se

hallau á la cabeza de este esped^{te}

Por todo lo cual y en señal de verdadera posesion y ceremonial acostumbrado, arrancó piedras y yerbas y tiró p^{ra} los cuatro vientos, en manifestacion de su legal y legitima posesion q^e tomó p^{ra} si. En consecuencia mande q^e p^{ra} mas claridad de los linderos q^e van expresados hiciere á su costa y mansion, unas mohoneras de piedra y cal, en altos de mas de vara, p^{ra} q^e en todo tiempo conste; reconozcan y queden p^{ra} terminos y linderos de sus tierras p^{ra} los demas circunvecinos de ellas, y de haberse ejecutado dhas medidas quietas y pacificam^{te} sin contradiccion de persona alguna. Lo pidió por testimonio y yo el referido alcalde 1^o con los de mi a^{ss}ia lo doy de haber pasado como dho es, y que las expresadas medidas han sido practicadas á todo el leal saber y entender de los medidores segun depusieron, sin dolo, fraude ni engaño en contra de ninguna persona, y p^{ra} mas seguridad y ratificacion del juram^{to} q^e tienen hecho firmaron conmigo y los de mi a^{ss}ia de q^e doy fe.

Jacob P. Leese
Rubrica
Paulino Vasquez +
De a^{ss}ia
Dan A. Rodrig^z
Rubrica
Rubrica
Rubrica

En vista de hallarse concluido este esped^{te} en q^e consta habersele dado posesion juridica del Rancho nombrado Napa á distancia de cuatro leguas de este pueblo al Cap^{tn} D. Salvador Vallejo q^e la

Diligencia p^a
la entrega del
Expediente al
interesado

tomó por sí. Entreguere a la parte el original p^a los
usos q^e le conuegan con los documentos q^e presentó.
El Cuid^o Jacobo P. Seese Alcalde 1^o de esta jurisdiccion
actuando p^r receptoria con dos testigos de
assia p^r falta de Escribano publico, así lo provei
mandé y firmé a doce de Febr. de mil ochocientos
cuarenta y cuatro

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Jacob. P. Seese
Rubrica

assia
N^o Rudon
Rubrica

De assia
Don A. Rodriguez
Rubrica

(Endorsed)

N^o 495. A. Napa Tille & Jur^t possession -
Filed in office Dec. 21st 1852. Geo Fisher Secy.
Exhibit No. 1. to the Deposition of Jose de la Rosa
in No 495. Geo Fisher Secy.



Office of the Surveyor-General,

Of the United States, for California.

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I, Surveyor-General of the United States for the State of California, and as such, having in my office, and in my charge and custody, a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory, or Department of Upper California, as also the papers of the late Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California; by virtue of the power vested in me by law, Do Hereby Certify, that the 16 preceding, and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to sixteen — inclusive, exhibit a true, full and correct copy of the original.

Titte (2d) Juridical possession
of the Rancho of Napa granted to Salvador Vallejo on the 21 of
September 1838. Filed in case "N. 495 A. Napa. Titte & Juridical
possession" as the same appears on the Docket of the
foresaid Board of Commissioners together with endorse-
ments thereon.

and now on file in this office, and in my custody; that I have carefully compared the same with said original, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused my Seal of Office to be affixed, at the City of San Francisco, this sixth day of September — 1884



W. H. Brown

U. S. SURVEYOR-GENERAL FOR CALIFORNIA.

No. 433.

U.S. District Court
District of California

In the Matter of the
Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him
of portion of Rancho
de Napa.

Exhibit B.

Filed December 5th 1884
Milton Hoffmann
Clerk

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This Indenture, Made the third day of June
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two

BETWEEN Levi George of the County of Napa and
 State of California the party of the first
 part, And John Finnell of the County
 of Yehama and State of California

the party of the second part, WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and
 in consideration of the sum of Twenty Six Thousand & _____

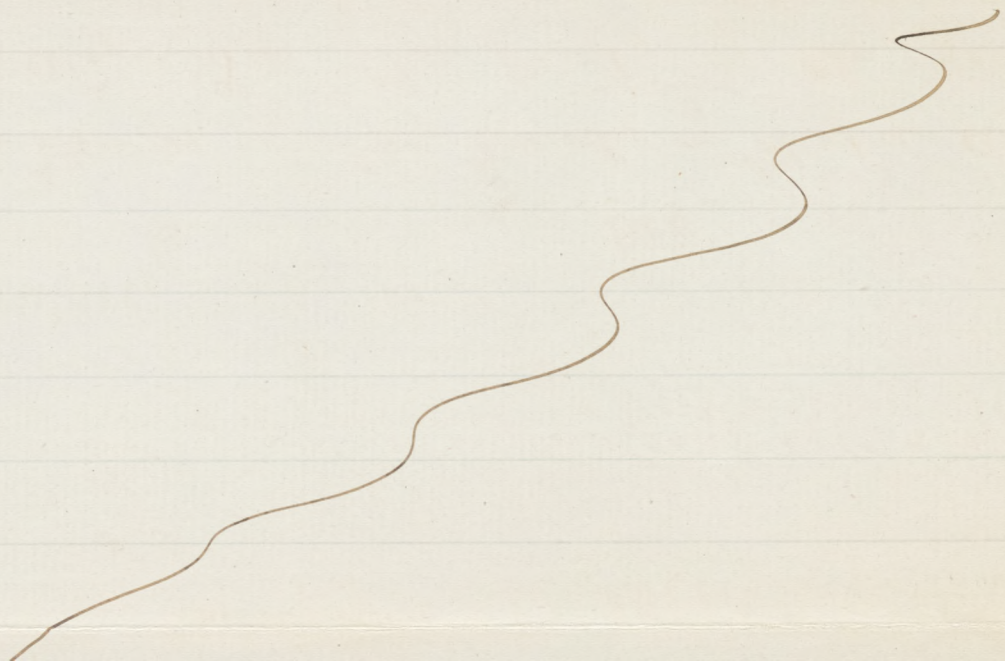
_____ Dollars, in gold coin of the United States of America, to
him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensembling
 and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, He granted,
 bargained, sold, and conveyed and by these presents, Doth grant, bargain, sell and
 convey unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever
 ALL _____

those certain lots pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the said
 County of Napa and State of California, and bounded and particularly
 described as follows, to wit:

1st Tract - Beginning at a stake on the Southern line
 of the Yount Grant at the North Eastern corner of
Mathews land (formerly) and running thence with
 said Southern line of Yount Grant N 45° 20' E
 60.31 Chains to the center of Napa River; thence
 down said River; and following the meanderings
 thereof S 72° 30' E 5.50 Chains. S 58° 30' E 14.00 Chains
 S. 84° E 5.50 Chains, S 50° 30' E 11.50^{ch} S 7° E 3.00 Chains
 S 22° 30' E. 2.50 Chains and S. 1° 30' E. 0.51 Chains; thence
 quitting the center of said River S 45° 20' W 39.25

Chains, to the center of a slough in the rear of the House once occupied by George Linn and Nancy Linn his wife, thence with said slough and following the meanderings thereof $N 61^{\circ} 30' W 5.72$ Chains and $S 89^{\circ} 15' W 1.50$ Chains; thence quitting said slough $S 39^{\circ} 30' W 0.65$ Chains to a mark on a cross fence, thence with said fence $S 40^{\circ} 30' E 8.27$ Chains to the northern side of a Lane, fifteen feet wide; thence with said line of said Lane $S 55^{\circ} W 27.37$ Chains to the center of a Ditch forming the western boundary of said tract, thence $N 41^{\circ} W 34.88$ Chains to the point of beginning containing $253 \frac{36}{100}$ acres of land.

2nd Tract — Beginning at a point in the middle of Napa River where the southerly line of the Caymus Grant crosses said River, thence running along said southerly line $S 45 \frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W 71.95$ Chains to a point; thence $N 45^{\circ} W 18$ links to a point; thence $N 44 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 67.43$ Chains to a point, thence $N 15 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 4.06$ Chains to a point in the middle of said River, and thence down the middle of said River following the meanderings thereof to the place of beginning — containing $5 \frac{29}{100}$ acres of land




TOGETHER WITH all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

AND ALSO, all the estate, right, title, interest.....
.....property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party.....of the first part,.....of, in or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party.....of the second part.....his.....heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party.....of the first part ha.S....hereunto set his.....hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delibered in the Presence of

Levi George 

State of California, } ss.
County of Napa, }

ON THIS Third day of June

A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty two before me,

Joseph C. Noyes a Notary Public
in and for the said County of Napa

personally appeared Levi George

known to me to be the same person - whose name is - subscribed to the within instrument, and he duly

acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the said County of Napa the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Joseph C. Noyes,
Notary Public



No 433.

the Linn ranch 19

U.S. District Court
District of California

DEED.

In the Matter of
the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to
him of portion of
Rancho de Napa

Leri George

TO

John Finnell

Plaintiff Exhibit 20.

Dated, June 3rd 1882

Recorded at the Request of

Geo. E. Goodman

on the 3 day of June A. D. 1882

at 3 minutes past 3 P M.

in liber 29 of Deeds, page 457

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V. L. Nielsen

Co Recorder

Ory Henry Brown
Deputy

Filed December 5th 1884

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Clerk

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Plaintiff Exhibit - 2

John Grigsby
to
Wm N. Seawell

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This Indenture Made the Fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty, Between John Grigsby of the County of Napa and State of California party of the first part, and William N. Seawell of said County and State party of the second part, Witnesseth; That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$15,660.00) Dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, remise, conveyed and quit-claimed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, remise, convey and quit claim, unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situate lying and being in the County of Napa and State of California, and now in the possession of the party of the first part, and described as follows, to wit; Beginning at a Stake in the south line line of Grunts Grant at the North East corner of W. R. Mathews land and running thence N. 45° 20' E. with Grunts line Sixty (60) chains thirty one (31) links to the center of Napa Creek, thence down said Creek with the meanders thereof S. 72° 30' E. Five (5) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 58° 30' E. fourteen (14) chains, thence S. 84° E. Five (5) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 56° 30' E. Eleven (11) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. 7° E. three (3) chains, thence S. 22° 30' W. two (2) chains fifty (50) links thence S. 7° 30' E. one (1) chain forty links to a Stake on the west bank of said Napa Creek from which a white oak tree six (6) inches in diameter bears S. 19° E. thirty seven (37) links distant and a white oak tree four (4) inches in diameter bears N. 10° W. fourteen (14) links distant, thence S. 45° 20' W. Sixty nine (69) chains eighty five (85) links to a Stake in C. S. James East line, thence N. 41° W. thirty eight (38) chains twenty six (26) links to the place

of beginning containing Two hundred and sixty one (261) acres, more or less.
Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances
thereunto belonging and the rents issues and profits thereof and all rights, ways
and easements thereunto belonging.

To Have and to Hold all and singular the above described premises to-
gether with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs
and assigns forever, and the said party of the first part for himself and his
heirs doth covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof he is the lawful
owner of the premises above granted, that said premises are clear of all encum-
brances whatsoever and that he will warrant and defend the above premi-
ses in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second
part his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set
his hand and seal the day and year first above written
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } John Grigsby (Seal)
Robert Crouch }

State of California)
County of Napa)³⁵ On this Fifteenth day of September A.D. One thou-
sand eight hundred and sixty before me Robert Crouch, Clerk of the County
Court in and for said County, personally appeared the within named John
Grigsby, to me personally known to be the individual described in and who
executed the Annexed Instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the
same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said
Court at Office in Napa City the day and year last above written

(Seal) Robert Crouch clerk

A true copy of an original recorded at request of J. Brown Smith 17th Sept 1860
at 10³/₄ o'clock A.M.

Robert Crouch Co-Recorder
By C. E. Cloyes deputy

of beginning containing Two hundred and sixty one (261) acres, more or less.
Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances
thereunto belonging and the rents issues and profits thereof and all rights, ways
and easements thereunto belonging.

To Have and to Hold all and singular the above described premises to-
gether with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs
and assigns forever, and the said party of the first part for himself and his
heirs doth covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof he is the lawful
owner of the premises above granted, that said premises are clear of all encum-
brances whatsoever and that he will warrant and defend the above premi-
ses in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second
part his heirs and assigns forever.

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

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed
recorded in Book F of Deeds pages 286 & 287 as the same appears
of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day

of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

Certified Copy 2

Deed

John Grigsby

Wm. N. Seawell

Dated 15th Sept a.D. 1860

No 433.

U.S. Dist Court, Dist of Cal

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Stapa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 2.

Filed December 5th 1884

Richard H. French
Clerk

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Plaintiff Exhibit - 3 -

William W. Seawell
to
John W. Seawell

This Indenture, made the twenty ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, Between, William W. Seawell of the County of Napa and State Party of the

first part, and John W. Seawell of the same County and State Party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said Party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said Party of the second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, All the following described real estate situate lying and being in Napa County and State of California and now in the Possession of the Party of the first part, to wit; Beginning at a Stake in the South line of Younts Grant at the North East corner of the land of W^m R. Matthews and running thence North $45^{\circ} 20'$, East with Younts line Sixty (60) chains thirty one links (31) to the centre of Napa Creek thence down said Creek with the meander thereof South $72^{\circ} 30'$, East five (5) chains fifty (50) links. Thence South $58^{\circ} 30'$, East fourteen (14) chains, thence South 84° East five (5) chains fifty (50) links, thence South $56^{\circ} 30'$ East eleven (11) chains fifty links (50), thence South 7° East three (3) chains thence South $22^{\circ} 30'$ West two (2) chains fifty (50) links, thence South $1^{\circ} 30'$ East, one (1) chain forty (40) links to a Stake on the West bank of said Napa Creek from which a white oak tree six inches in diameter bears South 19° East thirty seven (37) links, distant and a white oak tree four (4) inches in diameter bears North 10° West fourteen (14) links distant thence South $45^{\circ} 20'$ West Sixty nine chains (69) eighty five (85) links to a Stake in C. L. Janies East line thence North 41° West thirty eight chains (38) twenty six (26) links to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and sixty one (261) acres, more or less.

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Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And also, all the Estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said Party of the first Part, of, in or to the above described Premises, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances,

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To Have and to Hold, all and singular the above mentioned and described Premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said Party of the second Part, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said William N. Seawell, Party of the first Part, for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators, does hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that he has not made, done, committed, executed or suffered any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, whereby or by means whereof, the above mentioned and described Premises, or any part or parcel thereof, now are, or at any time hereafter shall or may be impeached, charged or incumbered, in any manner or way whatsoever, saving and excepting the execution and delivery of a Mortgage to a John Grigsby for the sum of Seven Thousand Eight hundred and thirty Dollars \$7,830.00, dated the 15th day of September A. D. 1860.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first Part, has hereunto set hand and seal the day and year first above written
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of } W. N. Seawell (Seal)
James Broome Smith }

State of California)
County of Napa)^{ss.}

On this twenty ninth day of January A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one, before me J. F. Houz, a Justice of the Peace for said Napa County, personally appeared William N.

Seawell, to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my Seal, the day and year first above written.

Isiah S. Hows (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

A true copy of an original recorded at request of J. H. Seawell 29th Jan'y 1861 at 6¹/₄ o'clock P. M.

Robert Couch Co. Recorder

By C. E. Hayes Deputy

Seawell, to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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In Witness Whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affixed my Seal, the day and year first above written.

Isaiah S. Hows (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

A true copy of an original recorded at request of J. H. Seawell 29th Jan'y 1861 at 6 1/4 o'clock P. M.

Robert Couch Co. Recorder

By C. E. Coyes Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Napa.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book F of Deeds pages 447+e as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day of Nov A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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Deed

W^m N. Seawell
to

J. H. Seawell

Dated 29th Jan'y. A.D. 1861

No 433.

U. S. Dist Court Dist of Cal

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for Confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Topa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 3.

Filed December 5th 1884

Orlando Hoffman
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Plaintiffs Exhibit - 4

John H. Seawell
to
Jesse Grigsby

This Indenture, made this ninth (9) day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty two, Between John H. Seawell of the County of Napa and State of California, of the first part and Jesse Grigsby of the same place party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, remise, release and quit-claim unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever, All that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in Napa County, State of California, known and described as follows, to wit; Beginning at a Stake in the South line of Younts Grant, at the north east corner of W. R. Mathews' land and running thence north $45^{\circ} 20'$ E. with Younts line sixty (60) chains thirty one (31) links to the center of Napa Creek, thence down said creek with the meander thereof, S. $72^{\circ} 30'$ E. five (5) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. $58^{\circ} 30'$ E. fourteen (14) chains, thence S. 84° E. five (5) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. $36^{\circ} 30'$ E. eleven (11) chains fifty links, thence S. 7° E. three (3) chains, thence S. $22^{\circ} 30'$ W. two (2) chains fifty (50) links, thence S. $1^{\circ} 30'$ one (1) chain forty (40) links to a Stake on the West bank of said Napa Creek from which a white oak tree six (6) inches in diameter bears S. 19° E. thirty seven (37) links distant, and a white oak tree four (4) inches in diameter bears N. 10° W. fourteen (14) links distant, thence S. $45^{\circ} 20'$ W. sixty nine (69) chains eighty five (85) links to a Stake on C. L. James' East line, thence North 41° W. thirty eight (38) chains twenty six (26) links to the place of beginning - Containing two Hundred and sixty one acres of land more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

And, also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand, whatsoever as will, in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances,

To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence of } John W. Seawell Seal
L. Brück }

State of California
County of Napa

On this eleventh day of October A. D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty two, before me Louis Brück a Notary Public in and for said Napa County personally appeared John W. Seawell to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year first above written.

Seal } L. Brück
Notary Public

A true Copy of an original recorded at request of P. W. S. Royle
29 Oct. 1862 at 45 min past 10 O'clock A.M.

Robt. Knuck Co Recorder
by J. C. Penwell Dpt.

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Recorded in
and returned to
County of Napa
California
on this 11th day of October 1862
at 10:45 AM
L. Brück
Notary Public

Received of
John W. Seawell
the sum of
\$100.00
for
the recording of
this instrument
this 11th day of
October 1862
L. Brück
Notary Public

And, also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever as will, in law as in equity, of the said Party of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises and every part and Parcel thereof with the appurtenances,

To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of } John H. Seawell Seal
L. I. Brick }

State of California }
County of Napa }
On this eleventh day of October A. D.
One thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed recorded in Book "G" of Deeds pages 524 &c as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 11th day of Nov A. D. 1862

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



Certified Copy 4
Deed
John H. Seawell
to
Jesse Briggs

Dated 9th Oct. a.D. 1862
to 433.

U.S. Dist Court. Dist of Cal

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Stapa

Plaintiff's Exhibit 4.

Filed December 5th 1884

Jonathan Hoffman
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This Indenture, Made the Twenty seventh day of December A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three

BETWEEN Isaac Sankersheim of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California the party of the first part and John Finnell of the County of Napa, State

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aforesaid the party _____ of the second part, WITNESSETH, that the said party _____ of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty four Thousand Four Hundred & Sixty five Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid by the said party _____ of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said party _____ of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, ALL of those two certain tracts or parcels of land, situate lying and being in the County of Napa, State of California, described as follows, to wit.

First tract. Beginning at a point in the centre of Napa River, where the North western line of land now or heretofore belonging to Jesse Whitton intersects said Napa River and running thence $S44^{\circ}30' W$. 50^{92} chains to the centre of a Ditch forming the North Eastern boundary of land of W. H. Gibbs; thence with the centre of said Ditch $N. 41^{\circ}15' W$. 42^{23} chains to the Northern line of a lane 15 feet wide; thence with said line of the lane $N55^{\circ} E$. 27^{37} chains to a cross-fence in front of the house occupied by G. Linn; thence with said fence $N. 40^{\circ}30' W$. 8^{27} chains to a mark on said fence; thence $N. 39^{\circ}30' E$. 0.65 chains to the centre of a Slough passing in the rear of the House now occupied by G. Linn; thence with said Slough and following the meanderings thereof $N 89^{\circ}15' E$. 1^{50} chains and $S 61^{\circ}30' E$. 5^{72} chains; thence quitting said Slough $N. 45^{\circ}20' E$ 39^{25} chains to the centre of Napa River; thence down said River and following the meanderings thereof to the point of beginning, containing 243^{65} acres, a little more or less

Second tract. The undivided one half part of that strip of land commencing at a stake in the centre of the County Road leading from Napa City to Sebastopol said stake being the North west corner of land now owned by Wm H Gibbs and running along said Gibbs' Northerly line $N 58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$ 26^{40} chains to the line of land of Sankersheim and Linn; thence $N. 41^{\circ} W$ to the South east corner of land formerly owned by J. L. Grigsby; thence $S. 58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W$. 26^{45} chains to a stake in the centre of said County Road - said Stake being the South west corner of said J. L. Grigsby tract; thence in the centre of said Road $S 28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E$ to the place of beginning


TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also, all the estate, right, title, interest, _____ property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part, has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

} I. Lankershim 

State of California,

} ss.

County of Napa

On this Twenty seventh day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three before me, Richard Dudding a Notary Public in and for said Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared the within named

Isaac Lankershim

whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Instrument as a party thereto, personally known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the said foregoing Instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Rich^d Dudding

NOTARY PUBLIC.



No. 433.

U.S. District Court
District of California

In the Matter of
the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to
him of portion of
Rancho de Napa

Plaintiff Exhibit 21.

Filed December 5th 1884

William Hoffman
Clerk

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DEED.

Isaac Lankersheim

TO

John Finnell

Dated 27th Decemr 1873

Recorded at request of

Goodman & Co.

Dec. 27th A. D. 1873

at 30 min. past 3 o'clock,
P. M. in Book "S"
of Deeds, on page 125.

Napa County Records

L. M. Corwin

Co. Recorder

Paid

In the United States District Court of
the in and for the District of California

Present.

Now Ogden Hoffman.

John Finnell

Petitioner.

Claiming under the special Act of Congress
of the United States, approved June 20th 1884,
entitled "An act authorizing claimants to the
"Rancho de Napa, in Napa County, Cali-
fornia, to prove up their title."

- vs -

The United States.

This cause came on regularly to be heard
this day upon the petition of John Finnell, claim-
ing the lands described in his petition on file
herein, under the special Act of Congress here-
inbefore named, and bring a part of the Rancho
de Napa, in Napa County, California,
F. E. Johnston, Esq. appearing for said peti-
tioner and S. G. Hilborn, United States
District Attorney, appearing on behalf

of the United States -

And it being shown to the satisfaction of the Court, from the oral and documentary proofs submitted, that the petitioner John Finwell, derives title through Salvador Vallejo, the original Mexican grantee of said Rancho de Napa, that the claim of said petitioner, nor that of his predecessor in title to the lands described in his petition, has not hitherto been passed upon by the proper authority, and that the claim of the original grantee was good and valid under Mexican laws relating to such cases, and that the claimant is entitled to have a confirmation of his claim by this Court; that there are no valid claims existing under the pre-emption, homestead or other laws of the United States, nor were there any such claims at the date of the passage of the said special act of Congress as aforesaid; and that there are no persons entitled to receive releases from the claimant John Finwell for any portion of the land described in his petition herein - that said petitioner is now, and he and his predecessors in title have been

for more than thirty years last past in the sole, exclusive and undisputed possession of the lands described in his petition and said John Finwell is now the owner of said lands. And all and singular the law and the premises being by the Court here understood and fully considered -

Whereupon, It is by the Court hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the claim of the said petitioner John Finwell is good and valid and the same is hereby confirmed and allowed.

The lands of which confirmation is hereby made are a portion of the Rancho de Napa situate in Napa County, California, and within the exterior boundaries of said Rancho, and are particularly described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point in the center of Napa River, where the south boundary line of the Caymus Rancho crosses said River; said point being the North East corner of the Rancho de Napa, as established by C. C. Tracy United States deputy Surveyor; thence

S. $45^{\circ} 25' N.$ along the South boundary of said Baynes Rancho 60.31 chains to West line of petitioner's fence: Thence S. $41^{\circ} E.$ ~~to~~ along fence 34.⁸⁸ chains to the South East corner of lands formerly owned by J. L. Grigsby: Thence S. $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} N.$ along fence 26.25 chains to the County Road leading from Napa City to Yountville; Thence South along said road 60 feet to the N. W. corner of lands formerly owned by C. L. Jones; Thence N. $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$ 36.30 chains to the N. E. corner of the tract of land formerly owned by C. L. Jones; Thence S. $41^{\circ} E.$ along fence 42.23 chains; Thence N. $45^{\circ} 20' E.$ along fence 50.⁹² chains to the center of Napa River; Thence up Napa River and following the meanderings thereof to the place of beginning, and being the same premises now in the possession of said petitioner under title deraigned through Salvador Vallejo, the original Mexican grantee of said ranchos.

Done in open court this 5th day
of December, 1884.

John Hoffman
Dist Judge

No. 433.

U.S. District Court
District of California

In the matter of the petition

- of -

John Finnell
for Confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Napa

Final decree of Confirmation

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Southard Hoffman Clerk

By W. D. Grimwood
Deputy Clerk

Entered in Book 2 of
Judgments & Decrees at
Page 477-8.

Receipt Exhibit 14

W. L. Phillips }
To }
George Linn }

For and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen
Hundred Dollars, U.S. Gold Coin, to me in hand
Paid by George Linn, the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, I, W. L. Phillips of the County of

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Napa and State of California, Do hereby grant to George Linn of the
County and State aforesaid, All that real property situated in Grant Town-
ship, County of Napa State of California, bounded and described as follows;
Beginning at the North west corner of the land now or formerly belonging to
George Linn and Isaac Lankershim, said North west corner being in the center of
the County Road; thence Southly and along the centre of a ditch, which said
ditch is the boundary between the land hereby intended to be conveyed and the
land belonging to S. Griffin, a distance of Seventeen chains and thirty two and
one quarter links; thence Eastly and Parallel with the above mentioned
County road, eight chains and Sixty six links; thence Northerly and Parallel
with the first described line, Seventeen chains and thirty two and one quarter links
to the center of the County road; thence westerly along the center of said County
Road eight chains and Sixty links to the place of beginning, Containing fifteen
acres of land; Being the same tract of land conveyed February 21st 1871,
by George Linn and Isaac Lankershim to me W. L. Phillips, and the
deed whereof is recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Napa County
in Book "O" of Deeds page 113, which said Records are hereby made
part of this instrument by reference thereto.

Witness my hand this Fourth day of November A.D. 1873.

Signed and Executed in the Presence of) W. L. Phillips (Seal)
Louis Brück)

State of California)
County of Napa)^{SS} On this Fourth day of November, A.D. eighteen
Hundred and seventy three, before me Louis Brück, a Notary Public, in and for
said Napa Napa County, duly commissioned and sworn, Personally appeared

W. L. Phillips, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that executed the same.

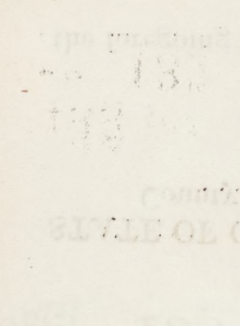
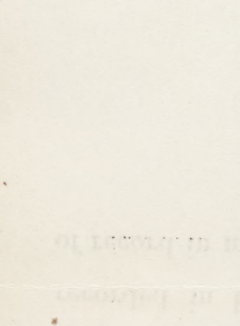
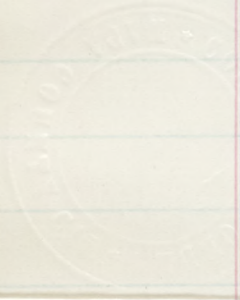
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E.S. 3

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official
County of Napa
Seal at my Office in the City of Napa, the day and year in this certificate
first above written. Louis Brück - Notary Public

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A true copy of an original, recorded at request Geo. Sinn Nov. 13th A.D. 1873, at
30 mins. past 9. a. m. the words "County of Napa," interlined by me before
signing

L. M. Corwin
Co. Recorder



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Deed
recorded in Book AS " of Deeds " page 35 as the same appears
of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day
of Nov A. D. 188 4

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.



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Deed
W. L. Phillips
^{to}
George Linn

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Dated 4th November A.D. 1873
No 433.

U. S. Dist Court. Dist of Cal^a

Title of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
partion of Rancho de Tapa

Plaintiffs Exhibit 16

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"Exhibit C"

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In the District Court of the United States
in and for the District of California

In the matter of the application of John
Dimmick for the Confirmation of a part of the
Napa Rancho, situated in Napa County.

State of California }
County of Napa } ss

John Dimmick being first duly
sworn deposes and says, that he is a resident
of said Napa County State of California and the
applicant in the above application named,
that the following deeds to wit: Salvador Val-
lejo to John Haysly dated September 25th 1847;
John Haysly to William N. Seawell, dated Sep-
tember 15th 1860; William N. Seawell to John
H. Seawell, dated January 29th 1861; John H.
Seawell to Jesse Haysly, dated October 9th 1862;
Jesse Haysly to John Landry, dated October 26th 1863;
John Landry to Isaac Lankester and George
Linn, dated September 1st 1864; Jesse Haysly ad-
ministrator of the estate of Mahala Haysly
deceased to Isaac Lankester and George
Linn, dated October 18th 1864; John Haysly to
Isaac Lankester and George Linn,
dated 29th April 1867; Isaac Lankester and
George Linn to W. L. Phillips dated February 21st
1871; Isaac Lankester to George Linn, dated

June 26th 1871; George Linn to Isaac Lanker-
shim, dated June 26th 1871, W. L. Phillips to Geo-
ge Linn, dated November 4th 1873, that said
deeds and each of them are a part of and
necessary evidence to be read in the hearing
of this said application before said Court, that
the original Deeds herebefore mentioned,
being or not, nor are any of them in
the possession or under the control of
this affiant; that the Powers of attorney,
to wit: John Gipsly to Jesse Gipsly dated Jan-
-uary 6th 1863, and George Linn to C. Hartson
dated April 1st 1881, are necessary and will
be required as evidence in the hearing of this
affiant's said Application, that the original
Powers of attorney aforesaid are not, nor is
either of them in the possession or under
the control of this affiant.

Subscribed and sworn
to before me this first day
of December 1884

Robt Cronche
Notary Public

John Finnell



No 433.

U. S. District Court
District of California

In the Matter of the
Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to
him of portion of
Rancho de Tapa

Exhibit C.

Filed December 5th 1884

Jonathan Hoffman
Clerk

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Plaintiff Exhibit 17

George Linn } Know all Men by these presents, that, I, George
To Linn of the County of Napa, State of California
C. Hartson } have made constituted and appointed and by these
presents do make, constitute and appoint, C. Hartson of the County
of Napa, State of California, my true and lawful Attorney, for me
and in my name place and stead, and for my use and benefit to ask,
demand, sue for, recover, collect and receive all such sums of
money, debts, dues, accounts, legacies, bequests, interests, dividends annu-
ties and demands whatsoever as are now or shall hereafter become
due, owing, payable or belonging to me and have use and take all
lawful ways and means in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof
by attachments, arrests, distress or otherwise, and to compromise and agree
for the same, and acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the
same, for me and in my name to make, seal and deliver, to bargain,
contract, agree for purchase, receive and take lands, tenements, here-
ditaments and accept the seizen and possession of all lands and
all deeds and other assurances in the law therefor and to lease, let, demise,
bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, mortgage and hypothecate lands, tenements
and hereditaments upon such terms and conditions and under such covenants
as he shall think fit. Also, to bargain and agree for, buy, sell, mortgage,
hypothecate and in any and every way and manner, deal in and with good
wares and merchandize choses in action and other property, in possession or
in action and to make due and transact all and every kind of business of
what nature and kind soever, and also for me and in my name and as
my act and deed to sign, seal, execute, deliver and acknowledge such deeds
covenants, indentures, agreements, mortgages, hypothecations, bottomries, charter
parties, bills of lading, bills, bonds, notes, receipts, evidences of debts, releases
and satisfaction of mortgage judgments or other debts, and such other
instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary

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or proper in the premises.

Giving and Granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

George Linn

State of California }
County of Napa } ss.

On this first day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, before me, R. H. Sterling a Notary Public, in and for the County of Napa personally appeared George Linn known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the annexed instrument, and the said George Linn acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at my office in the County of Napa, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Seal

R. H. Sterling
Notary Public

Recorded at request of C. Hartson, Sept. 1, 1881. at 44 mins. part 2. P. M. in Liber 41 of Powers of Attorney Page 231-

A true copy of an original recorded at request of R. H. Sterling Feb. 1, 1882 at 45 Mins. part 9. A. M.

W. L. Nielsen
Co. Recorder

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Recorded in office of Notary Public in County of Napa California on the 11th day of Sept. 1881 in presence of Attorney R. H. Sterling

or proper in the Premises.

Giving and Granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

George Linn

Seal Seal Seal

State of California }
County of Napa } ss.

On this first day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty one

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of Napa. } ss.

I, N. L. NIELSEN, County Recorder of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney recorded in Book "A" of Power of Attorney page 407 + c as the same appears of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29th day

of Nov. A. D. 1884

N. L. Nielsen County Recorder

By Henry Brown Deputy.

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- Power of Attorney -

George Linn

to
C. Hartson

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Dated April 1st a.d. 1881

No. 433

U. S. Dist Court. Dist of Cal.

In re of the Petition of
John Finnell
for confirmation to him of
portion of Rancho de Tapa

Plaintiff's Exhibit 17.

Filed December 5th 1884

Matthew Hoffman
Clerk

United States District Court.

District of California

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In re Petition of John Finckel
In Confirmation to him of a } L.C. 433.
Portion of Rancho de Napa } N.D.

I Southard Hoffman Commissioner United Circuit
Court District of California to whom was
referred the above entitled matter to take
the testimony & to report the same - by
Order of Court of December 4th 1884

Respectfully Report: that I was attended
on the 4th and 5th days of December 1884
by F. E. Johnson Esq Atty for Petitioner,
by S. H. Hilborn Esq U.S. Atty Dist Cal^{ny} &
by witnesses

The testimony by me taken and here to annexed
together with Exhibits A B C and
Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 to 21 inclusive
(24 in all) returned here with, which
were offered and introduced in evidence
before me - are respectfully submitted

Southard Hoffman
Comm U.S. Cir. Dist Cal

United States District Court -
District of California

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In re Petition of
John Finnell for
Confirmation to him of a
portion of Rancho de Napa } L O 433
ND.

December 4th 1884

Present J. G. Wilson US Atty, the late
F. E. Johnston Atty for Petitioner

W. Johnston Atty for Petitioner offers
in evidence an A. C. B. "An Act
"authorizing claimants to the Rancho
"de Napa in Napa County California
"to prove up their title -

Approved June 25th 1884 -

Statutes of 1883 & 1884 page 49 -

Atty for Petitioner offers in evidence

a certified copy - Certified September 4th
1884 by W. N. Brown US Atty in Cal

for California - of Record of Proceedings

"filed in case No 495 Joseph P. Thompson

"Bar of Napa" as the same appears

designated on the docket of the present
Board of US Land Commissioners -
Said Record being entitled (1839 Expediente
promovido por don Salvador Valero
su pretension del pago nombrado
de haca 200) with a facid copy of the
Original map contained therein
The foregoing Exhibit was marked
"Exhibit-A"

The Petitioner offers in evidence -
A certified copy - Certified September 6th
1884 by W. H. Brown US Surveyor.
General for California - of Title
and Judicial possession of the Rancho
of haca granted to Salvador Valero on
the 2nd of September 1838 Filed in Case
No 495 - A haca Title and Judicial
possession as the same appears on
the docket of the present Board of
Commissioners together with endorsements
thereon

The foregoing Exhibit was marked
"Exhibit-B"
Further hearing continued until Friday
December 5th 1884 at 10 am

Friday Dec 5th 1884 -

Present - H. Helborn Lt Atty

" F. L. Johnston Atty in Absence

Whitney -

Emilio Shamb was duly sworn and
deposed as follows -

I am Portia in the Surveyor General
off. for California office.

W. Johnston Exhibited Whitney a map
marked "Flat-285" and asked Whitney
where he obtained said "flat" -

Whitney said - I was sent down here
with it by the Chief Clerk of Surveyor
General's office -

This map purports to be the original
"Flat of the Rancho de Napa" finally
confirmed to Otto N. Frank et al -

" Surveyed under instructions from the
" Lt Surveyor General by G. G. Tracy Dept.
" Calif. October 1858 -

" Containing 26,378² Acres ?

The map is offered in evidence - here is
returned to the Lt Surveyor Genl. Calif.
by the Whitney -

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W. Johnston offers in evidence an
Affidavit - made by John Linnell
the Petitioner herein -
Affidavit was marked Exhibit - C

W. Johnston offers in evidence -
Deed from Calhoun Talley to John
Kingsby dated September 5th 1847 -
The deed offered is a certified copy
made & certified to by County Recorder
Tapa County - and is now
Exhibit - 1 - marked Plaintiffs Exhibit - 1 -

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of Deed of John Kingsby
to William W. Seawell - dated
Sept 15 1860 -

Exhibit - 2 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 2 -

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy Deed from William W
Seawell to John H. Seawell -
dated January 29th 1861

Exhibit - 3 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 3

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W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of deed from John N
Rearwell to Jesse Gigsby - dated
October 9th 1852 -

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Exhibit 4 Plaintiff Exhibit 4

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of deed from Jesse
Gigsby to John Lawley dated
October 26th 1853 -

Exhibit 5 Plaintiff Exhibit 5

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of deed from John
Lawley & Isaac Lanckershim and
George Linn dated September 1st 1854

Exhibit 6 Plaintiff Exhibit 6

W. Johnston offers in evidence a certified
copy of a decree of divorce entered in
the District Court of the 7th Judicial
District State of California on the 29th (20)
day of August 1856 in an action
wherein Mahala Gigsby was Plaintiff
and John Gigsby was defendant -

Exhibit 7 Plaintiff Exhibit 7

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified Copy of a Marriage Certificate
of marriage of John Giggly and
Mahala Shields - dated June 21st
1857.

Exhibit 8 Plaintiff's Exhibit 8

Mr. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified Copy of Petition for Letters
of Administration - Order appointing
Administrator - Petition for partition -
Order appointing Commissioners in
Partition and Order of Sale - all
in the matter of the Estate of
Mahala Giggly deceased, in the
Probate Court of Shasta County Cal.
The same orders &c are connected
and covered by the Certificate

Exhibit 9 Marked - Plaintiff's Exhibit 9

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified Copy
of deed from Jesse Giggly Administrator
of the Estate of Mahala Giggly, dead,
to Isaac Lunkushum & George Linn
dated October 18, 1857.

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Exhibit 10 Plaintiff's Exhibit 10

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified
Copy of Power of Atty executed by John
Gigoby to Jesse Gigoby dated January
6th 1853.

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Exhibit 11 Plaintiff's Exhibit 11

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified
Copy of Deed from John Gigoby by
his Atty in fact Jesse Gigoby
to Isaac Lankester and George
Linn dated April 29th 1857.

Exhibit 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit 12

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified
Copy of Deed from Isaac Lankester
& George Linn to W. L. Phillips dated
February 21st 1871.

Exhibit 13 Plaintiff's Exhibit 13

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified Copy
of Deed from Isaac Lankester & George
Linn dated June 26th 1871.

Exhibit 14 Plaintiff's Exhibit 14

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of deed from George
Leim & Isaac Lankester
dated June 26 1871

Ex - 15 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 15

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
Certified copy of deed from W. L. Phillips
to George Leim dated November 4th 1873

Ex 16 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 16

W. Johnston offers in evidence Certified
copy of a deed of Attorney executed
by George Leim & C. Hartson dated
April 1st 1881

Ex 17 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 17

W. Johnston offers in evidence a deed
from George Leim to John Finnell
the petition herein dated April
15th 1882

Ex 18 Plaintiffs Exhibit - 18

W. Johnston offers in evidence a
deed from George Leim and Nancy
Leim his wife & Levi George

the Rancho de Hopa, or Hopa Ranch
 Ans I do

Q 5 Are you acquainted with the exterior
 boundaries of that Ranch

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Ans Law.

Q 6 Are you acquainted with the lands
 described in Plainiffs Exhibits 1 to 21
 inclusive and with those Exhibits.

Ans Law - familiar with the lands
 described in Exhibits as above -
 made the Exhibits Notes myself
 and made search of title to the same
 made the Certified copies of Exhibits
 from 1 to 19 inclusive.

Q 7 W Johnston reads to the witness the
 description of the lands ~~containing~~ as
 described in the Petition, alleged to be
 owned by the Petitioner, and asks
 if that land is embraced in the descrip-
 tions contained in Plainiffs Exhibits
 1 to 21 - inclusive

Ans They are - It is -

Q 8 How long have you known that land

Ans Over thirty years -

Q 9 Since the time you have known it -

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Dated March 25th 1882 -

Ex 19

Plaintiff's Exhibit 19

W. Johnston offers in evidence a deed from Levi Ganges to John Finnell the Petition herein dated June 3rd 1882

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Ex 20

Plaintiff's Exhibit of 20

W. Johnston offers in evidence a deed from Isaac Lankeushim to John Finnell the Petition herein - dated December 27th 1873 -

Ex 21

Plaintiff's Exhibit 21 -

J. N. Howland was duly sworn and deposed as follows.

Q 1 Where do you reside in Idaho Land

Ans Kapa City, Kapa County, California

Q 2 How long have you resided there

Ans Thirty-three years and over -

Q 3 What is your occupation

Ans Searcher of Records - Notary Public and Conveyancer -

Q 4 Do you know a tract of land in

Kapa County commonly known as

Who has been in possession of it -

Ans The parties named in the several Exhibits

Q 10 Who is now in possession of it -

Ans John Timmels

Q 11 Is he or not - the same person as he is the Petitioner herein

Ans He is the same person

Q 12 Is there now or has there ever been beyond knowledge any adverse right or claims under the pre-emption - Homestead or other laws of the United States to this land or to any part of it -

Ans None Sir -

Q 13 Is or is not this land within the described in the petition within the return boundaries of the Napa Rancho

Ans It is within the eastern boundaries of the Napa Rancho

Q 14 Did you know in his lifetime the person described in Exhibit 8 as Mahala Shields

Ans Yes Sir Sir

Q 15 Who was she

Ans The former wife of John Supply

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Q 14 The same John Gignols described
in Exhibit-1-

Ans Yes Sir -

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Cross Examined by W Kelborn
at Atty Gen's Office

Q 1 How long have you known the lands
described in the petition

Ans Over thirty years.

Q 2 During that period where have you
resided and what has been your
business

Ans I have resided in Dapa City - I have
been absent from there only two
years during that time

I have been County Recorder from
1864 to 1870 - Since then I have
been Postmaster, and I have been
engaged in searching records &
in conveyancing

Q 3 Are the lands described in petition
identical with those described in
Plaintiff's Exhibit-18, 20 & 21

Ans They are -

Q 4 Had you ever known of any claim
to the lands mentioned in the petition

adverse to the claim of the parties -
holding under the grant -

Ans. Inver did

Q 5. During the time that you have
known this land has it been held
and occupied by persons claiming
to hold the same under the grant -

Ans. Yes it has uninterruptedly

J. W. Howland

Richard Hoffman
Comptroller of the State

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U.S. District Court
District of California

In the matter of the petition
of
John Fennell, for
confirmation to him of por-
tion of Rancho de Napa.

Report of Mr Commissioner
Stoffman.

Filed December 5th 1884.

Southard Stoffman Clerk
By R D Grimwood
Deputy Clerk.

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