

CASE NO.

146

NORTHERN DISTRICT

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PART OF NAPA GRANT

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JAMES HARBIN

CLAIMANT



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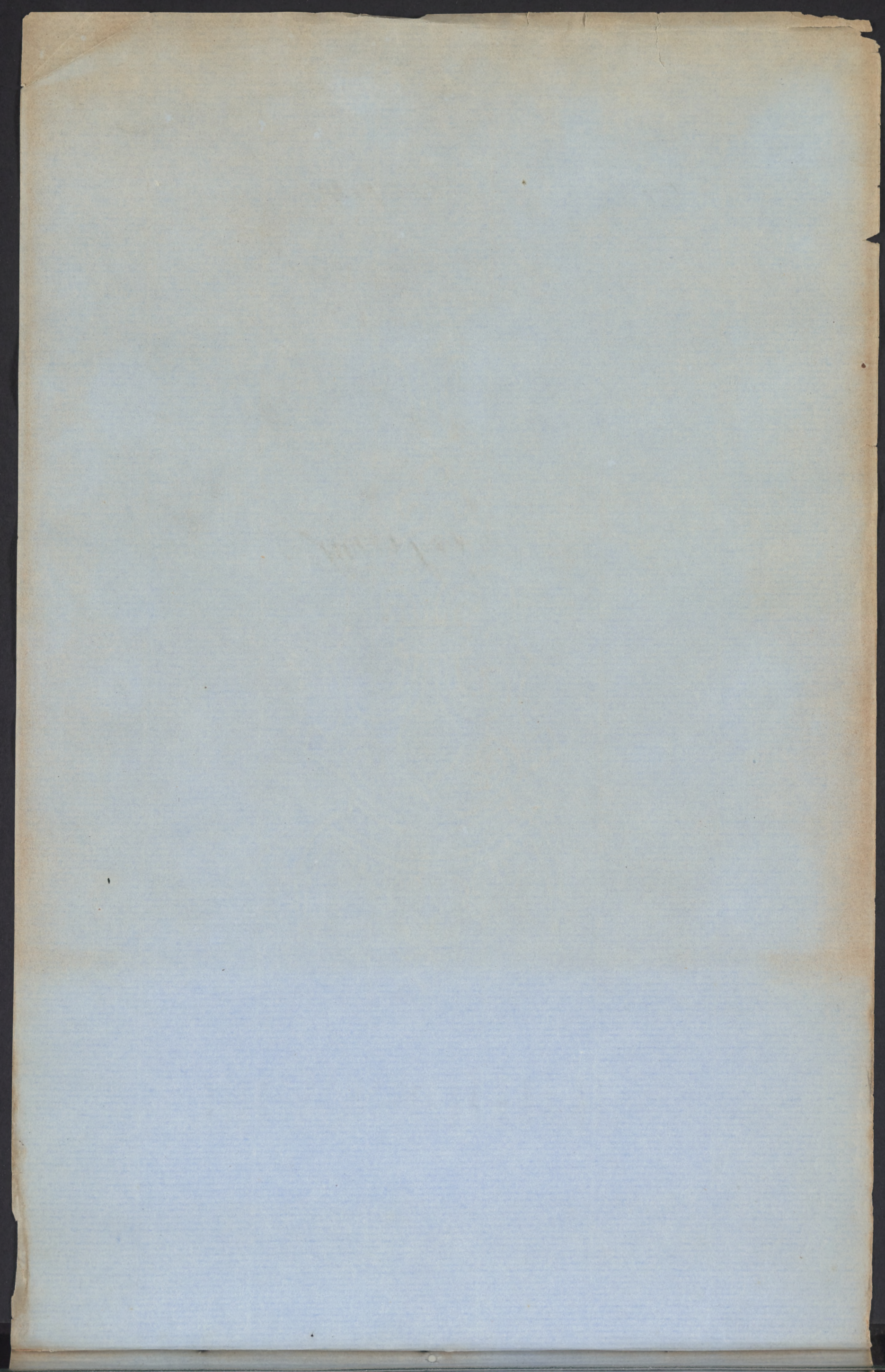
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# TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 721

*James Harbin* CLAIMANT

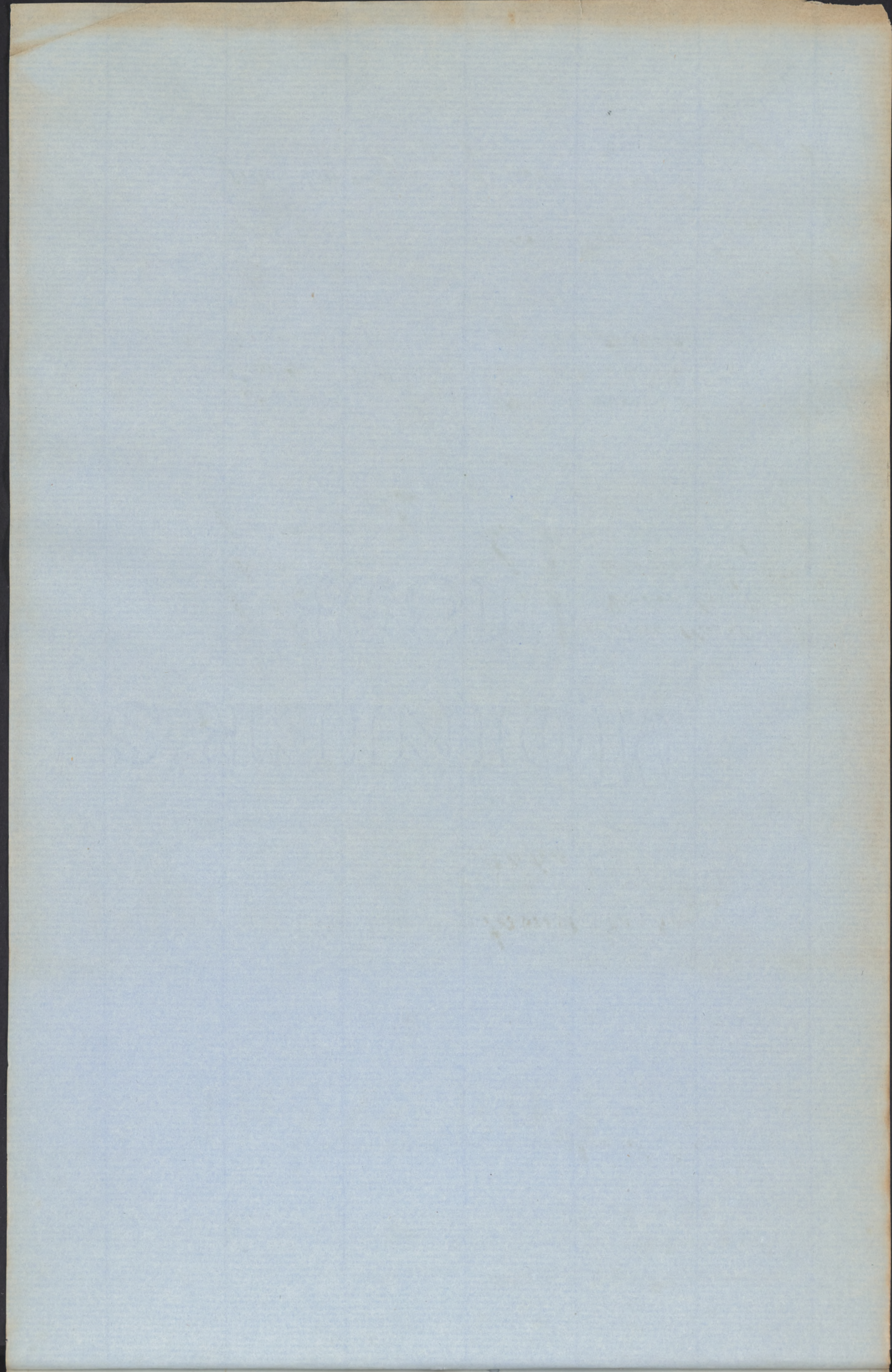
VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

*part of*  
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"Nasra"*







Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

The Petition of *James Harbin* <sup>part of</sup> for the Place named "*Napa*," was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *721* 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' 1853.*  
In Case No. *721*, James M. Harbin for part of "*Napa*," the Counsel for the claimant, filed the following Stipulation, to wit;  
(Vide page *29* of this Transcript.)

*San Francisco April 4' 1854.*  
Case no. *721* was submitted on briefs and taken under advisement by the Board,

*San Francisco April 10' 1854.*  
In the same case, the Counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit;  
(Vide page *29* of this Transcript.)



San Francisco May 16<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
delivered the opinion of the Board confirming  
the claim;

(Vide page 31 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 35 of this Transcript.)

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Petition

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To the Hon the Board of Comms for settling private  
Land Claims in California

The petition of James M Harbin respectfully shows  
That on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sep. 1838 Juan B Alvarado Governor  
of California by virtue of the Lucas of Mexico gran-  
ted to Salvador Vallejo a certain tract of land  
called Napa Intero in the present County of Napa  
with the boundaries described in the grant and  
accompanying map, which Original grant & map  
with the approval of the Departmental Assembly  
and act of Judicial possession, with the translation  
of the same are filed in claim in No 495. in the office  
of the Secretary of this Board, hereby referred to and  
prayed to be taken as part of this petition

That on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1847 Said Salvador sold and  
conveyed to John Craig a certain portion of said  
tract of land, more particularly described in the  
Deed of Conveyance a certified copy of which  
of which is herewith submitted marked B

That on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1850 Said Craig sold and  
conveyed said portion of land to your petitioner as set  
forth in the Deed of Conveyance, a certified copy is  
herewith submitted marked C

That said portion of land contains one hundred  
(100) acres

Your petitioner further shows, that on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
1847 Said Vallejo sold and conveyed to John Gregby  
a certain other portion of said tract of land, more  
particularly described in the deed of Conveyance  
a certified copy of which is herewith submitted  
marked D

That on the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 1848 Said Gregby sold & convey-  
ed to James Harbin a certain part of said portion  
more particularly described in the Deed of Convey-  
ance, a certified copy of which is herewith subm-  
itted marked E

That on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1851 Said James Harbin  
sold and conveyed to your petitioner said part of  
said portion of land as set forth in the Deed of  
Conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith  
submitted marked F

Your petitioner further shows, that said part of said  
portion of land contains one hundred and sixty  
(160) acres, more or less.

Your petitioner further shows that on the 9<sup>th</sup> April



1847 Sued Gogby and Makeu his wife sold and conveyed to John Tracy above named, a certain other part of said portion of land (conveyed to him by Sued Salvador as aforesaid) more particularly described in the Deed of conveyance a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked C  
 That on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1850 Sued Tracy sold & conveyed to your petitioner Sued portion of land as set forth in the Deed of conveyance a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked H  
 That said portion contains Three Hundred & Twenty (320) acres of land

Your petition further shows, that on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1851 Sued Salvador sold and conveyed to Herman Moller a certain other portion of said tract more particularly described in the Deed of conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked I

That on the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1851 Sued Salvador sold & conveyed to Sued Moller the remaining portion of said tract, as set forth in the Deed of conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked J

That on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1852 Sued Moller sold and conveyed to Otto St Frank all the interest conveyed to Sued Moller as aforesaid, which is more fully shown in the Deed of conveyance a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked K

That on the 2<sup>d</sup> August 1853 Sued Frank sold and conveyed to your petitioner a certain portion of said interest in said tract of land more particularly described in the Deed of conveyance, a certified copy of which is herewith submitted marked L  
 That said portion contains One hundred and Eight (108) acres

Your petition further shows that the several portions of land above set forth, have been for some fifteen years and now are in the quiet and undisputed possession of your petitioner and those under whom

Filed in office  
 March 2<sup>d</sup> 1853  
 Geo. Fisher

he holds - That he knows of no conflicting claim  
 That he relies for confirmation of his said claims upon the Original title papers above referred to upon such other and further proofs as he may be advised are necessary. Wherefore he prays confirmation of his said titles to said land.  
 Rose for Claimant D



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Deed

Deed B

"Vallejo to Craig. Filed for record Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1850 at  
10 o'clock A.M.

This Indenture made and entered into this Twenty three  
day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand  
Eight hundred and Forty seven by and between Salva  
dor Vallejo of the first part and John Craig of the  
second part Willetheth, that the said party of the  
first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One  
hundred dollars to him in hand paid, by the said  
party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, hath this day bargained and sold  
and by these presents doth hereby grant, bargain and  
sell, unto the said party of the second part his heirs  
and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land  
lying and being and situated in Napa Valley  
in the Territory of California. Commencing at a point  
near the Western line of the tract of Land sold  
by said Salva dor Vallejo to John Giesby, where  
there is a large Spring of Water. Thence running  
two hundred and twenty yards South and Two  
hundred and twenty yards North of said Spring,  
so as to make the breadth of said tract four  
hundred and forty yards along said Giesby's  
Western line; and thence running with the said  
breadth of Four hundred and forty yards in a  
Western direction, towards the Mountains to w<sup>ch</sup>  
include the said Spring, and to contain One hun  
dred Acres of Land, reserving a strip of twenty  
yards in width along the said lines of Giesby for  
a public road, but which strip is not to be  
included in the said One hundred Acres, nor to  
form any part thereof. To have and to hold the  
said granted and bargained premises, unto him the  
said John Craig, and to his heirs and assigns  
forever. Together with all and singular the rights  
privileges and appurtenances therunto belonging or in  
anywise appertaining. And the said party of the  
first part for himself his heirs Executors and all  
monistrators, doth hereby covenant to and with  
the said party of the second part his heirs & assigns  
to warrant defende the title to the said  
granted and bargained premises from the lawfull  
claim or demand of any person or persons whatso  
ever claiming or to claim the same or any part

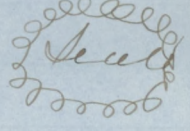
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thereof, and that the said party of the first part is lawfully seized of an undivided in fee simple in the real estate hereby conveyed, and has good right to sell and convey the same, and that the same is free from all incumbrances. In witness whereof the said party of the first part, hath hereunto set his hand and seal. Done at the town of Sonoma in the Territory of California this day and date before written

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Signed and delivered Salvador Vallejo   
in presence of  
William M. Boggs  
N. W. Scott

Personally appeared before me John H. Nash an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Sonoma California Salvador Vallejo, who acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day and year there in written and for the purposes therein set forth Given under my hand and seal of office at Sonoma March 27th 1847

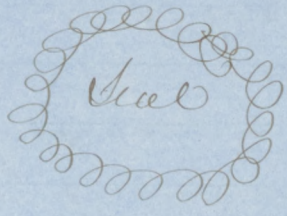
John H. Nash J.P.

Recorded Sept. 7th 1850

State of California }  
County of Napa } 3

I John H. Sewell being Recorder in and for the County and State aforesaid hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the Record of a deed from Salvador Vallejo to John Craig as recorded in Book B pages 107 and 108 in the Records of said Napa County.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Napa City this 21st day of January A. D. 1853



John H. Sewell Recorder  
By G. S. Coffinbury Dep. Recorder

Filed in office March 2nd 1853

Geo. Fisher

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Deed C

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John Tracy to J M Starbin. Filed for Record  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1850

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This Indenture made and concluded this sixteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty between John Tracy of Sonoma County State of California of the first part, and John M Starbin of Napa County California of the second part: Witnesseth; That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is here by acknowledged, hath this day bargained and sold, and by these presents doth hereby grant bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever three certain tracts or parcels of land, situated and being in Napa County State of California, described as follows Tract No. 1 Commencing at a point near the Western line of the tract of land sold by Salvador Vallejo to John Gregsby, where there is a large spring of water thence running two hundred and twenty yards South and two hundred and twenty yards North of said Spring, so as to make the breadth of said tract four hundred and forty yards along said Gregsby's Western line and thence running with the said breadth of four hundred and forty yards in a westerly direction towards the mountains so as to include said Spring, and to contain one hundred acres of land, reserving a strip of twenty yards in width along the said line of Gregsby for a public Road, but which strip is not to be included in the said one hundred acres nor to form any part thereof. Tract No. 2 Commencing at the South West Corner (as established by survey) of a tract of land purchased by the said John Tracy, from John Gregsby, thence running North West along the line of James Starbin forty rods down the Valley parallel with the first mountain line forty rods, thence along the line back to the place of Beginning, and to contain ten acres of land. Tract No. 3 Commencing at the South West Corner of a tract of land <sup>see by</sup> sold by John Gregsby to a Mr Starbin - thence running one mile down the



Valley, in a South East course, so as not to run into the Mountains - Excepting a few acres at the termination of the Mele, thence in the direction of Napa Creek One half mile - thence running in a North West direction One mile parallel with the first named line thence half a mile to the place of Beginning, and to contain three hundred and twenty acres of Land. To have and to hold the above described premises with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said J. M. Harbin his heirs & assigns forever. And I do by these presents forever quit claim all of my right title and interest in to and for the above conveyed premises, and I do by these presents warrant and defend the title to the said premises against all law full claims and demands of me or my heirs and no other. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of August A.D. 1850

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Witnessed by John Craig  
City and County of Sonoma }  
State of California }

On this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared before me H. A. Greer Judge of said County, John Craig who is personally known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, signed by him, and who acknowledged that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand this 16th day of August A.D. 1850

Recorded Sept. 7th 1850 H. A. Greer  
Judge of said County

I John H. Seawell County Recorder in & for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the Record of a deed from John Craig to J. M. Harbin as recorded in Book A pages 105 and 106 in the Records of said Napa County

Witness my hand and official seal at Napa City this 22nd day of January 1853  
John H. Seawell Recorder  
By L. S. Coffinbury Deputy Recorder  
Filed in office March 2nd 1853. Geo. Fisher Secy

Filed in office March 2nd 1853. Geo. Fisher Secy



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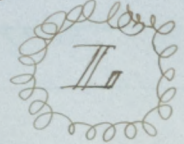
S. Vallejo to Jno. Grigsby Filed for record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A. D. 1847 at 1 O'clock P. M.

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Know all men by these presents, that I Salvador Vallejo of the District of Sonoma in the Territory of California for and 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 and sold once by these presents doth hereby gave bargained and sell unto the said John Grigsby & his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of Land lying being and situate in the Valley of Napa in the District and Territory aforesaid and bounded as follows to wit, beginning at a point on the said Napa Creek where the Southern boundary line of Genl. Yount's land crosses the same - thence running with the 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 down the Valley One mile and a half according to the present survey to a stake, thence running parallel with said Yount's Southern boundary line to the Napa Creek, thence with and following the meanders of said Creek to the point of beginning containing fourteen hundred and 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 and to hold the said granted & bargained premises, together with all & singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto him the said John Grigsby and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And I the said Salvador for myself my heirs and assigns doth hereby Covenant to and with the said John Grigsby his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend the title to the said tract of Land from the lawful claim or claims of any and 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 Territory of California this twenty fifth day of September A. D. 1847

Salvador Vallejo 



Territory of California }  
 District of Sonoma } Personally appeared before  
 me the undersigned Alcalde of the District of Sonoma  
 Salvador Vallijo 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 and deed  
 for the purposes therein mentioned -  
 Given under my hand at Office in Sonoma this  
 25th day of Sept. 1847  
 L. M. Boggs

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State of California }  
 County of Napa ss } I John St Lawrence County  
 Recorder in and for the County and State aforesaid  
 do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true  
 and correct copy of the Record of a Deed from  
 Salvador Vallijo to John Gregory as recorded in  
 Book A page 300 in the Records of said Napa County  
 Witness my hand and official Seal at Napa  
 City this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January A. D. 1853

Seal

John St Lawrence Recorder  
 By G. S. Coffinbury Dep. Recorder

Filed in office March 2. 1853  
 Geo. Fisher  
 Secy



Know all men by these presents that we John Gregsby and Mahala Gregsby his wife, of the District of Sonoma upper California, for and in consideration of Two hundred and forty Dollars (\$240) to us in hand paid by James Starbin of the same District of Sonoma the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by this Deed do bargain and sell release deliver and confirm unto the said Starbin his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece of land lying in said District of Sonoma known and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the North Westerly Corner of land which I purchased of Salvador Vallis; thence South  $44^{\circ} 30' 41''$  Chains 67 Links to a Stone; thence  $N 29^{\circ} 08' E$  40 chains to a Stone; thence  $N 44^{\circ} 30' W$   $41 \frac{67}{100}$  chains to a Stone; thence On George Younts S E line 40 Chains to the place of Beginning, containing One hundred and Sixty Acres More or less. To have and to hold the above described land with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to his heirs their own purpose and behoof forever.

And we the said John Gregsby for ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators do covenant to and with the said Starbin his heirs and assigns all our right title claim and interest forever to the above described tract or parcel of land above described. Whereof the said parties of the first part set their hands and affix their Seals on the in the year of our Lord August 17<sup>th</sup> 1848.

In the presence of  
J. D. Bristol  
J. N. Edmonston

John Gregsby  
Mahala Gregsby



State of California  
County of Napa ss

On this the Eleventh day of March A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty two, before me the undersigned in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Gregsby and Mahala his wife known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and the said Mahala wife of the said Gregsby, being by me Examined Separately



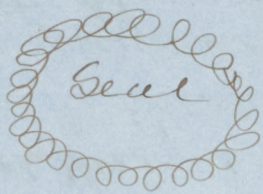
and apart from her said husband, acknowledge  
that they executed the same freely and voluntarily  
and without fear or compulsion on the part of  
her said husband.  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal of office at Napa City this the day and  
year in this certificate first above written

A. H. Lawrence Recorder  
By J. N. Edmonstone Dep Recorder

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State of California }  
County of Napa 33 } I John H. Sewell Recor  
der in 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  
John Gregby and Mahala Gregby his wife to  
James Harbin. Filed for record March 11<sup>th</sup> AD 1852  
at 1/2 past 3 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Book  
B Page 145 in the Records of Napa County  
With my hand and official seal at Napa  
City this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1853

John H. Sewell Recorder



By G. S. Clougherty Dep Recorder

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

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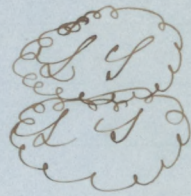
Know all men by these presents that we James Harbin and Sarah his wife of said James of the County of Napa and State of California, for and in consideration of Five thousand dollars to us in hand paid by James M Harbin of the County and State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold and by these presents do hereby grant sell remise release and forever quit claim unto the said James M all the right title interest and estate both in Law and Equity, to and in the following described Land and tenements situated in the County and State of aforesaid (to wit) Beginning at the North West corner of Sances bought by John Gregory of Salvador Vallejo, said conveyed premises runs thence South  $44^{\circ} 8'$  E 41 chains and 67 Links to a Stone, thence North  $44^{\circ} 30'$  West  $41^{\frac{67}{100}}$  chains to a Stone; thence on a South East line of Sances owned by George Yount Forty (40) chains to the place of Beginning containing One hundred and Sixty Acres be the same more or less. To have and to hold the foregoing premises together with the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said James M Harbin his heirs and assigns forever.

And we the said James M Harbin and Sarah wife of the said James do hereby sell convey and confirm for ourselves heirs Executors and administrators all our right title and interest to and in the above described land and tenements to the said James M Harbin his heirs and assigns forever

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2<sup>d</sup> day of January A.D. 1851

In presence of  
J D Bailey

James Harbin  
Sarah Harbin



State of California  
County of Napa ss

Personally appeared before me Recorder of Napa County by Deposition James Harbin and Sarah his wife known to me to be the persons described in and executed the within Instrument who acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purpo



osis therein mentioned. And the said Sarah on a  
private Examination separate and apart from  
her said husband acknowledged that she  
executed the said instrument freely and without  
fear or Compulsion of her said Husband.  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851

P. L. Barclay Deputy  
Recorder Napa County

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State of California }  
County of Napa ss }

I John H. Sewell County  
Recorder in and for the County of Napa and  
State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a full true and correct copy of an original deed  
from James Harbin and Sarah Harbin his wife  
to James M. Harbin. Filed for Record Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1851 at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes P. M. and Recor-  
ded in Book A Page 260 in the archives of  
Napa County.

Witness my hand and official Seal at Napa  
City this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853

John H. Sewell Recorder  
By C. S. Coffinbury By Recorder

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Geo. Fisher Secy

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
Geo. Fisher Secy



Grigsby and wife to John Craig Filed for Record  
 Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1850 at 10 O'clock A.M.

This Indenture made and entered into the 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight  
 hundred and forty seven by and between John  
 Grigsby and Mahala his wife of the first part  
 and John Craig of the second part of the District  
 of Sonoma Upper California Napa. Witnesseth  
 that the said party of the first part for and in  
 consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars  
 to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby  
 acknowledged, hath this day bargained and  
 sold, and by these presents doth hereby grant buy  
 and sell unto the said party of the second  
 part his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract  
 or parcel of land situated lying and being in  
 Napa Valley in the Territory of California, and  
 described as follows to wit, Commencing at the  
 South West Corner of a tract of land sold by the  
 said Grigsby to a Mr. Harbin, thence running one  
 mile down the Valley into a South East course,  
 so as not to run into the Mountains excepting  
 at the termination of the mile, thence in the  
 direction of Napa Creek one half mile, thence  
 running in a North West direction one mile  
 parallel with the first named line, thence half  
 a mile to the place of beginning, and to contain  
 three hundred and twenty acres of land, and  
 the said party of the first part doth agree with  
 him of the second part, that in the case the South  
 West Corner of the Land sold to Harbin should  
 come near than one hundred yards, to the Springs  
 purchased by the said John Craig of Salvador  
 Vallejo, to reserve that distance or more, and to  
 let said party of the first part have that for  
 a road from these Springs.

To Have and to Hold the said bargained and pur-  
 chased premises unto him the said John Craig and  
 to his heirs and assigns. Together with all and sin-  
 gular the the rights privileges and appurtenances there-  
 unto belonging or in any wise appertaining. And the  
 said party of the first part for themselves, their  
 Executors heirs Administrators and assigns, doth  
 hereby covenant to and with him the said party of the



of the second part has heirs Executors administrators  
and assigns to warrant and favor defend the title to  
the said granted and bargained premises from the  
claim or claims, or demands of all and any person  
or persons claiming or to claim the same or any part  
thereof and that the said party of the first part  
is lawfully seized of an indefeasible Estate in  
fee simple the Real Estate hereby conveyed and  
had good right to sell and convey the same and  
that the same is free from all incumbrances  
In Witness whereof the said party of the first part  
both hereunto set their hands and affixed their  
Seals, this the day and year before written

John Gipsley  
Agreed Mahala Gipsley

Territory of California  
Napa Valley District of Sonoma

Be it remembered

that on the 9th day of April in the year of Our Lord  
one Thousand Eight hundred and forty seven before  
me a Justice of the Peace within and for the District  
aforesaid personally came John Gipsley and Mahala  
Gipsley his wife both personally known to me to be  
the persons whose names are subscribed to the fore  
going instrument, as having executed the same and  
directly acknowledged the same to be their act &  
deed for the purposes therein mentioned. She the  
said Mahala being by me first made acquaint  
ance with the contents thereof and examined separate  
and apart from her husband whether she executed  
the said deed and relinquished her dower to the  
said and tenements therein mentioned voluntarily  
freely and without compulsion or under influence  
of her said husband, acknowledged and declared  
that she executed the said deed and relinquished  
her dower in the said lands and tenements therein  
mentioned, voluntarily freely and without compulsion  
or under influence of her said husband.

Taken and certified before me the day and year  
aforesaid  
E. F. Baile  
Alcalde Napa

Sonoma City. August 16th 1850. I certify that the within  
is a true copy from the Records now in the Recor  
der's Office of the County of Sonoma Cal  
Received Sept. 7 1850 R. B. Baile Deputy Recorder



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State of California }  
County of Napa ss } I John S. Sewell County  
Recorder in and for the County  
and State of record hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy  
of the Record of a deed from John Gregory and Mahala  
Gregory his wife to John Craig, as recorded in Book  
No pages 100 and 101 in the Records of said Napa  
County. Witness my hand and Official Seal  
at Napa City this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January A.D. 1853

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John S. Sewell Recorder  
By L. S. Coffinbury Dep Recorder  
Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
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Salvador Valley to Herman Moller Filed for record  
June 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1851 at 5 O'clock P.M.  
This Indenture made this sixteenth (16) day of June  
A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one  
between Salvador Valley of the County of Napa &  
State of California party of the first part and  
Herman Moller 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 four thousand  
and Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt  
whereof is hereby acknowledged and confessed  
both parties bargained sold and quit claimed  
and by these presents doth grant bargain sell &  
quit claim unto the said party of the second part  
all that certain piece or parcel of land lying  
and being situated in the County of Napa &  
State of California, known and described as follows  
to wit; Commencing at a Stake at the South  
East corner of Messrs Fry and de Samolers land running  
with the line of the Pueblo de Salvador N. 79°  
35' E 63 Chains 85 Links, thence along the Western  
line of the property of Ma. Luz Carrasco N 32° 06' W  
208 Chains 48 Links to Harrisson's South line, South  
67° 30' W 71 Chains 50 Links to Richer line, thence  
along said line South 22° 30' E 53 Chains 65 links  
to Fry and Samolers West line, thence along  
said line N 67° 30' E 10 Chains 19 links to said Fry  
and Samolers N.E. corner, thence along said Fry  
and Samolers Western line S 35° 31' E 148 Chains 87  
Links to the place of beginning continuing in all  
One thousand three hundred and thirty One acres and



ting and conveying unto the said parties of the  
second part all my right title interest and claim  
and demand in and to the aforesaid described  
promises with all the hereditaments belonging or in  
any wise appertaining -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
Seal this day & date before written at the City of  
Napa and State aforesaid

W. W. Leebow

Salvador Valles  
M Luz Carrillo

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The State of California }  
Napa County SS } Be it remembered that  
Salvador Valles who is personally known to me the  
Subscriber, a Notary Public, to be the person whose  
name is subscribed to the foregoing deed as party  
thereto, this day appeared before me & acknowledged  
the execution of the same to be made freely and volun-  
tarily for the purposes therein expressed and for the  
full and entire relinquishment of all right and  
title to and in down in anywise belonging to his  
wife Ma Luz Carrillo

Given under my hand and private Seal as I have  
No Notarial Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1857

W. W. Leebow (Seal)  
Notary Public

State of California }  
County of Napa }  
I John A. Seawell County

Recorder in and for the County and State aforesaid  
hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and  
correct copy of the record of a deed from Salvador  
Valles to Herman Wohls as recorded in Book B  
page 1 in the records of said Napa County

Witness my hand and official Seal at Napa  
City this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1853

John A. Seawell Recorder  
By L. S. Coffinberry Deputy Recorder

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Salvador Vallijo to Herman Woehler of the County of Napa & State of California of the first part and Herman Woehler of the City and County of San Francisco in said State of the second part. Wherefore, that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Three hundred and two dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns all his right title and interest in and to all the land belonging to the Rancho de Napa or all the land appearing to the Rancho of that name, granted to the said party of the first part by the Mexican Government which has not been before the date sold and conveyed by the said party of the first part by deeds which have been heretofore duly recorded in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Napa. To have and to hold all the above described lands without reservation unto the said party of the second part with the appurtenances thereto belonging and to his heirs and assigns forever and to his and their sole and only benefit and behoof.

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

Given under my hand and seal

In Eccleston

Salvador Vallijo S S

E. W. McKinstry

State of California  
County of Napa } On this the twentieth day of  
December A. D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty  
one personally appeared before me the undersigned  
Recorder in and for the County aforesaid, Salvador  
Vallijo known to me to be the person described in &  
who executed the foregoing instrument who acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and  
voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein



Monteview. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal of Office at Napa City this the  
 day and year in this certificate just above written  
 N. H. Lawrence Recorder  
 By J. Edmondson Dep Recorder

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State of California  
 County of Napa ss I John H. Sewell County  
 Recorder in and for the County of Napa and State  
 of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
 full true and correct copy of the record of a deed  
 from Saluan Vallejo to Herman Wohler as Recor-  
 der in Book B. Page 109 in the Records of said  
 Napa County  
 Witness my hand and official seal at Napa  
 City this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1853

John H. Sewell Recorder

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Geo. Fisher

Secy



Deed

Herman Wohler to Otto St Frank Vallejo for Recove  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1853 at 3 O'clock P.M

This Indenture made this twentieth day of March  
A.D. 1853 between Herman Wohler of the City  
and County of San Francisco and State of California  
of the first part and Otto St Frank of the  
City and State aforesaid of the second part witness  
to wit, that the party of the first part in considera-  
tion of the sum of Nine thousand five hundred  
dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is  
hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold  
and conveyed, and by these presents doth grant  
bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the  
second part his heirs and assigns, all his right  
title and interest in and to all the Lanzas belong-  
ing to the Rancho de Napu or all the Lanzas apper-  
taining to the Rancho of that name granted to  
Don Salvador Vallejo by the Mexican Government  
which has not been before the date of this instrumen-  
t sold and conveyed by the said Don Salvador  
Vallejo or by the said Herman Wohler, by deeds  
which have been heretofore duly recorded in the Office  
of the Recorder of the County of Napu

To have and to hold all of the above described  
land without reservation, unto the said party of  
the second part with the appertinances thereunto  
belonging and to his heirs and assigns forever, and  
to his and their sole use benefit and behoof

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 presence of

G. W. Ten Broeck

Herman Wohler

United States of America  
State of California  
City & County of San Francisco 335

On this the twenty third  
day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand  
Eight hundred and fifty two personally appeared and  
presented himself before me Euill Innyas Notary  
Public in and for the County of San Francisco duly  
commissioned and sworn according to Law, Herman

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Wohler known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing document, and who acknowledges to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

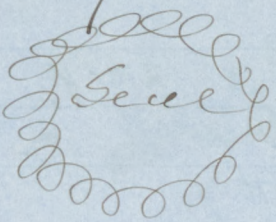
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal of Office

Evell Jones  
Notary Public

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State of California  
County of Napa ss

I John S Sewell County Recorder in and for the County of Napa and State of California hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of the Record of a deed from Herman Wohler to Otto S Frank as Recorded in Book 13 pages 160 and 161 in the Records of said Napa County Witness my hand and official Seal at Napa City this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1853



John S Sewell Recorder  
By Ed Coffinbury Dep Recorder

Filed in Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
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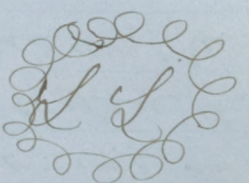
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This Indenture made and entered into this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1852 between Otto H. Frank of the City and County of San Francisco in the State of California of the first part and James M. Harlin of the County of Yolo in the said State of California of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to him duly paid by the said party of the second part before the delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged both by name and deed and by these presents doth grant convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever all that certain piece or parcel of Land situated in the County of Napa in the State of California, described as commencing at a stake at the North Eastern Corner of a tract of Land formerly belonging to J. Craig and now owned by J. M. Harlin, thence running North 29° 30' West Thirty Chains of four poles to G. Yount's line thence with said Yount's line South 45° 20' West Twenty two Chains to an Oak tree — thence South 35° 30' West Thirty One Chains and Seventy Links, thence South 29° 30' East 10 Chains and Eighty three links to the North Western Corner of the aforementioned tract of J. M. Harlin formerly belonging to J. Craig thence with the Northern line of said tract North 60° 30' East fifty Chains to the place of beginning containing One hundred and Eighty <sup>(108)</sup> Acres of Land.

To have and to hold all the right title interest and claim and Estate of the said party of the first part in and to the said tract of Land, together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1852

Executed and delivered in presence of Otho, Minter  
J. M. Meyers

O. H. Frank 



State of California }  
County of San Francisco } et.

On this 2<sup>d</sup> day August  
A. D. 1852 personally appeared before me a Notary  
Public in and for the County and State aforesaid  
Otto St Frank known to me to be the person des  
cribed in and who executed the foregoing con  
veyance, and acknowledged to me that he execu  
ted the same freely voluntarily and for the uses  
and purposes therein mentioned - In testimony  
whereof I subscribed my Name and affix my  
official Seal the day and year aforesaid

G. Sharp - Notary Public  
County of San Francisco

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State of California }  
County of Napa } ss

I John St Seawell Recor  
der in and for the County of Napa and State aforesaid  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full  
true and correct copy of a deed from Otto St  
Frank to James M Harbin filed for Record  
August 6<sup>th</sup> 1852 at 9 o'clock A.M. and recorded  
in Book B pages 196 and 197 in the Archives  
of Napa County.

Witness my hand and official  
Seal at Napa City this four  
teenth day of January in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty three

John St Seawell Recorder  
By C S Coffinberry Dep. Recorder

John Seawell to John Harbin...  
21st 1852 at 10 o'clock A.M.



John Craig to J. M. Harbin Filed for record Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1850 at 10 O'clock A.M.

This Indenture made and concluded this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty between John Craig of Sonoma County State of California of the first part and J. M. Harbin of Napa County California of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Three thousand Six hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath this day bargained and sold and by these presents doth hereby give bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, three certain tracts or parcels of land, situate and being in Napa County State of California described as follows. <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Tract No. 1 Commencing at a point near the Western line of the tract of Land sold by Salvador Vallejo to John Gregsby where there is a large Spring of water, thence running two hundred and twenty yards South and Two hundred and twenty yards North of said Spring, so as to make the breadth of said Tract four hundred and forty yards along the said Gregsby's Western line & thence running with the said breadth four hundred and forty yards in a Westerly direction towards the Mountains so as to include said Spring and to contain One hundred Acres of Land, reserving a strip of twenty yards in width along the said line of Gregsby for a public road <sup>but</sup> which strip is not to be included in the said One hundred acres nor to form any part thereof. <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Tract No. 2 Commencing at the South West Corner (as established by survey) of a piece of Land purchased by said John Craig from John Gregsby, thence running North West along the line of James Harbin forty rods thence down the valley parallel with the first mentioned line forty rods thence along the line back to the place of beginning and to contain ten Acres of Land. <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Tract No. 3 Commencing at the South West Corner of Land sold by John Gregsby to a Mr. Harbin thence running one mile down the valley in a South East course so as not to run into the Mountains excepting a few acres at the termination of the mile, thence in the direction of Napa



brook one half mile, thence running in a north west direction one mile parallel with the first named line, thence half a mile to the place of beginning and to contain Three hundred and twenty acres of Land. To Have and to Hold the above described premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the Only proper use benefit and behoof of the said J M Hubbin his heirs and assigns forever. And I do by these presents forever give claim all of my rights, title and interest in to and for the above conveyed premises. And I do by the present, warrant and defend the title to the said premises against all lawful claims and demands of me or my heirs and no other. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of August A.D. 1850

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John Tracy Seal

City and County of Sonoma  
State of California

On this sixteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared before me H. A. Greer Judge of said County, John Tracy who is personally known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument signed by him and who acknowledged that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein mentioned

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of August A.D. 1850

H. A. Greer Judge of said County

Recorded Sept. 7th 1850

State of California  
County of Napa

I, A. J. Mattison County Recorder in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true full and correct copy of a certain instrument or deed which is recorded in Book A of Deeds on pages 105 and 106 now in my office, at Napa City, County and State aforesaid

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal of office On this 21st day of March A.D. 1854

A. J. Mattison County Recorder  
By Charles Page Dep. Recorder  
In office March 25th 1854. Geo. Fisher Secy



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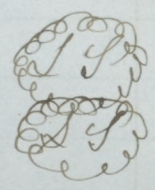
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James Harbin & wife To James M Harbin  
 Know all men by these presents that we James Harbin and Sarah Harbin his wife both of the County of Napa and State of California, for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars to us in hand paid by James M Harbin of the County of Yolo in the said State of California, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have bargained sold and quit claimed, and by these presents do bargain sell and quit claim unto the said James M Harbin and to his heirs and assigns forever, all of our little interest estate claim and demand, both at Law and in Equity, and as well in possession as in Expectancy, of in and to all that certain piece or parcel of Land, situate in the said County of Napa in said State of California bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the North West corner of the fourteen hundred acre tract of Land bought of Salvador Gallego by John Gregby and conveyed by deed bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1847 thence South 44° 08' East 41 Chains & Sixty Seven Links to a Stone, thence North 29° 08' East 40 Chains to a Stone, thence North 44° 30' West 41 <sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Chains to a Stone. Thence on George Yount's South East line 40 Chains to the place of Beginning containing One hundred and Sixty Acres of Land more or less. The land herein conveyed being the same land before conveyed to the said James Harbin by John Gregby by deed bearing date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1848 and heretofore attempted to be conveyed by us to the said James M Harbin by deed bearing date the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January A.D. 1851 with all and singular the accretiments and appurtenances thereto belonging.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the fifteenth day of April A.D. Eighteen hundred and Fifty Four  
 Sealed and delivered in presence of  
 The figures "30" raised and the figures  
 & entered before signing  
 E. M. A. Himecoent  
 Charles Page

James Harbin  
 Sarah <sup>her</sup> Harbin  
 Mark

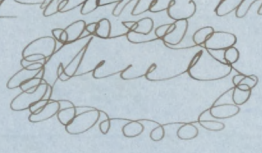




State of California }  
County of Napa } ss.

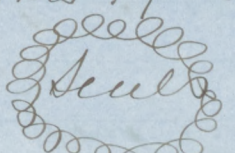
On this fifteenth day of April A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me A. J. Watson County Recorder in and for said County, James Harbin in and Sarah his wife, known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledge to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. And the said Sarah after being made by me acquainted with the contents of said conveyance acknowledged on examination apart from and without the hearing of her said husband, that she executed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion or undue influence of her husband, and that she does not wish to retract the execution of the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this day and year last above written.

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A. J. Watson County Recorder  
by Chas. Page Dep. Co. Rec.

Received for Record on this fifteenth day of April A.D. 1854 at One half past Eight O'clock P.M. and recorded at the request of J. M. Harbin.

State of California }  
County of Napa } ss. J. A. J. Watson County Recorder  
in and for said County of Napa State of record do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and correct copy of a certain deed given by James Harbin and wife to James M. Harbin now on Record in "Book C of Deeds" on pages 68 & 69 in my Office at Napa City. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1854.

  
A. J. Watson Co. Recorder  
by Chas. Page Dep. Co. Rec.

I agree that this deed may be filed and received in evidence in Case No. 731 for part of Napa presented by James M. Harbin - if on the opinion of the Board it is legal evidence and might have been used if offered before submission. J. M. Kiene Law Agent. Filed in office May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1854 Geo. Fisher Secy



J. M. Harbin }  
vs } Claim  
U. States } No. 721

The above claim being held by a title derived from the original claim No. 495 filed before the Board of Comm. it is agreed between the U.S. Agent & the Counsel for claimants that the testimony taken in the said original claim may be used as evidence in this claim

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Stipulation

Done for Agent  
Robert Greenhow  
Capt Law agent  
Filed in Office March 9th 1853  
Geo. Fisher  
Secy.

James M. Harbin }  
vs } No. 721  
The United States }

Stipulation

It is hereby agreed between the parties hereto, by their respective attorneys that the original papers filed in claim No. 495 marked A and translation marked B may be considered as filed, and may be read in evidence in this case and also that the transfers marked B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K & L shall be deemed and taken as proven and may be read in evidence in this case. This claim is a part of the Rancho de Hapa the title to which was confirmed in 495

John H. McKune  
Law agent  
Robert Greenhow  
Filed in Office  
April 11th 1854  
Geo. Fisher  
Secy







James M Harbin

vs  
The United States

In a parcel of Land contain-  
ing 688 acres part of the  
place called Napa in  
Napa County

Opinion

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 several mesne  
conveyances, the present Claimant derives title.

By a Report made by the Associate Law Agent  
and the Attorney for the Claimant, the testimony  
given in Case No 495 which relates to the same  
Original grant, is to be used as evidence in this case  
By that testimony proof is made of the Original  
grant to Salvador Vallejo by Governor Alvarado bearing  
date December 21. 1838. The approval thereof by the  
Departmental Assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the same  
month, and the giving Judicial possession of  
the premises to the grantee February 8. 1844 It also shows  
that said grantee went into possession of the land  
in 1838 or 1839 and occupied the same, built a  
house bred horses and cattle on the place and  
cultivated the land. This proof is sufficient to  
establish Vallejo's right to the same grantee in his  
grant, and to authorize him to transfer his right to  
it by conveyance

The present Claimant alleges title himself to four  
separate portions of the same embraced in said grant  
to Vallejo, comprising in the whole six hundred and  
Eighty Eight acres. The same conveyances in regard  
to each of which are given in evidence

The first tract contains One hundred acres and was  
conveyed by Salvador Vallejo to John Greig by deed  
dated March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1847 and by said Greig to J M  
Harbin, the present Claimant by deed dated August  
16. 1850

The second tract contains One hundred and sixty  
acres and was conveyed by said Vallejo to John  
Greig by deed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1847 and by said  
Greig by deed to James Harbin on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of 1848  
and by said James Harbin and wife to James M  
Harbin the claimant on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1851  
In the deed of conveyance last mentioned an error is



found in the description of the property, and a new deed of conveyance executed by the same parties since the case was submitted has been admitted in evidence by consent of the Land Agent

The third tract contains three hundred and twenty acres and was conveyed by Juan Valles to John Greshby on the 25th day of September 1847 (included in the deed above mentioned of that date) and by Juan Greshby and wife to John Lewis April 9th 1847 and by Juan Lewis to the present Claimant August 16. 1850

The fourth tract contains one hundred and eight acres and was conveyed by Juan Valles to Herman Wohlen June 16th 1851 and by deed from Juan Valles to Juan Wohlen of all the unsold interest of the former in Juan Rancho, bearing date December 20 1851 and by Juan Wohlen to Otto St Frank by deed dated March 20 1852 and by deed from Juan Frank to the present Claimant executed on the second day of August 1852

Some of the conveyances above mentioned even portions of the lands granted to Valles which were not conveyed to the present Claimant and are not embraced in his petition for Confirmation  
This evidence entitles the petitioner to the lands and a decree of Confirmation will be entered accordingly

Confirmed

Filed in Office May 16. 1854

Geo. Fisher

Secy



James M. Starlin

vs  
The United States

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

Decree

The lands of which confirmation is hereby made are a part of the piece known by the name of Napa situated in Napa County which was granted to Salvador Valles, which piece is bounded and described as follows, to wit, Commencing on the Arroyo of Napa at the boundary of Nicolas Herrera, thence following a southerly direction to the lower part of the Arroyo de los Carneros 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 Youth four thousand six hundred varas; thence continuing on the same course to the boundary of said Youth by Estimation ten thousand varas; thence towards the North North East, three thousand two hundred and fifty varas to the town Napa; thence down the town Napa, course South, East to the Arroyo of Napa fifteen thousand one hundred and twenty five varas, and thence following the same Arroyo West nearly two thousand six hundred varas to the place of Beginning; Containing four square leagues of land agreeably to the grant to said Valles and the judicial measurement thereof.

That portion of the above described premises of which confirmation is hereby made to said Starlin is bounded and described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point near the western line of the tract of land sold by said Salvador Valles to John Gregby where there is a large Spring of water, thence running two hundred and twenty yards South and two hundred and twenty yards North of said Spring, so as to make the breadth of said tract four hundred and forty yards along said Gregby's western line and thence running with the same breadth of four hundred and forty yards in a westerly direction towards the mountains so as to include the said Spring and to contain one hundred acres of land, reserving a strip of twenty yards in width along the said line of Gregby for a public road, but which strip is not



to be enclosed on the said one hundred acres nor to form any part thereof, being the same land described in a deed from said Vallejo to John Craig dated March 23<sup>d</sup> 1847 and subsequently conveyed by said Craig to said Harbin.

Also a certain other piece or parcel of said Napa Rancho, bounded and described as follows, Beginning at the North West Corner of land which was purchased of Solomon Vallejo by John Gresham and running thence, South  $44^{\circ} 30'$  East forty one chains sixty seven links to a stone, Thence North  $29^{\circ} 08'$  East forty chains to a stone, Thence  $44^{\circ} 30'$  West forty one chains & sixty seven links to a stone Thence on George Yount's South East line forty chains to the place of Beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, and being the same land described in a deed from John Gresham and wife to James Harbin and subsequently conveyed by said James Harbin and wife to said James M Harbin.

Also a certain other piece or parcel of said Napa Rancho bounded and described as follows to wit: Commencing at the South West Corner of a tract of land sold by John Gresham to a Mr Harbin, thence running one mile down the valley in a South East course so as not to run into the mountains excepting a few acres at the termination of the mile; thence in the direction of Napa creek one half mile; thence running in a North West direction one mile parallel with the first named line; thence half a mile to the place of Beginning, and to contain three hundred and twenty acres of land, being the same premises described in a deed of conveyance from John Gresham & wife to John Craig and subject to the reservations therein contained; which deed is dated April 9. 1847, said premises being subsequently conveyed by said Craig to said James M Harbin.

Also a certain other piece or parcel of said <sup>Napa</sup> Rancho bounded and described as follows to wit: Commencing at a stake at the North West Corner of a tract of land formerly belonging to J Craig and subsequently owned by J M Harbin; thence running North  $99^{\circ} 30'$  West thirty chains of four poles to G Yount's line; thence with said Yount's line South  $45^{\circ} 20'$  West thirty one chains and seventy links; thence South  $29^{\circ} 30'$  East ten chains and eighty three links to the North West

Harbin formerly belonging to J Craig; thence with the



corner of the of the aforementioned tract of J M  
 Harlin formerly belonging to J Lewis; thence with the  
 Northern line of said tract North 60° 30' East fifty  
 chains to the place of beginning, constituting one  
 hundred and eight acres of land, and being the same  
 described in a deed executed by Otto St Frank  
 to said James M Harlin dated August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852  
 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Napo  
 County, excepting and reserving from this confirma  
 tion any and all patents of the premises last above  
 described which were sold and conveyed by  
 Solomon Vellis to any person or persons to the twen  
 tieth day of December 1851, or by Herman Wohler  
 prior to the twentieth day of March 1852

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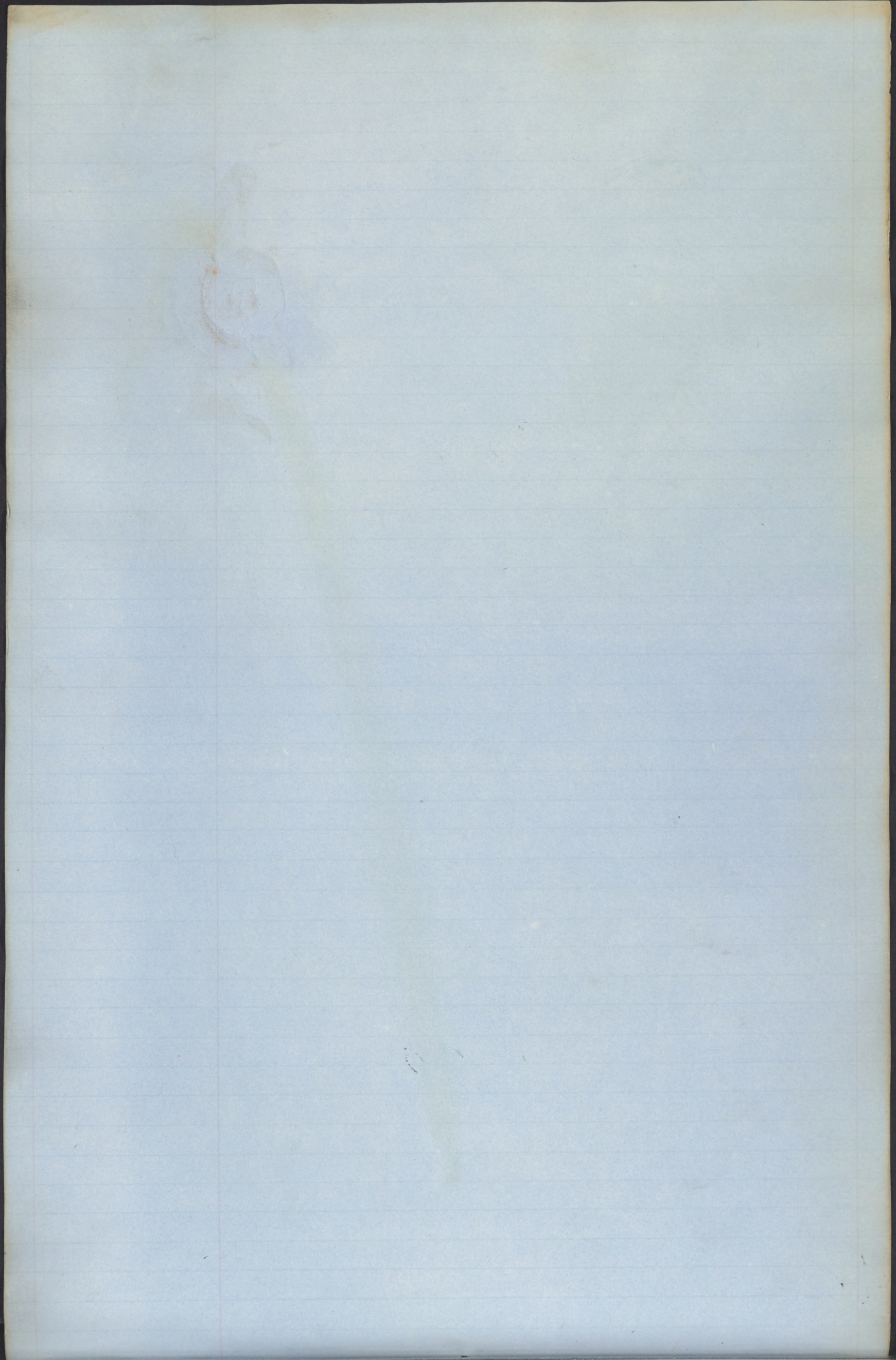
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And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board  
 that the land hereby advertised is situated in  
 the Northern District of California it is hereby  
 ordered that two transcripts of the Proceedings and  
 of the decision in this case and of the papers and  
 evidence upon which the same are 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 Judicial District of California, and the  
 other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the  
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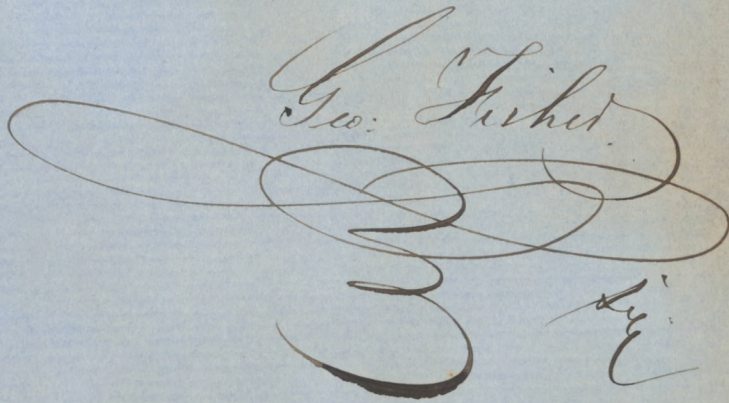


Office of the Board of Commissioners,  
To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

*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 five* — pages, numbered from  
1 to *35*, 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. 721 on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *James Hartin* is —

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

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

*Geo. Fisher*  








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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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Cushing

Attorney General.



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Attorney General.



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U. S. D. Court N. Dist.

The United States

vs.

James M. Kurbin

Appeal Notice.

Filed May 5, 1855,

by Chivers,  
Deputy.



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 *Wednesday* the *23rd* day of  
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eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

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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 decisions 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, it is by the Court hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, with the consent of the Attorney for the United States, that the said decision be and the same is in all things hereby affirmed; that the claim of the said appellant is a good and valid claim, and that the same is hereby confirmed in accordance with the decree of the said Board of Commissioners.

Ogden Hoffman,  
U. S. District Judge



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United States District Court, Northern District of  
California.

*The United States*

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*James M. Hartin*

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*Decree of Confirmation.*

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The Attorney General of  
the United States having given notice that  
appeal will not be prosecuted in this case:

On motion of P. Della Torre  
Esq. U. S. 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. District Judge



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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

San Francisco, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 721 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein James M. Harbin is

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

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo Fisher.

