

CASE NO.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

PART OF NAPA GRANT

A. L. BOGGS

CLAIMANT

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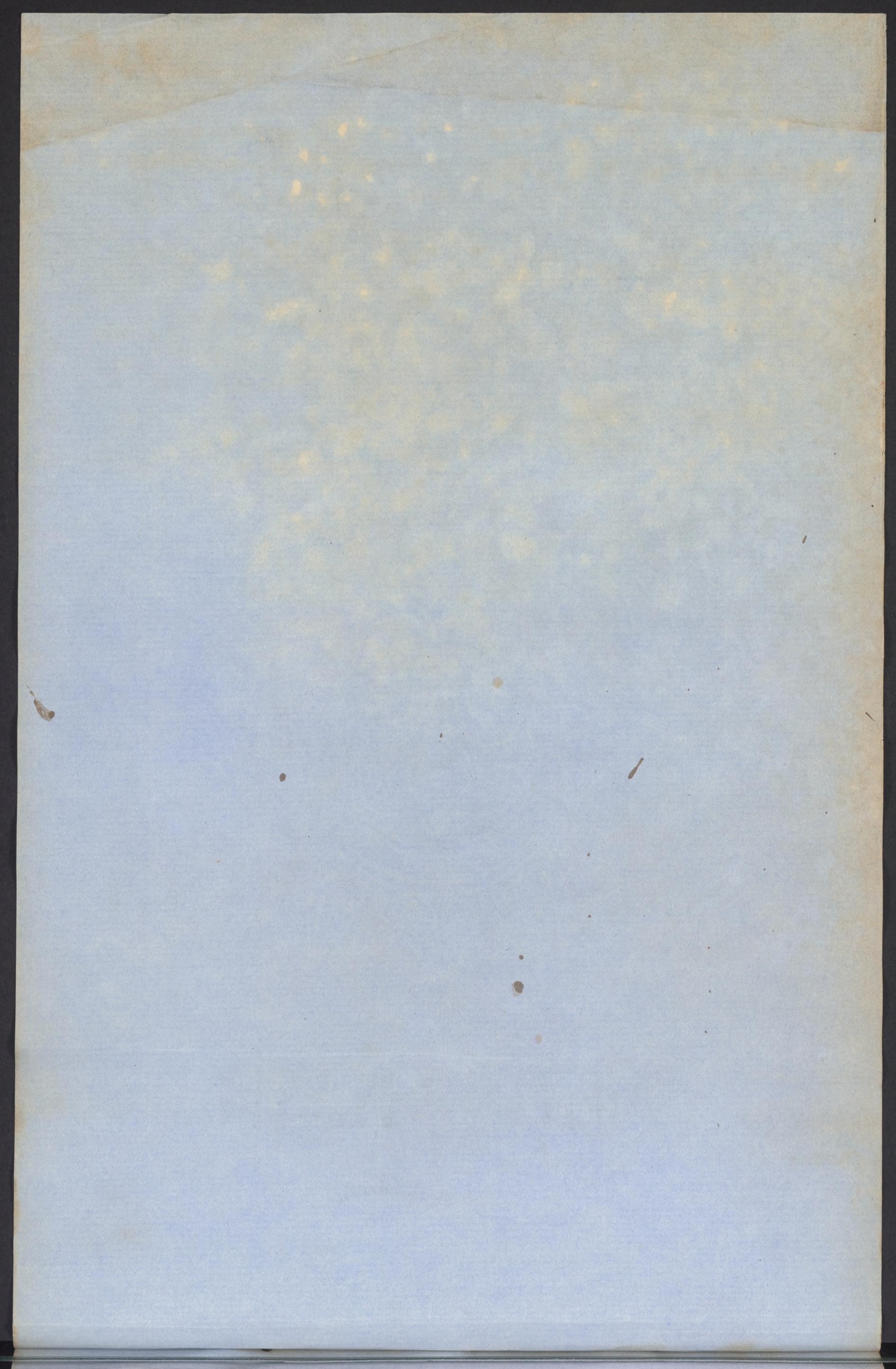
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 729.

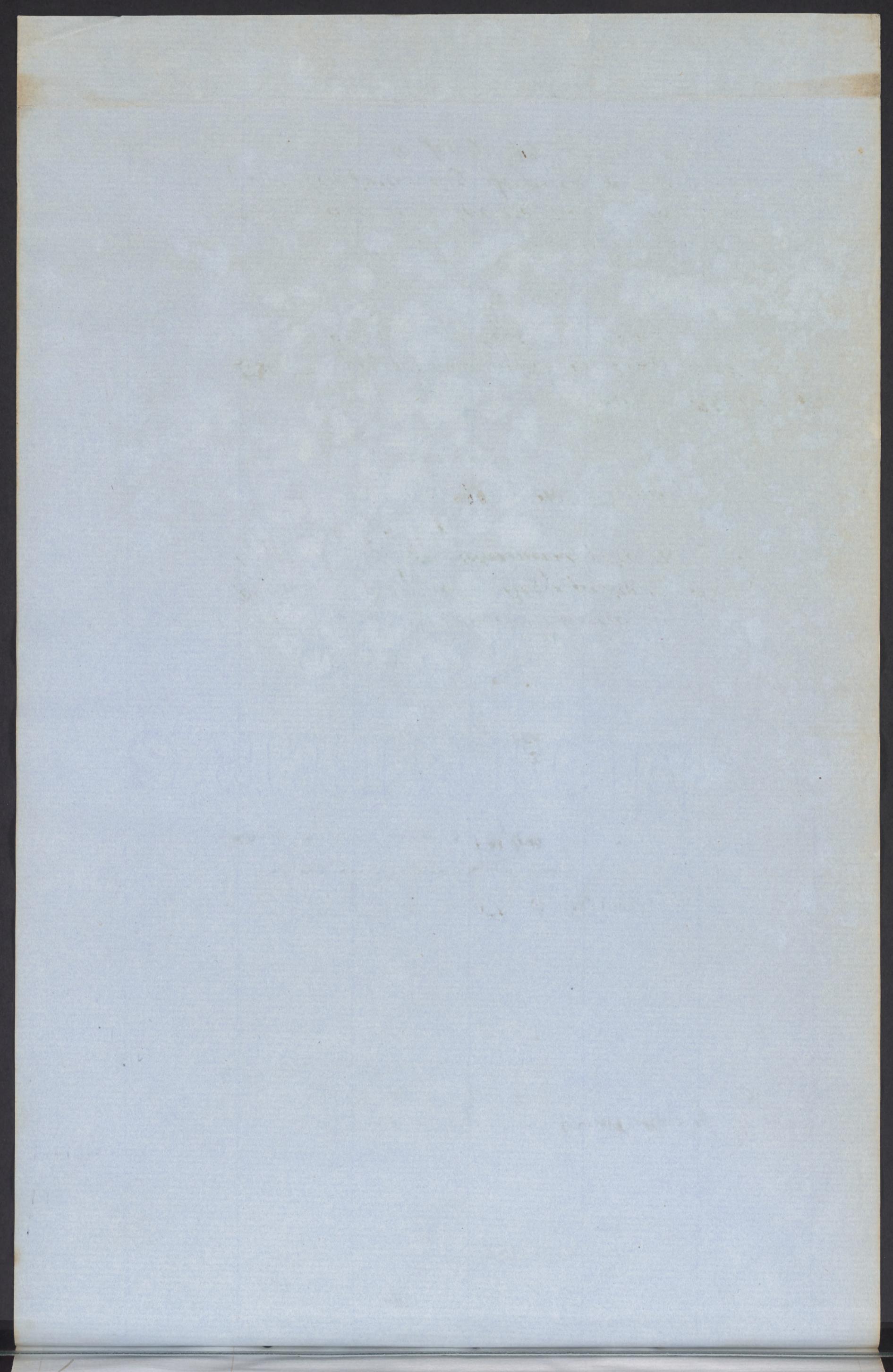
A. L. Bogg's CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

Napa



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

The Petition of A. S. Boggs, for part of Place named "Napa," was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 729, and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

San Francisco March 9th 1853.
In Case no. 729, A. S. Boggs for part of "Rancho de Napa," the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit;

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript)

San Francisco, April 4th 1854.
Case no. 729 was submitted on briefs and taken under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco, April 10th 1854.
In the same case the counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit;

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript)

San Francisco, April 11th 1854,

In the same Case Commissioner Alpheus Welch delivered the opinion of the Board confirming the claim;

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, Aug. 15th 1854.

In the same Case, on motion of the U. S. Law Agent, the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 2 of this Transcript.)

Order

And it appearing to the Satisfaction of this Board that the Land hereby adjudicated is situated in the Northern District of California it is hereby ordered that two Transcripts of the Proceedings and of the Decisions in this Case, and of the Papers and Evidence upon which the same are founded, be made out and duly certified by the Secretary, one of which Transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States,

Petition

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To the Hon^r Board of Comrs.
for settling private land claims in California.
The petition of Angus L
Boggs especially representing.

That on the 21st
Sep 1838. Juan B Alvarado Governor of
California by virtue of the Colonization laws
of the 18th of August 1834 & the Instruction
of 1838 granted to Salvador Valdez a certain
tract of land called Hapa situated in the
present County of Hapa with the boundaries
described in the grant & accompanying map
which original grant & map with the ap-
proval of the Department & act of judicial
possession together with the translations thereof
are filed in Claim books at the Office of the
Secretary of this Hon Board hereby referred
to & prayed to be taken as part of this petition.

That on the 5th of April 1847
said Salvador sold & conveyed to George
W Harrison a certain portion of said tract
more particularly described in the deed of
conveyance a certified copy of which is
herewith submitted marked B.

That on the 2^d August
1852 said Harrison by his attorney Edward
J. Cage thereunto authorized & empowered
by virtue of a power of atty. executed unto
him on the 10th of Oct 1850 a certified copy
of which is herewith submitted marked C
sold & conveyed to your petitioner the one
half of said portion as is more particularly
set forth in the deed of conveyance a certi-
fied copy of which is herewith submitted
marked D.

That your petitioners further

Claim Thru two hundred & twenty acres
of land.

Boar petitioners further show
that said tract of land has been for some
fifteen years & is now in the quiet & undispu-
ted possession of your petitioners & those
under whom they hold.

"That they know of no
conflicting claim.

That they rely for confirma-
tion of their claim upon the original title papers
above referred to & upon such other & further
proofs as they may be advised are necessary.

Wherefore they pray confirmation
of their claim title to said land.

Ross

for Claimant

Filed at Office March 1, 1853.

(Signed) Geo. Fisher Scey

Deed,

S. Vallejo to G. W. Harrison fcliv for
Record October 3rd AD 1851 at 10 o'clock
A.M.

"B"

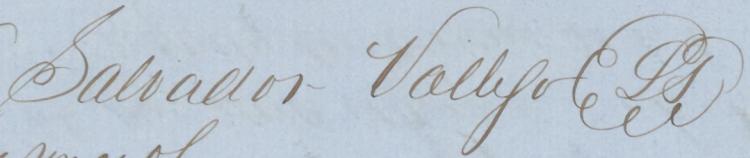
Deed

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This Deponent made this fifth day
of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and forty seven by and between
Salvador Vallejo of the first part and George
W. Harrison of the second part witnesseth that
the said party of the first part for and in
consideration of the sum of One Thousand and
forty Dollars two hundred dollars of which
where paid the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged. And the residue being four
Thousand and forty Dollars to be paid at Fif-
teen months from this date hath this day granted
Consigned and sold and by these presents doth
herself Grant Consign and sell unto the said party
of the second part to his heirs and assigns
forever a certain tract or parcel of land
lying being and situated in the Territory of Cal-
ifornia in Napa Valley containing One Square
Mile or six hundred & forty bounded on
the north by certain tract of one square mile
which the said Vallejo sold to L. M. Boffo by
and bearing date the day of March AD 1845
To have and to hold the said tract of land
together with all and singular the rights prop-
erty and appurtenances thereto belonging and
unto the said party of the second part his heirs
and assigns forever, and the said party of
the first part for himself and his heirs doth
covenant to go with the said party of the
second part his heirs and assigns to war-
rant and forever to defend the title to the
said land from the lawful claim or claims of
all and every person or persons whatever

Claiming or to Claim the same or any part
thereof.

In Testimony whereof the said
party of the first part hath hereunto set his
hand and affixed his seal the day and date
afore written -

Salvador Vallejo 
Signed in presence of
L W Bagg,

Personally appeared before
me John H Nash a Justice of the Peace
in and for the District of Sonoma in California
Dr. Salvador Vallejo who acknowledged
that he signed Seal and Adjoined to George
W Harrison the within and on the day therein
mention'd and for the purposes therein set
forth -

Given under my hand at office
this the 5th day of April AD 1854.

John H Nash

Chief Justice of the
District of Sonoma

State of California
County of Napa D. S. John H. Scamell
County Recorder in and for said Napa County
hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true
and correct copy of a true Record of a deed from
Salvador Vallejo to George W. Harrison as
Recorded in Book pages 53 and 54 in the
Records of said Napa County -

Filed in Office
March 2, 1853,

Signed,
Geo. W. Fisher
Seal



Witness my hand and official
seal at Napa City this 8th day of
February AD 1853.

John H. Scamell Recorder
By C. S. Coffin Clerk of Recorder

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Power of
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Letter of Attorney.
George W. Harrison to Edward J. Sager. Filed
for record October 8th AD 1851, at 10 O'clock AM.

Know all men by these presents that George W. Harrison of the County of San Francisco Upper California have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make Substitute and appoint Edward J. Sager of San Francisco Upper California my true and lawful attorney for me and at my name place and stand to Entit ait and take possession of all such lands tenments hereditaments and real Estate whatever in the State of California to me which I am or may be in any way entitled or intrusted and to grant bargain and sell the same or any part and parcel thereof for such sum or price and on such terms as to him shall seem meet and for me and at my name to make execute acknowledged and deliver good and sufficient deeds and conveyances for the same without any covenants and reservations giving and granting unto his 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 with full power of substitution or invocation thereto ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

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

Geo. W. Harrison Esq.

Sealed and delivered
as per sub of.
Erasure of three words on sixteenth line from
top J. Hopkins.

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State of California
County of San Francisco 3 ss

On this fourth day of
October AD one thousand Eight hundred
& fifty personally appeared before me a Notary
Public in and for said County George W. Harrison
Satisfactorily proved to me to be the Person de-
scribed in and who elicited the annexed con-
cerned by the death of J. Hopkins a confuted
and credible witness for that purpose by me
safely sworn and the said George W. Harrison ac-
knowledged that he elicited the said annexed
instrument truly and voluntarily for the uses
and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal of office
the day and year in this certificate first above
written.

Thos. Jeff Smith.

Notary Public in & for the
County of San Francisco,

State of California
County of Napa 3 ss.

Recorded in and for Napa County and State
of California do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a full true and correct copy of a certain in
strument or letter of attorney which is recorded
in Book A of Powers of Attorneys on pages
six, seven, and eight, now lying office at

Napa City County and State aforesaid,
 In testimony whereof I have here-
 unto subscribed my name and
 affixed my official Seal of
 Office aforesaid 15th day of March
 AD 1851.

A. J. Watson County Recorder
 by Chas Page Asst County Rec
 Folsom Office March 28, 1851.

(Signed) Jas Fisher Secy.

"N"
Dad
Dad

Dad,
 G.W. Harrison to A.L. Boggs Father for
 record August 5th 1852 at 60 o'clock am.

This Indenture made the second day
 of August in the Year One thousand Eight hun-
 dred and fifty two between George W. Harrison
 late of San Francisco. State of California
 by Edward S. Sage his attorney for that purpose
 duly constituted and appointed of the first part
 and August L. Boggs and Susan D. Boggs his
 wife of the second part. Witnesseth that the said
 party of the first part for and in consideration
 of the sum of two thousand two hundred and
 fifty dollars. lawful money of the United States
 of America to him in hand paid by the said
 party of the second part at or before the sealing
 and delivering of these presents the receipt
 whereof is hereby acknowledged has remisid
 released and quit claimed and by these presents
 do remise release and quit claim unto the said
 parties of the second part and their heirs and
 assigns forever all that certain tract or parcel
 of land lying and being and situated in Napa

Valley in the State of California and bounded and described as follows. Commencing at the North East Corner of a certain piece of land covered by said G.W. Harrison his and this estate to Wm McBoys and Sonora his wife and running thence East half a mile thence South one mile thence West half a mile thence North and so to the place of beginning being part of the same land covered by said G.W. Harrison by Salvador Vallejo by and bearing date the 5th day of April 1847 and recorded at m. Boro Apos 33 and 34. Together with all and sundry the tenements, buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remaining and remaining rents issues and profits thereof and also all the estate right title or interest claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in Equity of the several parts of the first part of an onto the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances. To have and to hold all and sundry the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his husband 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

G.W. Harrison

By Edward J. Sapo Atty.

Scaled and divided
in presence of.

Chas L. Kellogg.

State of California
County of San Francisco 3 On this second

day of August anno the Year of our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and fifty two
 Before me came G W Harrison by his attorney
 in fact Edward Sago, said attorney to me
 Known to both individual described as and
 who recited the within instrument and acknowledged
 before that he recited the same of his own free,
 act and deed and for the purposes therein mentioned.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my official seal
 the day and year above first written,

E D

E D. Moore Notary Public

State of California
 County of Napa

I John H. Seawell
 County Recorar - man for said Napa
 County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a
 full true and correct copy of the Record of a
 duel from George W. Harrison by Edward S.
 Sago his attorney to Rufus L. Boggs and Susan
 R. Boggs 1878 188, with Records of said
 Napa County.

E D

With my hand and official
 seal at Napa City this 1st day
 of February AD 1853.

John H. Seawell Recorar
 By E. S. Coffinberg my Recorar
 Filed in Office March 2, 1853.

Signed Geo Fisher Secy

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Stipulation

The above claim being a portion
of & derived from the original claim no
4195 filed before the Board of Land Comrs
it is agreed between the U. S. Law Agent & Claim
ants Counsel that the testimony taken in
said original claim may be used as evidence
in this claim -

Rese for clmt.
Robert Granhow
Asst Law Agent.

Filed at Office March 9. 1853.

(septd) Geo Fisher Secy.

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U. States

It is hereby agreed by and
between the parties hereto by their respective
attorneys that the original paper filed in
claim no 4195 marked 'A' and the statement
marked B may be considered as evidence
in this case, and also that the transcript marked
B filed in this case shall be taken deemed
and taken as proven and may be read in evi-
dence by the petitioner in this case. The land
claimed being a portion of the Ranchos de
Tepetlao, confirmed in Case No 4195.

J H Mc Noy

Law Agent

Filed at Office April 10. 1854. Geo Fisher Secy.

" "

Angus L Baggs. Esq.

The United States for a parcel of land containing 320 acres part of the Rancho called Napa in Napa County.

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The land claimed in this case is alleged to be a part of the Rancho called Napa originally granted to Salvador Vallejo from whom through a conveyance from his son to the present claimant derives title.

By written stipulation between the law agent and the attorney for the claimant the testimony and certain original documents filed in Case No 195 which relates to the same original grant are to be used as evidence in this case.

By these proofs it is made of the original grant by Governor Alvarado bearing date December 31, 1838, the approval of the Departmental Assembly on the 23^d of the same month and the giving of judicial possession to the grantee on the 8th day of February 1841.

Thus also shows that said grantee went into possession of the land in 1838 or 1839 and occupied the same, built a house had horses and cattle on the place and cultivated the land. This proof is sufficient to establish Vallejo's right to the land designated in his grant and to enable him to transfer his title by conveyance to another.

In proof of title in him respecting that portion of said Rancho which is claimed in this case the claimant has given evidence of a conveyance thereof from said Vallejo to George W. Harrison on the 5th day of April 1847 and alike conveyance from said

Harrison by his legally authorized attorney
to August L Bogg the claimant and his
wife Susan R Bogg. Executed on the 2^d day
of August 1852.

By this instrument the wife
acquired a concurrent interest in the property
with her husband and on the principles of
the common law should be joined with him
in the petition for a conveyance confirmation of
the title, but the Statute of California which applies
to titles of land within the State makes his wife
an owner in common with him of such title
as he may acquire by virtue of any patent from
the United States which may be issued to him
and a confirmation made by this Commission
a confirmation to him thus will more surely
the Statute to the intent of both the husband
and wife.

It was not necessary therefore for
her to join in the petition nor are her rights under
the Statute in jeopardy by a confirmation
to him alone.

The Statute secures her
joint interest under such confirmation.

On the proof in the case the
petitioner is entitled to a decree in his favor,

Confirmed,
Filed in office April 11. 1854.

(Signed) Geo. Fisher

Seal

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In this cause in having
the proofs and allegations it is adjudged
by the Commission that the Claim of said
Petitioners is valid and it is therefore
Ordered that the same be confirmed.

Decree

The lands of which con-
firmation is hereby made, are a part of the
place known by the name of Hapa which was
granted to Salvador Valles, which place
is bounded and described as follows to wit
Commencing at the Arroyo of Hapa at the
boundary of Nicolas Higuera thence following
a southerly direction to the lower part of the
arroyo de las Carnuras set thousand varas
to a pile of stones thence towards the north
west along the Arroyo set thousand varas to
the upper road which goes to Hapa thence along
the same Arroyo north, north west to the upper
road which goes to the Rancho of Donth
four thousand six hundred varas thence con-
tinuing on the same course to the boundary
of said Rancho by estimation two thousand
varas thence towards the North, North East
three thousand two hundred and fifty varas
to the River Hapa thence down the same River
course South East to the arroyo of Hapa
fifteen thousand one hundred and seventy
five varas and thence following the same
Arroyo westwards two thousand six hundred
varas to the place of beginning containing
four square leagues of land appurtenant to
the grant to said Valles and the judicial
measures thereof.

That portion of the

above described premises of which confirmation is hereby made is bounded and described as follows to wit,

At the certain tract or parcel of land lying being and situated in Napa Valley in the State of California commencing at the North East corner of a certain piece of land conveyed by George W. Morrison by and dated August 2, 1832 to Wm. Bogg and Sonora his wife and running thence East half a mile thence South one mile thence west half a mile thence North one mile to the place of beginning being part of the same land conveyed to said George W. Morrison by Salvador Vallejo by and bearing date the 5th day of April 1831 conveying the same land described in a deed from George W. Morrison to said August L. Bogg and wife dated August 2, 1832.

Alpheus Fitch
Thompson Campbell
R Aug Thompson

Filed at Office April 11, 1832.

(Signed) Geo. Fisher Secy.

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board that the land hereby adjudicated is situated &c &c (Vide pages of this Transcript 2)

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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George Fisher Secretary to
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the
following - ~~Sixteen~~ pages, numbered from
~~16~~, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Tran-
script of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the
said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony
of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this
Office, in Case No. 729 on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein

A. L. Boggs is -
the Claimant - against the United States, for the place known by
name of Napa

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
thirtieth day of October
A. D. 1854, and of the Independence of the
United States of America the seventy-ninth

Geo. Fisher

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

No. — 117 —

THE UNITED STATES,

v/s.

A. L. Bogg's

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 729

Filed, November 2d 1854

Wm. Monroe
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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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The United States.

You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 12th day of November 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern Judicial district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Attest,

Attorney General.

U. S. District Court for
Northum District, Cala.

The United States

vs

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Notice of Appeal,

Filed March 20, 1855,

J. M. A. Monroe,
Clerk.

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th Feby 1855:

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Clarking

Attorney General.

C. N.
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U. S. D. Court N. Dist

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Appeal Notice.

Received May 5. 1855,
by Chevres
Deputy.

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To the Hon Dist Court of the U. S. in & for
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The petition of the United States by their attorney represents that this cause is an application for a review of the decision of the U. S. Land Commission, whereby the title of the appellee was confirmed as will appear by reference to the record in the case: that a transcript of said record was filed in this Court on the 2^d day of Nov 1854; that a notice of appeal was filed on the 20th day of March 1855; that the land claimed lies in this said District and that said title is invalid.

Wherefore appellants pray that the said decision of the Commission be reversed and that said title be deemed invalid by this Court.

San Francisco Feb 13, 1857

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The United States

A. L. Bogg

Petition

Filed February 13, 1857.

W. H. Chavis,
Deputy

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

D. C. No. 117.

The United States

Plaintiff
Case No 729-

vs
A. L. Baggs.

At a Stated Term
of said Court March 2, 1857.

Appeal from the final de-
cision of the Commissioners to ascertain and
settle private Land claims in California.

This cause coming on this day, to wit,
the Second day of March 1857 at a stated
term of this Court, to be heard upon the
Certified transcript of the proceedings and
decision of the Board of Commissioners
appointed under the act of Congress, entitled
"an act to ascertain and settle private
Land claims in California", passed March
3^d 1851, and the papers and evidence on
which the same is founded, and the
argument of counsel for the respective par-
ties being heard, and the court having
duly deliberated thereon.

It is hereby or-
dered adjudged and decreed that
the decision and decree of the said
Board of Commissioners made in this
case be affirmed, and that the claim
of the said A. L. Baggs claimant herein
be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The lands of which confirmation is hereby made, are a part of the place known by the name of Napa which was granted to Salvador Vallejo, which place is bounded and described as follows to wit. Commencing at the arroyo of Napa at the boundary of Nicolas Higuera, thence following a southerly direction to the lower part of the arroyo de los Leñeros, six thousand Varas to a pile of stones; thence towards the North West along the arroyo Six thousand varas to the upper road which goes to Napa; thence along the same arroyo North North West to the upper road which goes to the Rancho of Yount four thousand six hundred varas; thence continuing on the same course to the boundary of said Yount by estimation ten thousand Varas; thence towards the North North East three thousand two hundred and fifty varas to the River Napa; thence down the same river course South East to the arroyo of Napa fifteen thousand one hundred and seventy five varas, and thence following the said arroyo Westwardly two thousand and six hundred varas to the place of beginning containing four square leagues of land aequably to the grant to said Vallejo and the judicial meas-

ument thereof.

That portion of the above
described premises of which confirmation
is hereby made is bounded and described
as follows to wit; All that certain tract
or parcel of land lying, being and sit-
uated in Napa Valley in the State of
California commencing at the North
East corner of a certain piece of land
conveyed by George W. Harrison by deed
dated August 2^d 1852 to William M.
Boggs and Sonora his wife, and running
thence East half a mile, thence South one
mile; thence West half a mile, thence
North one mile to the place of beginning,
being a part of the same land conveyed
to George W. Harrison by Salvador Vallejo by
Deed bearing date the fifth day of April
1847 and being the same land described
in a deed from George W. Harrison to said
August L. Boggs and wife dated August
2^d 1852. Provided however that the piece and
parcel of land so confirmed to the said A.L. Boggs
is within the limits of the first described tract of land, known
by the name of Napa granted to said Salvador
Vallejo and confirmed to him, as the same shall be
described in and by the survey and location thereof which
shall be finally made by the authorities of the
United States.

Ogden Hoffman
U. S. Land Judge

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Decree

Signed June 30, 1862.

J. H. Cheever,
Clerk



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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

San Francisco,

1854

John A. Monroe, Esq.

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

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31st, 1852, a Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of this Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony of the witnesses upon which the same is founded, in Case No. 729 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

A. L. Boggs is —

^{part of}
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of Napa; —

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Ovt Servt,

Geo. T. Hill.
Geo. T. Hill
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