

CASE NO.

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**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

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PART OF NAPA GRANT

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JOHN TRUBODY,

CLAIMANT

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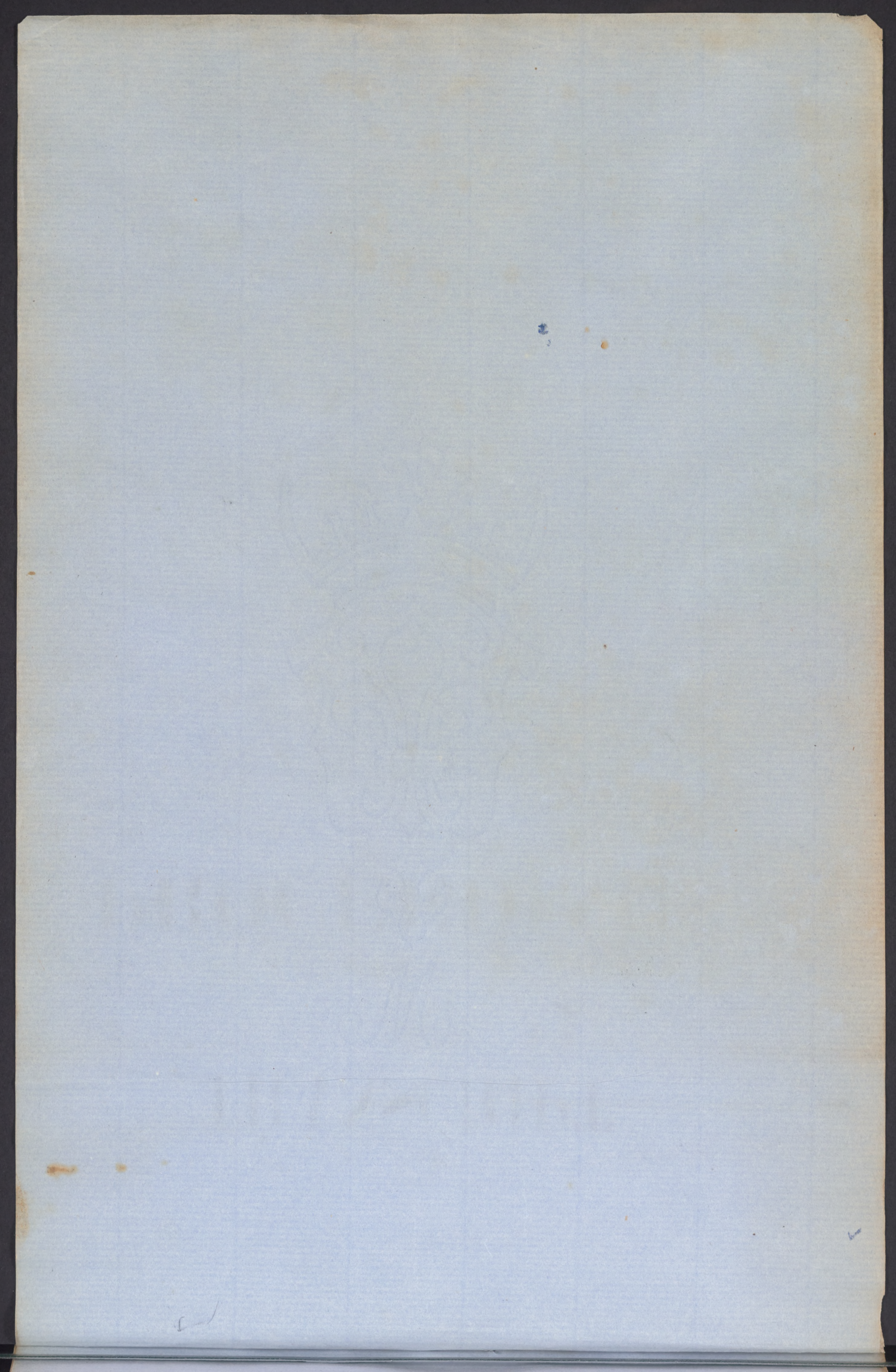
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TRANSCRIPT  
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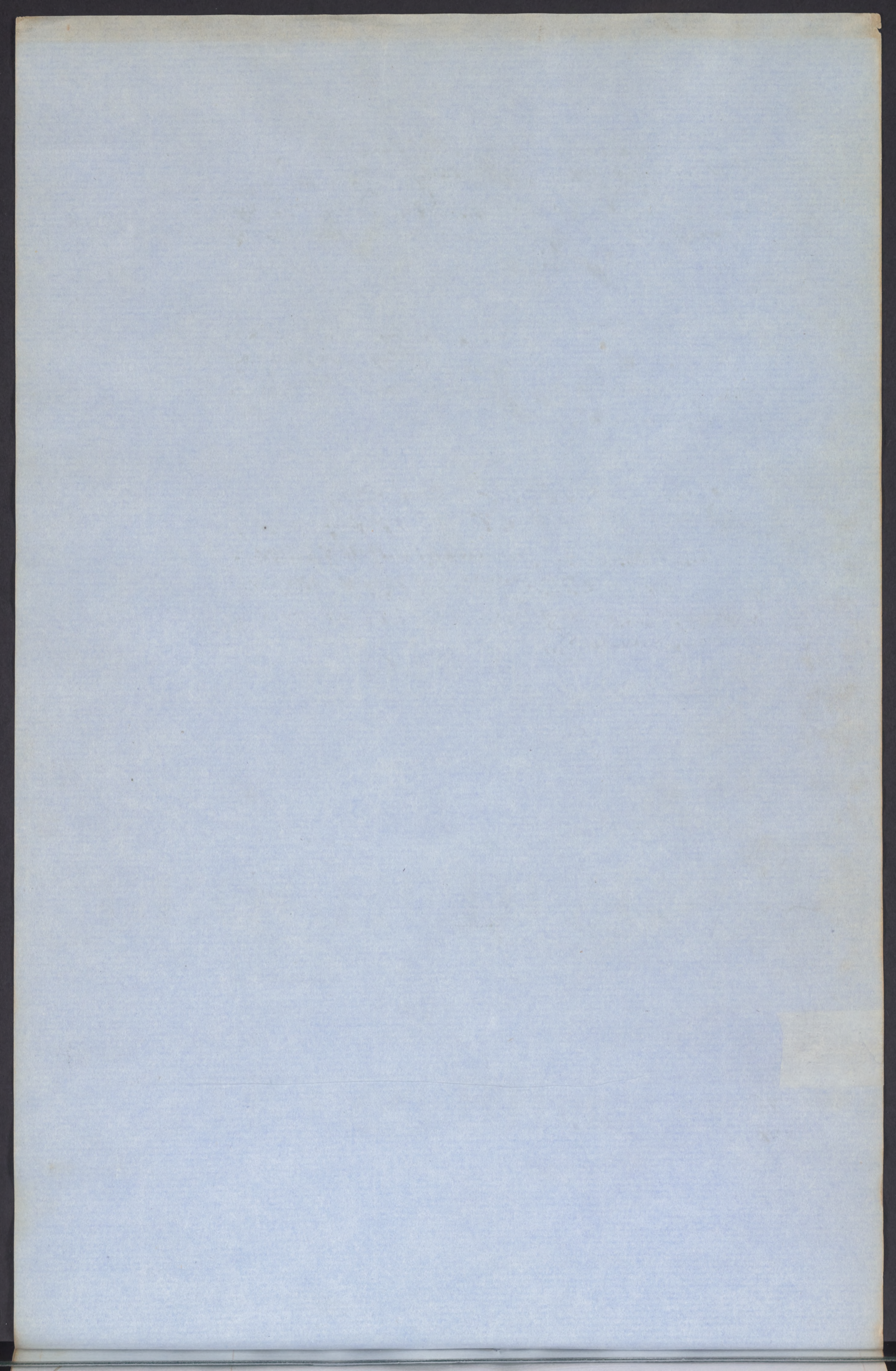
*John Trubody* — CLAIMANT

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 fourth 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 John Trubody, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the Place named  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Napa," \_\_\_\_\_  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 727, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
In Case no. 727, John Trubody for part of "Napa," the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit:

(Vide page 22 of this Transcript)

San Francisco April 4<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
Case 727 was submitted on brief and taken under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same Case the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit:

(Vide page 23 of this Transcript)

San Francisco, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1854,  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the opinion of the Board confirming  
the claim;

(Vide page 25 of this Transcript)

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San Francisco, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1854,  
In the same case, on motion of the U. S. Land  
Agent, the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 30 of this Transcript.)

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To the Honorable the Board of  
Comrs for settling private land claims in  
California.

The petition of John Grubbs  
respectfully shows.

That on the 21st Sep 1838

Don B Alvarado Governor of California by  
virtue of authority in him vested by the laws of  
Mexico granted to Salvador Tally a certain  
tract of land called Napa Situate in the present  
County of Napa with the boundaries described  
in the grant & accompanying map which  
original grant & map with the approval of the  
Deputation & act of Judicial possession are  
filed in claim No 495 in the Office of the  
Secretary of this Hon Board Grubbs referred  
to & prayed to be taken as a part of this petition.

That on the 12th March 1851 said  
Salvador & wife sold & conveyed to Don pe-  
trone by their Attorney John E Brown thro-  
ugh duly authorized & empowered by virtue  
of a power of attorney to him elicited on the  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 1850 as set forth in said power  
a certified copy of which is herewith submitted  
marked B a certain portion of said tract  
more particularly described in the deed of  
conveyance a certified copy of which is  
herewith submitted marked C.

That said portion of land  
contains one hundred and twenty seven  
(127<sup>8</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) acres.

Don Grubbs further  
shows that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1851 said  
Salvador sold & conveyed to Nathan Coombs  
a certain portion of said tract more particularly  
set forth in the deed of conveyance a certified  
copy of which is herewith submitted marked D.

Petition

That on the 19th of April 1850 said Coumbes & Isabella his wife, sold & conveyed said land to your petitioners as set forth in the deed of conveyance a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked C.

That said portion of land contains Two Hundred and Sixty Eight <sup>1/100</sup> Acres (268 <sup>1/100</sup>) Your petitioners further show that on the 20th Decr 1849, said Salvador sold & conveyed to Phelo Injersol a certain portion of said tract, more particularly set forth in the deed of conveyance a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked D.

That on the 6th November 1849 said Phelo Injersol sold & conveyed said land to Geo S B Slusser as shown in the deed of conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked E.

That on the day of Feb 1850 said Geo S B Slusser sold & conveyed said portion of land to your petitioners as set forth in the deed of conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked F.

That said portion of land consists of Four Hundred acres (400).

Your petitioners further shows that said portion of said tract of land have been for some fifteen years & is now in the quiet & undisturbed possession of your petitioners & those under whom he claims. That he knows of no conflicting claim. That he relies for confirmation of his claims to said portions of land upon the original title papers above referred to & upon such other further proofs as he may be advised are necessary. Wherefore he prays confirmation of his title to said tracts of land. Prays for claimant

Filed in Office  
March 2, 1853.

(Signed)  
Geo. Fisher  
Scrib.

## Power of Attorney.

Salvador Vallyo & wife to Tho & Brown  
 Filed for Record Dec. 28. A.D. 1850. at 20 minutes  
 past 2 o'clock P.M.

"B"

Power of  
 Attorney.

Know all men by  
 these presents that we Salvador Vallyo  
 and Ana Luz Carrillo his wife of the City of Sonoma  
 in the County of Sonoma and State of  
 California have constituted and appointed  
 and by these presents do make constitute and ap-  
 point Tho & Brown of the City of Napa of  
 the County of Napa and State aforesaid our  
 true and lawful attorney for us & in our names  
 place and that to enter into and take pos-  
 session of all such lands tenements hereditaments  
 and real Estate whatever in the County of Napa  
 aforesaid to which we are or may be entitled  
 or interested and to grant, bargain and sell the  
 same or any part or parcel thereof for such  
 sum or price and on such terms as to him shall  
 seem meet and for us and in our names to  
 execute acknowledge and deliver good and  
 sufficient deeds and conveyances for the same  
 either with or without covenants of warranty and  
 until the sale thereof to let and devise said  
 real Estate for the best rent that can be pro-  
 ceeded for the same to collect and recover and  
 recover all sums of money which shall become  
 due and owing to us by means of such bargain  
 and sale lease or demise and we do further au-  
 thorize that our said attorney to survey or procure  
 the survey of all lands lying in said County  
 now remaining unsurveyed in said County of  
 Napa giving and granting unto our said attor-  
 ney full and 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 and to all intents and purposes as we 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.

Witness our hands and seals at the city of Sonoma aforesaid this 21st day of December AD 1850.

Salvador Valero *[Signature]*  
Ma Luz Carillo *[Signature]*

Signed Read and  
attested in presence of us,  
John Bendley.

State of California }  
County of Sonoma }

On this 21st day of Decem-  
ber AD 1850 before me the undersigned County  
Clerk of the County of Sonoma, personally  
appeared Salvador Valero and Ma Luz  
Carillo his wife, and are personally known to  
me to be the persons who subscribed and execu-  
ted the foregoing instrument who acknowledged  
that Executed the same freely & voluntarily  
and for the purposes therein mentioned and the  
said Ma Luz Carillo appearing & claiming sep-  
arate and without the marriage and apart from  
her said husband, says that she signs and  
executes the same freely and without any fear  
and compulsion from her said husband  
and that she does not wish to retract the  
execution of the same.

Given under my hand with pri-  
vate seal affixed this being my seal of office

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Get provided at office at the City of Sonoma  
this 21 day of Decr AD 1850.  
Erad John Hendley Clerk.

State of California }  
County of Napa } J. John H Seawell

County Recorder avants for said Napa County  
humbly Certify that the foregoing is a full true  
and correct Copy of the Record of a power of  
attorney from Salvador Vallsjo and Ma Luz  
Corillo his wife to John E Brown as Recorder  
in Book A pages 257 & 258 of the Records  
of said Napa County.

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Witness my hand and Official  
Seal at Napa City this 15th  
day of February AD 1853.

John H Seawell Recorder.  
By C. S. Caffaris Deputy Recorder

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.

C. S. Fisher  
Secy

"C"  
Dad

This Instrument made and entered into  
this the 17th day of March in the Year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one by  
and between Salvador Vallsjo and Ma Luz Corillo  
his wife by their agent John E Brown of the  
County of Napa and State of California of the  
one part and John Frebody of the County of San  
Francisco of the other part - Witnesseth.

That the said Salvador Vallsjo  
and Ma Luz Corillo his wife by John E Brown  
agent, party of the first part for and in consideration  
& two

of the sum of five hundred and forty dollars in hand paid by the said John Trubody party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and confessed have granted conveyed sold and conveyed away by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey unto the said John Trubody party of the second part & his heirs and assigns forever all our right title interest and Estate in and to a certain tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Inyo and State of California adjoining the land now owned by the said Trubody Lot Harrison and the fence of Salaps. Corner and described as follows to wit, Commencing at Baggs South west Corner and runs South fifty four degrees thirty six seconds west nine chains & sixty eight links thence North fifty five degrees & fifty three minutes East nineteen chains along Salaps run fence thence North twenty one degrees & thirty eight minutes East seventy eight chains and thirty one links thence North sixty nine degrees & thirty minutes west eleven chains and forty links to his Corner thence South twenty five degrees and thirty eight minutes west eighty seven chains & 9 links Containing 127<sup>89</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres. To have and to hold the above described piece or parcel of land to the party proper and behoof of the said Trubody his heirs and assigns forever And the said Salvador Valdez and Maria Luz Casillo his wife by their agent and attorney John Brown do hereby covenant and agree with the aforesaid John Trubody his heirs and assigns to forego warrant and defend the said premises and every part thereof against the lawful claim or claims of all and every person whatsoever claiming the same.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set  
 our hands and affixed our seals by our agent  
 John C Brown on the day and date above written  
 Salvador Valliso  
 Ma Luz Carrillo  
 By John C. Brown agent

*[Seal]*  
*[Seal]*  
*[Seal]*

Signed sealed and  
 delivered in presence of  
 N H Lansome.

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State of California  
 County of Napa

On this 15th day of March  
 1851 personally appeared before me George  
 A Cornwell Deputy Recorder of Napa County  
 John C Brown known to me to be the person de-  
 scribed in and who executed the foregoing instru-  
 ment who acknowledged to me that he executed  
 the same freely and voluntarily and for the use  
 and purposes therein mentioned.

Attest My Hand and Seal of said Napa County  
 By George W Cornwell Deputy Recorder.

State of California  
 County of Napa

I John H Seawell County  
 Recorder in and for said Napa County hereby  
 certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct  
 copy of a deed from Salvador Valliso to John  
 Mubray. Recorded in Book A pages 274 and  
 275 in the records of said Napa County.

*[Seal]*

Witness my hand and official  
 Seal at Napa City this 25th day  
 of January 1853  
 John H Seawell Recorder.  
 By C. S. Coffin Deputy Recorder

Filed in Office March 1, 1853  
 (Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

"A"  
Deed

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Know all men by this writing that I Don Salvador Valles of Sonoma Upper California have in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred thirty two dollars paid to me in hand to my full satisfaction by Nathan Coombs of the District of Sonoma aforesaid conveyed and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell, release, deed, deliver and confirm unto the sd Coombs his heirs and assigns forever all of that piece or parcel of land lying and being in sd district of Sonoma described as follows to wit, Commencing on Napa Creek at the South Eastly corner of land which Capt John Grishy bought of me the present year thence S 29° 8' N an said Grishy's line to sd Grishy's South Westly corner thence S E 24 chains 43 1/2 links to a stake thence on a line parallel to the first described line to Geo Boggs North Eastly corner thence South Eastly an said Boggs North Eastly line so far as that a line bearing S 29° S E until it intersects Napa Creek will include fifty acres between sd Boggs N E line and said creek thence ascending up the creek to the place of beginning containing two Hundred fifty eight and fifteen hundredths (268.15) acres.

To Have and To hold the above described land or premises with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging to his and their proper use and benefit forever. And I the sd Valles for myself my heirs, my Executors and administrators do covenant and agree to and with the sd Coombs that (until the signing and sealing of these presents) I am the only lawful and rightful owner of the afore granted premises that I have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey



the said land and that I will warrant and defend the same to the said Loomas his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof I do this twenty third day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven subscribed my name and affix my seal.

Salvador Valdeso.

In presence of  
Ed. Hart Crosby  
John Crosby

Personally appeared before me John H. Nash Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Sonoma. Don Salvador Valdeso who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day and the year therein mentioned for the purposes therein set forth.

Given under our my hand at office this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April A.D. 1847.  
John H. Nash J.P.

Fees for Recording \$ 3.111.

I do hereby certify that the within deed was received at office on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April A.D. 1847 and recorded by me on the same day in Book A and on pages 38 & 39.

John H. Nash J.P.

State of California  
County of Napa

I, John H. Seaver County Recorder do and for said Napa County hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of a deed from Salvador Valdeso to Nathan Crombs received in my office for

Record on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1853  
at 9<sup>o</sup> O'Clock A.M. and now on file for record  
Witness my hand and official  
Seal at Napa City this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of February AD 1853.

Read  
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pro H. Sewall Recorder.  
By C. S. Coffman my Deputy Recorder

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.  
Signed, George Fisher Seal

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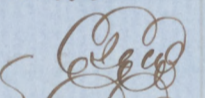
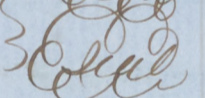
" 8 "

Read

This Indenture made this thirteenth  
day of April AD 1850 between Nathan Coombs  
and Sabella his wife of Napa Valley Napa  
County State of California parties of the first  
part and John Tribbey of the City of San  
Francisco in said State party of the second  
part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the  
sum of seven thousand dollars in hand paid to  
said parties of the first part by the said party  
of the second part, the said parties of the first  
part do hereby grant bargain sell release and  
quit claim unto the said party of the second part  
his heirs and assigns forever all of their right  
title interest claim and demand of and to the  
following described land and premises situate  
lying and being in said Napa County State  
of California bounded and abutting as follows  
to wit: Commencing on Napa Creek at the  
South Eastern corner of land which Capt  
John Greshy bought from Don Salvador  
Vallejo in the year Eighteen hundred forty  
seven, running thence S. 29° West on said  
Greshy's line to said Greshy's South Western  
corner thence S. E. 24 chains 63<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> links to a

Stake thence on a line parallel to the first as described line to Cor. Boggs north Eastly corner thence South Eastly on said Boggs north Eastly line so far as West that a line set out N. 29° E. until it intersects Kapa Creek will include fifty acres between said Boggs north East line and said creek thence running up said creek to the place of beginning containing about two hundred fifty eight and seven hundredth (268.16) acres of the same more or less being the farm & premises now occupied by said parties of the first part to have and to hold the above described premises with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands seals the day and year first above written.

Nathan Coombs,   
 Isabella Coombs 

Signed sealed and  
 delivered in presence of,  
 Joseph W. Brackett.

State of California }  
 County of Napa } Nov 11. 1850

Personally appeared before me Recorder of Napa County, Nathan & Isabella Coombs to me known to be the persons who executed the same freely & voluntarily for the use and purposes therein mentioned. And the said Isabella wife of said Coombs being examined separate and apart from her said husband by me acknowledged that she executed the same freely & voluntarily & without fear or compulsion on the part of said husband.

M H Kenning Recorder,  
State of California }  
County of Napa } 3

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I, John H Seawell  
County Recorder and for the County of  
Napa and State of California, hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy  
of a deed from Nathan Coombs and Isabella  
his wife to John Trabody. Recorded in Book  
A pages 156 and 157 in the Records of said  
Napa County.

Sealed

Witness my hand and official  
Seal at Napa City this 1st  
day of January AD 1853.  
Jno. H. Seawell Recorder  
by C. S. Coffey Clerk of Recorder

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

"S"  
Deed

Having on the 20th day of December in  
the year of our Lord, one thousand eight  
hundred and forty seven entered to Chester  
Angersoll an obligation to convey to him a  
certain tract of land in Napa Valley upon the  
payment of four hundred and eight dollars  
and the said Chester having on the 10th day of  
January AD 1848 paid the sum of four hun-  
dred and eight dollars into my hand, and hav-  
ing been assured that said land was purchased  
by the said Chester for separate use of his wife  
Phibe and the administration of the Estate of  
said Chester. AB Brooks having advised me  
to convey said lands to him. Now therefore know

all men by these presents that I Salvador  
Vallajo for and in consideration of said sum so  
paid as aforesaid do hereby grant bargain sell  
release and confirm unto the said Philip In-  
gersoll his heirs and assigns said land heretofore  
mentioned. The boundaries to which are as  
follows. Commencing at the South East corner  
of a certain tract heretofore granted by me to J.  
W. Pogg's Esq. and running rather north of east  
in such a direction as to bring two certain trees on  
the line which two trees were agreed upon between  
the said Christo and myself as on the line here  
intended to be described in the presence of  
John Greshy, Nathan Combs and others. And  
said line running past said trees to a point with  
in just fifty yards from said creek in a di-  
rect line from the starting point thence running  
up and parallel with said creek & with its  
meanders up in a northwardly direction to the line  
of N. Coombs thence running with and along  
the line of said Coombs on a westerwardly course  
to the aforesaid tract of said Pogg's thence along  
the line of said Pogg's southwardly to the star-  
ting point. Said boundaries being supposed  
to include about four hundred acres.

To have and To hold  
said premises so described free of all dower or  
other encumbrances to her the said Philip In-  
gersoll his heirs and assigns forever. And I  
herby Covenant to warrant and defend  
the said Philip his heirs and assigns in the title  
and quiet enjoyment of the premises hereby  
conveyed.

In Witness whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and seal this 22 day of  
November in the Year of our Lord 1849  
Salvador Vallajo

Read and allowed  
in presence of,  
John Grigsby  
C. A. Friend.

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Personally appeared before me  
Mr. Mulla Alcalde of Sonoma, Salvador  
Valley and acknowledged the above in this  
ment to be his free act and deed and executed  
for the purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. M. Mulla Alcalde.

Recorded in the Office of the Alcalde  
in Book L of deeds pages 211 & 212  
February 11th AD 1851 at 12 O'clock M.

A. B. Bonnett Rec. Clerk.

State of California  
County of Napa

J. John H. Sawell

County Recorder in and for said Napa County  
hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true  
and correct copy of a deed from Salvador  
Valley to Phibe Engresset recorded in Book  
B. pages 37 in the Records of said Napa County.

(Seal)

Witness my hand and official  
seal of Napa County this 28th day  
of January AD 1853.

John H. Sawell Recorder.

By C. S. Coffman, Dep. Recorder

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

This Indenture made this twenty  
 sixth day of November in the Year of our  
 Lord Eighteen Hundred and forty nine (1849),  
 between Phibe Ingersoll widow of the late  
 Chester Ingersoll of the first part and Levy  
 S. B. Stusser of the second part to wit  
 that for and in consideration of the sum of  
 twenty four hundred dollars in hand paid  
 by said party of the second part to said  
 party of the first part at and before the En-  
 sealing and delivery of these presents unto  
 said party of the first part has granted bar-  
 gained sold released and confirmed and  
 by these presents doth grant bargain sell  
 release and confirm unto the said party of the  
 second part his heirs and assigns a certain  
 tract of land situated lying and being in  
 Napa Valley and being the same land which  
 was bargained by Salvador Vallejo to the late  
 Chester Ingersoll on the twentieth day of  
 December 1818 and for which the said  
 Chester Ingersoll paid on the tenth day of  
 January 1818 and for which a title is ad-  
 vanced by said Salvador Vallejo to the  
 said party of the first part on the twenty six  
 o'clock day of this present month by consent  
 of A. B. Brooks administrator of the Estate  
 of said Chester Ingersoll upon proof that  
 said lands were purchased by the said  
 Chester Ingersoll for the separate use of  
 his wife the said Chester Ingersoll who is  
 the first party to the indenture the corners  
 of said land running as follows to wit com-  
 mencing at the South East Corner of a certain  
 tract of land heretofore granted by said  
 Salvador Vallejo to L. B. Rogge Esq. and running  
 rather north of East in such a direction as to

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Being two Certain trees on the line which  
 two trees were agreed upon by the Said  
 Sabador Valles and the said Christo In-  
 gersoll in the presence of John Gresham  
 and W Coombs as marked upon the Coemclary  
 of said land and said line running in a  
 quiet line from the starting point past  
 said trees to a point just fifty yards  
 from Hapa Creek thence running upon a  
 parallel with said creek and with its  
 meanderings northward to the line of St.  
 Coombs thence running with and along  
 the line of aforesaid Coombs in a westerly  
 course to the aforesaid track of said Boggs  
 thence along the line of said Boggs southwardly  
 to the starting point. Said Coemclary  
 being supposed to include about four hun-  
 dred acres. To Have and To Hold said  
 premises so described with the hereditaments  
 and appurtenances thereof to him the said  
 party of the second part his heirs and assigns  
 forever and the said party of the first part  
 hereby covenants to warrant and defend  
 the said party of the second part his heirs  
 and assigns in the title and quiet enjoy-  
 ment of the premises hereby conveyed forever  
 In Witness whereof the said party of the  
 first part has hereunto set her hand and  
 seal the day and year above mentioned.

Phoebe Ingersoll C.D.

Sealed and delivered  
 in presence of,  
 C. A. Inman,  
 Jas. Merritt

Signature of Christy Ingersoll



Territory of California

District of San Francisco } ss.

On this 26th day of November  
AD 1851, personally appeared Phibe Ingersoll  
to me known & who signed and sealed  
the foregoing instrument & acknowledged  
the same to be her free act and done for the  
purposes therein mentioned.

John H. Sears,

Just Alcalde

Dist of San Francisco  
U.C.

Recorded in the Office of the Alcalde for the  
District of San Francisco in Book "D"  
of Deeds page 212 & 213. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. AD 1851.  
at 12 O'clock M.

A. C. Bonnell  
Rec. Clerk.

State of California } ss.

County of Yuba } ss.

I, John H. Sewell  
County Recorder in and for said County  
of Yuba hereby certify that the deed from  
Phibe Ingersoll to Levi S B Slosser  
Recorded in Book B pages 38 and 39 in the  
Records of said Yuba County.

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Witness my hand and official  
seal at Yuba City this 28 day of  
January AD 1853.

John H. Sewell Recorder  
By C. S. Coffey my Dy  
Recorder }

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy. }

Warranty Deed,  
 Know all men by these Presents That,  
 I Levi S B Sussu of Sonoma, State  
 of California, in consideration of Five  
 thousand dollars to me paid by John  
 Tribody of San Francisco in the same  
 State the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,  
 do by these presents, give grant convey  
 gain sell and convey unto the said John Tri-  
 body his heirs and assigns, all that tract or  
 parcel of land situated lying and being in  
 Napa County Valley in the State of California  
 bounded and described as follows to wit Com-  
 mencing at the South East Corner of a certain  
 tract of land heretofore granted by one  
 Salvador Vallejo to J W Bagg and running  
 rather north of East in such a direction as  
 to cross two certain trees on the line which  
 two trees were agreed upon by the said Salvador  
 Vallejo and Christo Bagnard in the presence  
 of John Briggs and N Coombs as marked  
 upon the boundary of said land and said  
 line running in a direct line from the starting  
 point just fifty yards from Napa Creek thence  
 running upon a parallel with said creek and  
 with its meanderings northwards to the line of  
 N Coombs thence running north and along the line  
 of said Coombs in a westerly course to the  
 aforesaid track of said Bagg thence along  
 the line of said Bagg southwards to the  
 starting point & said boundary supposed  
 to include about four hundred acres To  
 Have and To Hold, the above granted prom-  
 ises with the privileges and appurtenances  
 thereto belonging to the said John Tribody  
 his heirs and assigns to his & their use

and Cept of forever. And I the Said Levi S  
 B Slusser for myself and my heirs exe-  
 cutors and administrators do hereby con-  
 vrant with the Said John Trebody his heirs  
 and assigns that I am lawfully seized in  
 full of the afore granted premises that they are  
 free from all encumbrances. That I have  
 good right to sell and convey the Same to  
 the Said John Trebody as aforesaid and  
 that I well and my heirs Executors and  
 administrators shall warrant and defend the  
 Same to the Said John Trebody his heirs  
 and assigns forever against the lawfull claims  
 and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the Said  
 Levi S. B. Slusser have hereunto set my hand  
 and Seal this day of February in the Year  
 of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & fifty -  
 Levi S. B. Slusser.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
 at presence of  
 John M. Vickar  
 Amos Merrill  
 State of California  
 County of Napa

I, John H. Seawell  
 County Recorder in and for said Napa  
 County hereby Certify that the foregoing is  
 a full true and correct copy of a deed  
 from Levi S. B. Slusser to John Trebody  
 Recorded in Book pages 39 and 40, in  
 the records of said Napa County.

Seal

Witness my hand and official  
 Seal at Napa City this 28th day  
 of January AD 1853.  
 Jno. H. Seawell Recorder  
 By C. J. Coffencomper Recorder.

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State of California  
San Francisco District } February 11, 1853.  
Then personally appeared the within  
named Levi S. B. Stanser known to me to  
be the person who executed and acknowledged  
the within instrument to be his free act and  
deed before me John Mc Vickar

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Notary Public,  
San Francisco District  
Received and Entered with Deeds. La. Vol.

Filed in Office March 2, 1853.  
(Squid)  
Geo Fisher Secy.

A. Trubody }  
vs. } Claim, No 121.  
U. States }

Stipulation

The above Claim being  
a portion of & derived from the original  
grant, No. 195 filed before the Board of  
Land Commrs is agreed between the U. S.  
Law Agent & Claimants Counsel that the  
testimony taken in the above original Claim  
may be used as Evidence in this Claim

Done for Claimant  
R. Grantlow Asst Law Agent

Filed in Office March 9<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
(Squid)  
Geo Fisher Secy.

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John Trubody

vs.

The United States

no 727.

Stipulation

It is hereby agreed between the parties hereto by their respective Attorneys that the original papers filed in Claim No 1195 marked "A" & Transmittal marked "B" may be considered as filed and may be read in Evidence in this case and also that the transfers marked "D" & "E" shall be deemed and taken as proved and read in Evidence in this case which is a part of the Rancho de Yapa California in No 45.

J. H. McKim

Lawyer

Filed in Office April 10th 1854.

(Signed)

Geo F. Shu Esq.

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John Frabody. }  
 vs. } For three parcels  
 The United States } of land containing  
 in all about 79 1/2 acres  
 part of the Rancho  
 called Napa in Napa County.

The land claimed in this case  
 is alleged to be part of the Rancho called Napa  
 originally granted to Salvador Valljo from  
 whom through several more conveyances  
 the present Claimant derived 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 relate  
 to the same original grant are used as  
 Evidence in this case. By these proof is made  
 of the original grant by Governor Alvarado  
 bearing date December 31. 1838 the approval  
 of the Departmental Assembly on the 23<sup>d</sup> day  
 of the same month and the giving of judicial  
 possession to the grantee on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
 February 1844. They also show 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 Valljo'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  
 himself to the parcel of land part of  
 said Rancho first described in the Claim-  
 ant's petition, he has given in Evidence a  
 deed thereof from said Valljo and wife  
 to himself, made on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March

1831. This deed is exhibited by the attorney of the grantors, whose authority is shown by a certified copy of his power of attorney from the Records Office.

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The title to the second parcel of land described in said petition is derived from said Vallye by deed thereof from him to Nathan Coombs dated April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1847 and conveyance from said Coombs and wife to the Claimant on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1850.

The title to the third parcel of land described in said petition is derived from said Vallye by deed thereof from him to Phileo Ingersoll, bearing date November 22, 1849, and from said Phileo Ingersoll to Levi S. B. Stusser dated November 26, 1849, and a deed from said Stusser to the present Claimant dated February 1850.

The proof of these conveyances together with the evidence above mentioned is sufficient to establish the right of the Claimant, and a decree of confirmation will be entered.

Confirmed.

Filed in Office April 11, 1854.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy



John Traubady,

The United States

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

Acosa

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 Dalgo which place is bounded and described as follows to wit commencing on the Arroyo of Napa at the corner of Nicolas Leigueria thence following a southerly to the lower pass of the Arroyo de las Carneras six thousand varas to a path of 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 west to the upper road which goes to the Rancho of Santh, four thousand six hundred varas thence continuing 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 varas and fifty varas to the River Napa, thence down the same River course South East to the Arroyo of Napa fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty five varas and thence following the same Arroyo westwardly two thousand six hundred varas to the place of beginning containing four square leagues of land agreeably to the grant to said Dalgo and the Judicial measurement thereof.

That portion of the above mentioned and described premises of

which Confirmation is hereby made as born  
and described as follows to wit, Commencing  
at Boggs South west Corner and runs  
South fifty four degrees thirty six seconds west  
nine Chains and fifty eight links thence north  
fifty five degrees and fifty three minutes East  
Nineteen Chains along Salaps run fence, thence  
north twenty one degrees and thirty eight min-  
utes East twenty eight Chains and thirty one  
links thence north fifty nine degrees and thirty  
minutes west Eleven Chains and forty links  
to his corner thence South twenty five degrees  
and thirty eight minutes west eighty seven  
Chains and 9 links containing 127<sup>59</sup> for acres  
being the same land described in a deed from  
said Valley and wife to said Tribody dated  
March 12, 1851.

Also another portion of said  
tract called Sopa bounded and described  
as follows to wit Commencing on Sapa creek  
at the South Eastern Corner of land which  
Capt John Grysky bought from Don Salva-  
dor Salvo in the year Eighteen Hundred  
and forty seven running thence South 29° 8'  
west on said Grysky's line to said Grysky's  
South Western Corner thence S.E. 24 Chains  
63<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> links to a stake thence on a line par-  
allel to the first described line two Boggs  
North east line so far as that a line extended  
North 29° S.E. until it intersects Sapa  
Creek will include fifty acres between said  
Boggs North East line and said Creek then  
meandering up said Creek to the place of be-  
ginning containing about two hundred  
fifty eight and sixteen hundred and (268.16)  
acres or the same more or less being the same

Same land described in a deed from Nathaniel Coombs and wife to said Trustee dated April 13. 1850.

Also another portion of said tract called Napa bounded and described as follows to wit Commencing at the South East Corner of a certain tract of land heretofore granted by and Salvador Vallyjo to D. W. Baggs and running rather north of East in such a direction as to bring two certain trees on the line which two trees were agreed upon by the said Salvador Vallyjo and Christio Juyersold in the presence of John Greshy and N. Coombs as marked upon the boundary of said land and said line running in a direct line from the starting point just yards from Napa Creek thence running upon a parallel with said creek and with its meanderings northwards to the line of N. Coombs in a westerly course to the aforesaid tract of said Baggs thence along the line of said Baggs southwards to the starting point and said boundary supposed to include about four hundred acres being the same land described in a deed from Levi S. B. Slusser to said Trustee dated February 1850.

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Alpheus Fitch }  
Thompson Campbell }  
R. Aug. Thompson }

Commissioners

Filed in Office April 11. 1851.  
(Signed) Geo. Fisher Secy

And in appearing to the satisfaction of the  
Board that the land now by adjudication  
is situated in the Northern District of Cal  
it is hereby ordered that the transcripts of the  
proceedings and of the decision in this case  
and of the papers and evidence upon  
which the same are founded be made out  
and duly certified by the Secretary of which  
transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the  
Northern States District Court for the Northern  
District of California and the other be trans-  
mitted to the Attorney General of the U S

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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


I, *George Fisher* Secretary to the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing — *thirty* pages, numbered from 1 to *30*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Transcript 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. *727* on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

*John Trubody* is —

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

In Testimony Whereof, I herewith 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.

*G. Fisher*



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

No. — 118 —

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*John Trubody*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 727

Filed, *November 2<sup>d</sup>* 1854

*Wm A Monroe*  
*clerk*

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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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.

Cushing

Attorney General.

U. S. District Court for  
Northern District, Cal.

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John Truebody.

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Notice of Appeal.

Filed, March 20, 1855,

John A. Monroe,

Clerk



Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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} 727.

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~~ district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cluskey

Attorney General.

C.M.

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U.S.D. Court W. Dist.

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vs.

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Appeal notice.

Dated May 5, 1855,  
by Chelvers,  
Deputy.

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

United States } On appeal from  
No 118 } the Bd. Board of  
The Trustee } Commissioners to as  
} certain & settle private  
land claims in the State of California

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In the inspection of the record  
in this case it is agreed that by  
stipulation of counsel, that the  
original papers in case No 495. before  
said Board marked A, & translation  
marked "B." were considered & filed as  
evidence in this case, & also the transfers  
marked D. & E. were to be considered as  
proved, and that the record is now  
defective in not giving said  
original papers marked "A." in case  
495. and said transfers marked  
in said case D. & E. and in  
that the record is imperfect  
facts agreed.

A. Cassell  
Asst U.S. atty  
C. B. Rhodes  
Counsel for Trustee.

On reading the above agreed state-  
ment of facts, on ~~motion~~ suggestion  
of diminution of record and motion  
to have the same returned to be  
perfected, It is ordered that  
the records be returned to the Hon.  
Board of U.S. Commissioners, in order  
that the same may be made  
perfect, <sup>a transcript</sup> by the transcribers marked  
"D. & E." in case No. 495. before  
said Hon Board, and also the  
original papers in said case,

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

John Hoffman  
U. S. Dist. Judge

W.S.  
in  
J. P. body

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order to amend  
the record

No. 118.

U. S. Dist. Court,

The United States,

vs

John W. Meade,

Stipulation and order  
to Amend Record,

Filed February 7, 1866,

J. Cheever,  
Deputy.

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

The United States

vs  
John Truebody

D. C. 118; L. C. 727

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<sup>d</sup> day of Nov 1854; that a notice of appeal was filed on the 20 day of Mch 1855; that the land claimed lies in this District and that said title is invalid.

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

San Francisco July 13. 1857

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The United States

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Petition

Filed February 13, 1857,  
W. A. Church,  
Deputy.

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Blair v. U.S.



At a Stated Term of the District Court of the United States of America, for the Northern District of California, held at the Court Rooms in the City of San Francisco, on Monday the Second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Present:

The Hon: Ogden Hoffman, District Judge,

The United States

vs  
No. 118: S.C. 727

John Truebody

Decree

This cause came on to be heard on appeal from the final decision of the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, under the act of Congress approved on the 3<sup>d</sup> of March, A. D. 1851, upon the transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Board of Commissioners, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded; and it appearing

to the Court that the said transcript has been duly filed according to law; and the cause having regularly come to a hearing, it is by the Court hereby ordered adjudged and decreed that the said decision be, and the same is hereby in all things affirmed, and it is likewise ordered adjudged and decreed that the claim of the appellees is a good and valid claim and the same is hereby confirmed.

The lands of which confirmation is hereby made are part of four square leagues known by the name of "Sapu," granted Salvador Valles, and are bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at Boggs' South west corner and runs south fifty four degrees and thirty six seconds west nine chains and sixty eight links; thence North fifty five degrees and fifty three minutes East nineteen chains along Jalapa new fence; thence North twenty one degrees and thirty eight minutes East seventy eight chains and thirty one links; thence North sixty nine degrees and thirty minutes west eleven chains and forty links to his corner; thence South twenty five degrees and thirty eight minutes west

Eighty seven chains and nine links, containing One hundred and twenty seven  $89/100$  ( $127 \frac{89}{100}$ ) acres, being the same land described in a deed from said Vallejo and wife to said Truebody, dated March 12, 1857.

Also another portion of said tract commencing on Napa Creek at the South Easterly corner of land which Capt John Gregory bought from Don Salvador Vallejo in the year 1847, running thence South twenty nine degrees and Eight minutes meet on said Gregory's line to said Gregory's South westerly corner - thence South East twenty four chains sixty three and a half links to a stake, thence on a line parallel to the first described line to George Boggs north easterly line, so far as that a line extended North  $29^{\circ}$  South East until it intersects Napa Creek will include fifty acres between said Boggs North East line and said Creek, then meandering up said creek to the place of beginning, containing about two hundred and sixty eight and sixteen hundredth ( $268 \frac{16}{100}$ ) acres, be the same more or less, being the same land described in a deed from Nathaw Coombs and wife to said Truebody, dated April 13, 1857.

Also another portion of said tract, commencing at the south east corner of a certain tract of land heretofore granted by Salvador Vallejo to L. W. Boggs, and running rather North of East in such a direction as to bring two certain trees on the line; which two trees were agreed upon by the said Salvador Vallejo and Chester Ingersoll in the presence of John Grigby and W. Coombs, as marked upon the boundary of said land and said line, running in a direct line from the starting point just fifty yards from Napa Creek, thence running upon a parallel with said creek and with its meanderings northwards to the line of W. Coombs in a westwardly course to the aforesaid tract of said Boggs, thence along the line of said Boggs southwardly to the starting point of said boundary; supposed to include about four hundred (400) acres, being the same land described in a deed from Levi S. B. Plummer to said Trustee dated February 1850.

Ogden Hoffman  
M. J. Dist. Judge

This decree is correct.

Wm Blanning  
Dist Atty.

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Decree

Filed March 2, 1857.

W. H. Chewins.  
Deputy.

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California Land Claims  
Attorney General's Office  
29 Jan'y, 1857.

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Sir:  
In the case of the claims of John  
Trabody, confirmed to the claimant  
by the Commissioner, Case no. seven  
hundred and twenty-seven, (727), ap-  
peal will not be prosecuted by the  
United States.

I am,  
Respectfully,  
Ours,

Wm. T. Flanigan Esq  
U. S. Attorney,  
San Francisco.

In the District Court of the U.S.  
for the Northern Dist. of Cal.

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John Truebody

In pursuance of a notice from the Attorney General of the United States, herunto annexed, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that no further appeal be prosecuted in this case on the part of the United States, and that claimant have leave to proceed under the decree of this Court heretofore rendered in his favor, as under Final Decree.

San Francisco June 6 1857

Wm Blandine  
Dist Atty

C. M. Stone

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Filed June 5, 1857.  
A. G. Chevis  
Deputy.

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At a Stated Term of the District Court of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of  
California, held at the Court Room, in the City of SAN FRANCISCO,  
on *Friday* the *fifth* day of  
*June* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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Present :

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States  
v  
John Truebody } D.C. 118: L.C. 727.

The Attorney General  
of the United States having given notice  
that no appeal will be taken in this case,  
and a stipulation to that effect having  
been entered into by the U.S. Attorney:

On motion of the District  
Attorney it is ordered adjudged and  
decreed that claimant have leave  
to proceed under the decree of this  
Court heretofore rendered in his  
favor, as under Final Decree.

Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. Dist. Judge

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United States District Court, Northern  
District of California.

*The United States*

vs.

*John Truebody*

ORDER.

*Vacating appeal*

Filed *June 5,* 1857

*John A. Munsie,*

CLERK.

By *W. A. Cheever*

DEPUTY.

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