

CASE NO.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

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SAN YSIDRO GRANT

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QUINTIN ORTEGA

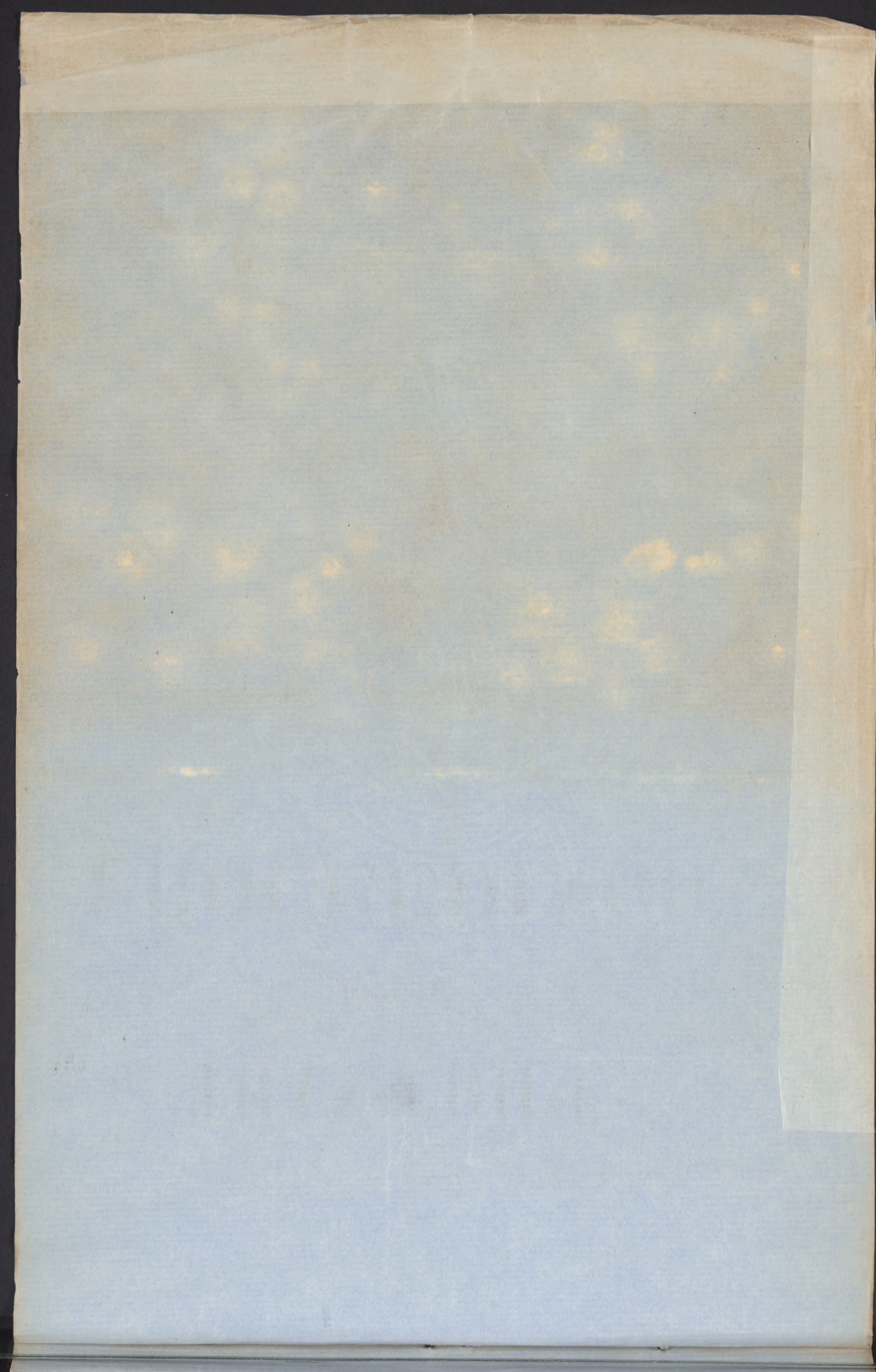
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# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 630

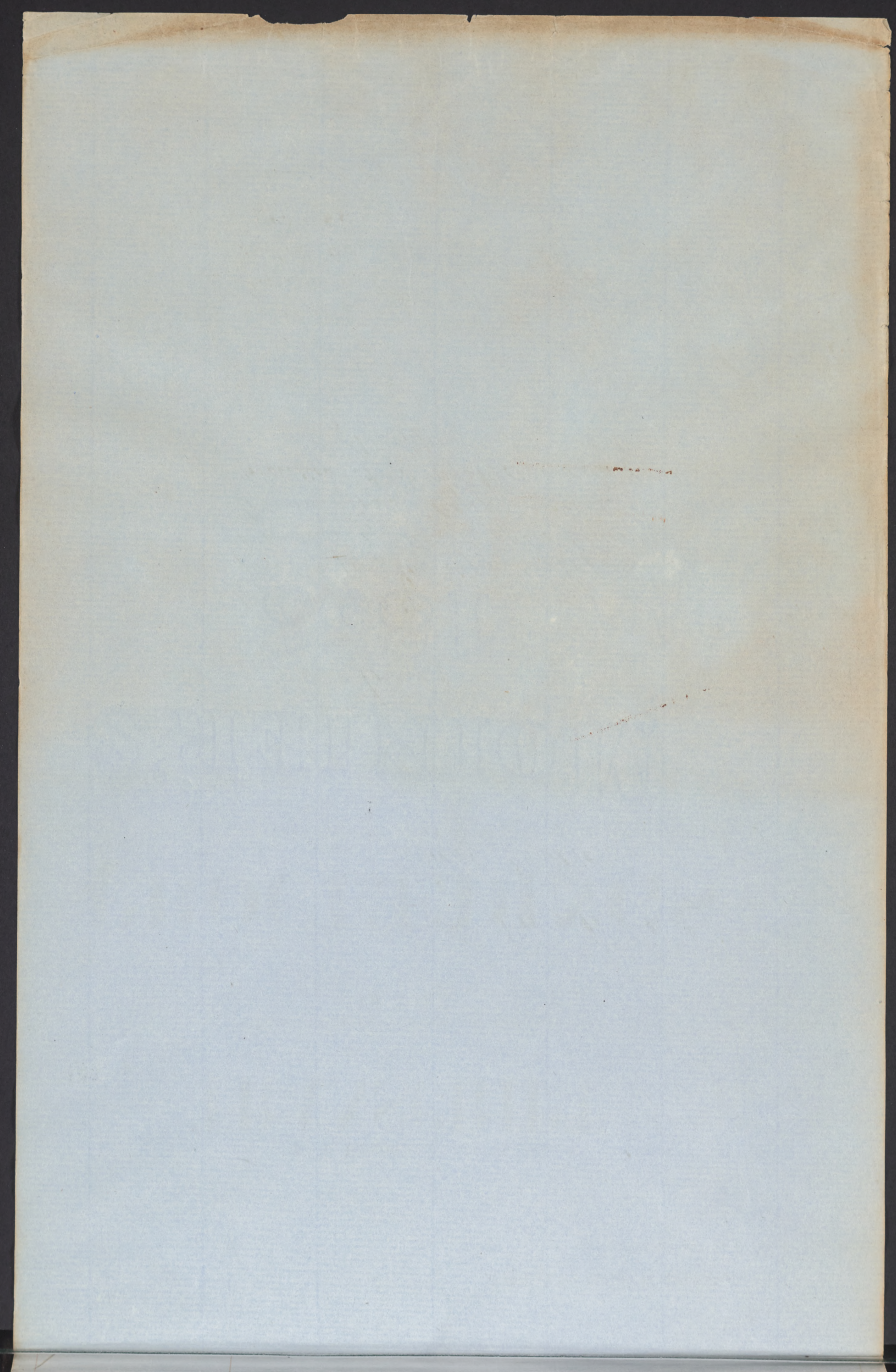
*Quintin Ortega.* CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"San Ysidro."*



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 *Twenty fifth day of February*  
*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;

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The Petition of *Quentin Ortega*,  
for the Place named  
*"San Ysidro"*,  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 630 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 Aug. 25 1853.*  
In case no. 630 *Quentin Ortega* for the place named  
*"San Ysidro"*, the deposition of *José Rafael Gonzalez*,  
a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before  
Commissioner *Alpheus Felch* with document  
marked *A. F. no. 1*, annexed thereto was filed;

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*San Francisco May 2 1854.*  
Case no. 630, on motion of the counsel for the  
claimant, was ordered to be placed at the foot  
of the Calendar of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cases on the  
Trial Docket.

*San Francisco Aug. 4 1854.*  
Case no. 630 was submitted on briefs and taken  
under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco Aug. 15' 1854.  
 In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
 delivered the opinion of the Board confirming  
 the claim.

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San Francisco Aug. 29' 1854.  
 In the same <sup>case</sup> on motion of the U. S. Law Agent,  
 the following order was made, to wit:

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To the W.S. Board of Land Commis-  
-sioners for the Ascertainment and Settling of  
Private Land Claims in California

The Petition of Quintin Ortega a native  
of California respectfully sheweth unto your  
Honorable Board, that having in-  
herited a certain part of the Rancho de  
San Isidro in the year 1833 he made  
and presented his petition in writing to  
Jose Figueroa, then Governor of California,  
soliciting for himself a separate grant  
of the tract of land, so inherited by  
him as aforesaid.

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Petition

That said Jose Figueroa, on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
of June 1833 by virtue of the authority  
vested in him as Constitutional Governor  
of California, declared your Petitioner the  
lawful owner of said land and issued  
to him a formal grant of said land.

That said grant was fully ratified  
and approved by the Departmental Assembly  
of California on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834,  
and 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1834.

That your Petitioner obtained the juris-  
-dic possession of said land of the proper  
authorities with all the formalities required  
by the Mexican laws on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1835.

And your Petitioner further saith, that  
duly certified copies of all the documents  
in this matter, of the original grant,  
map and jurisdic possession, are  
on file in the Archives of California,  
now in possession of the Surveyor General  
of the W.S. of America for the State of  
California, and that the original papers  
together with translations thereof are  
herewith submitted to your Honors  
inspection.

And your Petitioner further saith  
that the land above referred to is situated  
in the County of Santa Cruz, is known by  
the name of San Isidro, and bounded

clara

by the Rancho de las Animas, by the Mission of San Juan Bautista, by the Rancho of Santa Maria Clara Ortega and by the Sierra, containing altogether one Spanish square league of land, more or less,

That your Petitioner has been in the quiet and peaceable possession of said land from the year 1833, & has always up to this day exercised full and undisputed ownership over the same, and is not aware of the existence of any title paramount or superior to his own.

He therefore claims to be the owner of said land and prays that your Honorable Body will confirm and validate his claim and title thereto.

Wm Taylor Beckh,  
Atty for Ortega

Filed in Office Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Geo. Fisher  
Sec.

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Deputation of Office of the Commissioners of Land Claims in  
Jose Rafael Gonzalez San Francisco  
Gonzales

Today before Commissioner Alpheus Felch  
came Jose Rafael Gonzalez a witness in behalf  
of claimant Quintin Ortega Case No 630 and  
after being duly sworn deposed as follows  
Question by Mr Clarke Attorney for the claimant  
Question What are your name age and place  
of residence

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Answer My name Jose Rafael Gonzalez my  
age sixty six years and I reside in San Jose Santa  
Clara County and State of California

Question What office did you hold in Califor  
nia in the year 1835

Answer I was collector of customs at the Port of  
Monterey and also part of that year Constable town  
Alcalde of Monterey

Question Look on the document now here presen  
ted to you marked Exhibit No with the initials  
A F and annexed to this Deputation purporting  
to be a Grant from Governor Figueroa to the  
Claimant in this case dated June 4th 1833  
pursued by a certified copy of a document purpor  
ting to be signed by Manuel Escobar and  
Juan Antonio Minos Manuel de Albar  
nito Ortega and Juan Gilroy and followed by  
copy of the approval of the Territorial Deputation  
and by the President of the judicial power  
of the land described in said Grant and  
say what you know of the authenticity of said  
document and of the genuineness of the sig  
natures thereto

Answer I have examined the papers and I  
recognize as genuine the signatures of Man  
uel Escobar Jose Maria Maldonado San  
tias Espada Jose Figueroa Augustin B Zam  
brano Quintin Ortega Juan Maria Maga Minos  
Cacho Juan Gilroy and Carlos Castro in the  
small plans where they appear on said doc  
uments

I have seen each of them quite frequently  
and remember handwriting my own signature

appear on the same papers in several places and was written there by most the times appearing by the dates with the said papers I recognize the said papers as genuine

Having had them all in my hands, when I gave judicial possession of the premises described in the Grant

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of Austin State about you here in regard to the possession occupation and improvements of the land above mentioned

Answer when I came to the country in 1832 Ignacio Ortega the father of the claimant was in possession of the land and carried on very extensive farming on it

at his death he bequeathed the land to his children of whom the present claimant is one the wife of Juan Gilroy was another heir after the death of his father the claimant Petrona Gumm Requena for a grant of his share of the Estate which was made

The claimant occupied the premises with his father before the death of the latter and afterwards continued in possession being upon it and cultivating the land to a large extent. He built upon it houses and a Grist Mill and has lived there with his family from the death of his father to the present time

Mr Gumbro associate Law Agent was present at the taking of this Deposition but declined to give any Testimony to the witnesses The deposition was given in the Spanish Language Mr Fisher Secretary of the Board of Commissioners acting as Interpreter Jose Rafael Gonzalez

Subscribed and sworn to before me at San Francisco this twenty fifth day of August A D 1853

Alpheus Felch  
Commissioner

Filed in office August 25th 1853

George Fisher

(Open Loc follows)

Abilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna Interina del puerto de Monterrey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y mil ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por el expresado ~~oficio~~ para los años de <sup>1831</sup> 33 y <sup>1831</sup> 34

Marcelino Escobar, Alcalde Constitucional de la Demarcación de este I. Ayuntamiento.

Certifico en debida forma que en el libro de conciliaciones que existe en este juzgado aparece una del tenor siguiente: "En el Puerto de Monterrey á los tres dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y tres ante mi Marcelino Escobar, Alcalde Constitucional en la demarcación de este I. Ayuntamiento comparecieron Juan Pichoy y Julián Cantúa, diciendo: que sabe vros, que el C. Quintín Ortega hermano político de los presentados) ha hecho solicitud para que se le conceda en propiedad el sitio llamado San Ysidro, se presentaban con el fin de hacer ver que igual derecho de posesion tienen ellos, en razon de la herencia de sus esposas que el Sr. Quintín y que en caso de tener este la propiedad de dicho terreno, se haga la division correspondiente para que las tres familias obtengan la parte que por derecho les toca. El C. Quintín espuso que lo que quiere es la propiedad del mencionado terreno y que no les quita el derecho que poseen. Porá llebor esta demanda por los trámites legales se dispuso nombraron sus buenos para intentar el medio de la conciliacion y llebándolo á efecto, nombraron los dos primeros al capitán Ciudadano Juan Antonio Muñoz y el tercero al C. Manuel de Alba, quienes constituidos en union del Alcalde presenciaron las expresiones de cada parte y bien instruidos de los pormenores que pasaron, se propuso á los litigantes que se conciasen haciendo la division del terreno procurado mutuamente con estarse, obteniendo la parte

que á cada uno le correspondiese. Con tal uirtucion, los tres convinieron dividiendo p<sup>r</sup> su acuerdo el espresado terreno en la manera siguiente. = Desde donde concluye el citio acia al Sur, hasta la mediana de lardos cascos al C. Quintin Ortega, debiendo hacerse una quijera desde la obra q. liada con las casas dichas y que parte p<sup>r</sup> en medio de ellas. Desde esta parte hasta el arroyo de los Olivos á Juan Gilroy donde dividira otra mojonera; y desde esta parte hasta el arroyo donde termina el referido citio por el norte al C. Julian Cantua en sentido en donde que el ojo de agua permanente que existe en la posesion del segundo, siga teniendo su corriente para la del primero. Adhiriendo el C. Quintin

Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habiendo provisionalmente por la Comision Subalterna Interina del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y mil ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por la espresado Oficio para los años de 1833 y 1834. que como haya hecho la peticion del terreno a consecuencia de que se encuentran los titulos de posesion que sobre el, tenian sus padres y que puede en lo sucesivo encontrar, se deben comprometer ambos Con-  
-sultantes en este caso á dividir de nuevo el referido terreno, entre las otras tres hermanas que aun no se han presentado, para asi no danarles con despaudo arles la parte que les correspondia = En estos terminos quedaron convenidos, y lo firmaron el Alcalde, los hombres buenos y dos de los interesados, no haciendolo Cantua por no saber = Marcelino Escobar = Juan Antonio Munos. = Manuel de Alta = Quintin Ortega = Juan Gilroy =

Ya por el consentimiento de los interesados hoy esta por triplicado para que cada uno posea en poder de cada parte y suito en su caso los efectos que haya lugar, firmando en Monterey á los cuatro dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos.

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treinta y tres, con los testigos de asistencia.  
Marcelino Escobar. de aso. José María Maldonado.  
De aso. Santiago Estrada.

Sello Primero seis pesos.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administración de la  
Aduana Marítima de Monterey para los años de mil  
ochocientos treinta y tres y mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa.

José Rafael Gonzales.

José Figueroa General de Brigada de los Ejércitos Me-  
-xicanos Nacionales, Comandante General Inspector y  
Jefe Superior Político del Territorio de la Alta California.

{ Gobierno político de la { Por cuanto el Ciudadano Quintín  
{ Alta California { Ortega ha pretendido para su propio  
personal y el de su familia una parte del Rancho conocido  
con el nombre de San Pedro colindante con la ciudad  
de San Juan Bautista, con el Rancho de las Animas  
con la parte que corresponde a su hermana María  
Clara Ortega y con la Sierra: practicadas previamente  
las diligencias convenientes según lo dispuesto por las  
Leyes y Reglamentos: usando de las facultades que me  
son conferidas en decreto del día de ayer a nombre de  
la Nación Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno  
mencionado, declarándole la propiedad de él por las  
presentes letras, entendiéndose dicha concesión con entera  
conformidad a lo dispuesto por las leyes si reserva de la  
aprobación o desaprobación de la Sección de Dipu-  
-tación Territorial y del Supremo Gobierno y bajo las  
condiciones siguientes.

Primera. Que se someterá a las que estableciere el  
Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribución  
de Terrenos Valdios y que entre tanto ni el agraciado  
ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enajenar el que se  
le adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza hipoteca  
ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa, ni  
pasarlo a terceros muertos.

Segunda. podrá sercarlo sin perjuicio de las transacciones

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caminos y servidumbres, lo disputará libre y esclusiua ante  
destinados lo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode; pero  
dentro de un año a lo mas fabricará casa y estará  
habitada.

Tercera. Quando se le creyere la propi-  
-edad solicitará del Jefe respectivo que le dé posesion  
juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demar-  
-caran los linderos en cuyos linderos, podran o mas de las  
mojoneras, algunos arboles fructales o silvestres de alguna  
utilidad.

Cuarta. El terreno de que se hace dona-  
-cion es de un sitio de Ganado mayor de una legua  
cuadrada segun explica el diseño que corre en el Supedi-  
-ente. El Jefe que otiene la posesion lo hará medir  
componerse o videuante para señalar los linderos, quedando  
el sobrante que resulte a la nacion para los usos convenientes.

Quinta. Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perderá  
su derecho al terreno y sera denunciado por otro.

En consecuencia mandó que sirviendole de Título  
el presente y teniendose por firme y valeroso se tome  
razon en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al int-  
-ervento para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Mont-  
-errey a cuatro de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta  
y tres.

Josi Figueroa.

Agustin N. Zamorano. Secretario.

Queda tomada razon en el libro de acuerdos de títulos  
Sobre adjudicacion de terrenos a fojas seis numero seis  
que obra en el Archivo de la Secretaria de mi cargo.

Monte-errey cuatro de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta  
y tres.

Zamorano.

Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habiéndolo provisionalmente por la autoridad Maritima  
de Monte-errey para los años de mil ochocientos treinta  
y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzales.

Gobierno politico. } Se aprueba la concesion hecha  
de la ista California. } al ciudadano Quintin Ortega y her-  
-manos, del terreno nombrado San Ysidro concedido



en diez y nueve de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta y tres de entera conformidad con lo prevenido en la ley de diez y ocho de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro y el artículo quinto del Reglamento de veinte y uno de noviembre de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho. Monterrey diez y siete de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. = En Sesion de este dia se aprobo por la ecellentissima Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecedente cuando se devuelva el expediente al Señor Jefe Superior Politico para los fines consiguientes. =

José Figueroa. = Juan Bautista Alvarado. Secretario. Monterrey, doce de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. = En vista de la aprobacion otorgada en diez y siete de Mayo ultimo, hese testimonio de ella y de este decreto a la parte de Don Quintín Ortega y Cominero y sus hermanas Doña Maria Clara y Doña Maria Isabel en confirmacion a la concesion del terreno de San Isidro que obtuvieron en tres de Junio del año proximo pasado.

El Señor Don José Figueroa, Jeneral de Brigada, Comandante general, Inspector y Jefe Superior politico del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe. = José Figueroa. = Agustín V. Zamorano. = Secretario.

Concuerda a la letra con su original del cual hese sacar el presente testimonio para resguardo de la parte interesada en Monterrey a doce de Junio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro siendo testigos los ciudadanos Benigno Naravete y Bonifacio de Macedoniga de esta localidad.

En testimonio de verdad.

José Figueroa.

Agustín V. Zamorano. Secr.

Here follows a map or plan.

Sello tercero Los reales.

Habilitado provincialmente por la administracion de la  
Actuaria Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y  
cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

Sr. Alcalde constitucional de segunda nominacion.

Quintin Ortega, Ciudadano Mejicano por nacimiento natural  
y vecino de esta Municipalidad de Monterey como mejor  
saber lugar digo: que habiendo obtenido la concepcion  
propia de la tercera parte del terreno conocido por rancho  
de 1<sup>o</sup> Siento el que poseia mi finado padre Ignacio  
Ortega como venia V. por los documentos que en cinco folios  
adjuntos acompaño a unas del dicho. Ocurro al p<sup>o</sup> que se  
siria dar me la posesion judicial conforme a lo prevenido  
en el articulo tercero de titulo y concepcion de dicho terreno  
que se me adjudica con fecha cuatro de Junio de  
mil ochocientos treinta y tres. Igualmente la conferen-  
-cion y devolucion de estos documentos para los usos  
que me convenyan por tanto A. N. Suplico se sirva  
poner me en la posesion que solicito en lo q. recitare  
gracia y justicia, San Juan Pta. Noviembre diez de  
mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Quintin Ortega.

Monterrey. 9 de 1<sup>o</sup> de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Por presentado y admitido procedase a dar la posesion  
que se solicita, a cuyo efecto se señala el dia doce del  
corriente se use a los colindantes para dicho dia y previamente  
nombrarse medidores, y contador a quien se les hara  
saber para su aceptacion y juramento. Asi y o el Alcalde  
Ciudadano. lo decreté, firmé y mandé con los de mi  
asistencia.

José Rafael Gouhales.

De A. Juan Madringa De. A. Lisson Castro.

Sello tercero Los reales.

Habilitado provincialmente por la administracion de la  
Actuaria Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California

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para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro

Angel Ramirez.

En la fecha presente el ciudadano Quintin Ortega se le notifico del auto que antecede y entendido dijo lo oye, y que se oia por situado y lo firmo con miyo y los de asistencia.

Gonzales

Quintin Ortega. De D. Juan Madariaga. De C. S.

Simeon Castro. =

En la misma fecha

se libraron las boletas de comparendo en cumplimiento de lo mandado en el antecedido auto para la citacion de los colindantes y para la constancia debida lo publico. = En el Rancho nombrado Sr. Ysidro, y en la casa del ciudadano Quintin Ortega a los Diez dias del mes de Aibre. de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco Yo el Alcalde Constit<sup>o</sup> de Segunda nominacion de la Capit<sup>l</sup> de Monterey, notifiqué a los colind<sup>tes</sup> Juan Gilroy, José Maria Sanchez y Carlos Castro que se hallan presentes el auto que antecede y entendidos lo firmo Castro y Gilroy con miyo y los de mi asistencia y no lo hizo Sanchez para no ferver.

José Rafael Gonzales. Juan Gilroy D. A. Juan Madariaga Simeon Castro. de assu. Carlos Castro.

En el mismo rancho, dia mes y año yo el referido  
Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Notaria existante de la Notaria Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

Alcalde en cumplimiento del auto del cuatro de junio de mil ochocientos treinta y tres presentes las citadas colind<sup>tes</sup> para la medicion señalamiento de linderos y posesion Juridica nombre por medidores a los ciudadanos José Maria Sanchez y Obenardo Melis y por Contador a Manuel Obregon quienes previo la

La aceptacion y juramento procedieron al desempeño  
de su encargo. Asi lo el nombrado Alcalde lo conste  
y firmé con los de asistencia.

José Rafael Gonzales. De A. Juan Madariaga

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De A. Simeon Castro. = En la misma fecha  
y en el expresado rancho se les notifico su nombramiento  
a los Ciudadanos arriba expresados, y dijeron q. aceptaron  
y aceptaron dicho encargo y juraron por Dios nuestro  
Sr. y la Señal de la Sta Cruz de cumplir fiel y legalmente  
a todo su nivel saber y entender sin fraude contra  
persona alguna y no firmaron por no saber y lo hice  
yo el presente juer con los de asistencia.

De A. Juan Madariaga. De A. Simeon Castro.

Incontinente yo el referido Alcalde me vine a traer  
a mi presencia el cordel con que se han de medir las  
tierras; y que los medidores lo midan de sesenta  
varas y en presencia de los colindantes, lo tomaron  
en la mano y con una vara de medir usual meji una  
midieron sesenta varas pa medir el terreno de que  
se ha a dar posesion y lo firmé con los de asistencia.

José Rafael Gonzales. De A. Juan Madariaga  
Simeon Castro. De A. ≈ En el mismo parage  
mes, dia y año siendo los once del dia me vine a los  
medidores nombrados se pongan para las medidas de  
tierra que se han de hacer al ciudadano Quintin Ortega  
y comensando a medir desde el muro que divide las  
dos casars, asi del expresado Quintin como de Juan  
Sello tercero Dos reales.

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

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

Y voy, y teni en to el cordel con direccion al sur. Se  
hasta llegar al arroyito o agujero de los Cuatro Saucos  
y. divide el lindero de José Sanchez. Hay por esta

y seis cordales y de hay girando asia al nordeste hta la loma donde hay cuatro encinos, tres cuates y uno de uno lo tiene que señalan hta onde llegan las tierras de Sanchez hay veinte y seis cordales, y desde el mismo punto hta la punta de loma por el mismo viento hay entoree cordales, y siguiendo al nordeste por encima de toda la loma a salir al frente de la obra que divide las dos casas de Quintin y de Guilleroy hay ciento veinte y dos cordales y desde este mismo punto partiendo por en medio de la esperada obra rumbo al sur cuatro al oeste hta llegar a el arroyo q. señala o sirve de lindero a los cuatas seguio su rumbo discreto hay sesenta cordales de las referidas siembras Vanas; El terreno q. resulta medido y de un sitio de ganado mayor en cuya constancia lo firmo con las de mi asistencia no habiendo los medidores y contaron por no saben firmar.

José Rafael Gonzales. de ob. Juan Manabringa.  
De ob. Simeon Castro. = En el rancho de San  
Gildardo a las doce dias del mes de noviembre de mil  
ochocientos treinta y cinco Yo el Alcalde Constitucional  
de segunda nominacion en la Municipalidad de  
Montoney despues de practicadas las medidas del  
mencionado rancho conforme se demuestra en la anterior  
medicion presente las ciudadanos cobijados José Sa  
Sanchez, Juan Gilroy y Carlos Castro, apoderado por  
la viuda del finado Mariano Castro que fueron confo  
rmes con todo lo mas q. ver couvino cuando entrase  
en posesion al ciudad<sup>no</sup> Quintin Ortega del terreno que  
se le ha echo donacion bajo las medidas situadas y  
formuladas a custumb raudas en casas semejante lo que  
verifico anunciando Herbas y haciendo demostraciones  
como dueño del terreno que se le ha dado en pacifica  
posesion y propiedad cuya valuacion lo autorizo  
setenta y tres reales.

He habilitado provisoriamente por la Administración

de la Notaria Maritima de Montevideo de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro. Angel Ramirez.

y firmé con los expresados el día antes y los testigos de asistencia no hicieron lo Sanchez por no saber.

José Rafael Sanchez. de ab. Juan Githu. de ab. Carlos Castro. de ab. Juan Montarín.

Firmese en el libro de protecciones y devuélvase original este expediente al interesado para que le sirva de título. Así lo el alcalde Segundo lo decreté firmé y mandé con los de mi asistencia. José Rafael Gonzales.

Los derechos causados en este expediente son las siguientes. Por la presentación comparendo y suplico 0. 1.00

Dos notificaciones. . . . .	00. 6
Dos notas a cuatro reales. . . . .	01. 0.
nombramiento de esta cosa y juramento de prest <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	01. 0.
Suma y grava. . . . .	<u>03. 6.</u>
De la Vuelta . . . . .	02. 6.
Diligencia, Reconocer y medir el land. . . . .	01. 0.
Medidas y posesión. . . . .	03. 0.
Dos autos inter-ventorios . . . . .	02. 0
Por treinta y seis leguas que sean debui enon. . . . .	24. 0.
José Rafael Gonzales. . . . .	<u>036. 6.</u>

queda tomada en el libro de protecciones del Juzgado 2º. a foyas tres a buelta y para constancia lo anoté y rubiqué con en quince de noviembre de 1835.

Sello tercero dos reales.

Abi la Notaria porri conulmente por la Administración de la Notaria Maritima de Montevideo de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro. Angel Ramirez.

Fided in offic. February 25<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Gen. Fisher. Secy.

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Marcelino Escobar, Constitucional Alcalde within the Demarcation of this Illustrious Ayuntamiento,

I certify in due form, that in the book of conciliations existing in this Justice's court, appears one of the following tenor:

In the Port of Monterey on the third day of the month of May 1833, before me Marcelino Escobar Constitucional Alcalde within the Demarcation of this Illustrious Ayuntamiento appeared Juan Gilroy and Julien Cantua, stating that being aware that the Citizen Quintin Ortega (brothers in Law of the Plaintiffs) had made a solicitation to be granted in ownership the "sitio" called San Ysidro they presented themselves for the purpose of showing that they have an equal right of possession by reason of their wives' inheritance, that Mr Quintin, and in case he has the ownership of said Land, make the corresponding division, so that the three families may obtain the part which in right falls to theirs share.

Quintin represented, that what he wants, is the ownership of the said Land and that he does not deprive them of the right they possess.

In order to bring this complaint to the legal process, it was arranged that they appoint their <sup>own</sup> referees to try the means of conciliation, and carrying it into effect, the two first named appointed the Citizen Captain Juan Antonio Munoz and the third appointed the Citizen Manuel de Alva, who being constituted in union with the Alcalde, witnessed the allegations of each party, and being well instructed in the details of the proceeding it was proposed to the litigants to agree on making the division of the Land thereby procuring to be mutually conciliated, in obtaining the part which might fall to each one.

On such an invitation

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Translation  
of Spanish  
Juridical papers.

the three parties agreed in dividing the said land in the following manner, as the result of the deliberations took;

From whence the sitio ends towards the south to the middle of the two houses, to Quintin Ortega, while there ought to be made a land mark from the opening contiguous to the said houses and which parts them mid ways,

From this portion to the Arroyo de Las Animas to Juan Gilroy, where another land mark will divide it; and from this to where the said sitio terminates towards the north to Julian Cantua; it being understood that the permanent "go de agua" / Channel existing on the possession of the second named is to follow and having its outlet for the possession of the first named.

Mr Quintin was notified that as he may have made the petition for the land in consequence of not finding the title-deeds of possession which his parents had to it, and which he hereafter may find, both of the contestants in this case ought to compromise to divide the said land among between the other three brothers, who have not yet presented themselves, thus not to injure them with depriving them of the party-falling to them; and signed it with the Alcald, the judges and two of the interested parties, Cantua not doing it on account of not knowing how.

Marcelino Escobar, Juan Antonio Munoz, Manuel de Alba, Quintin Ortega, Juan Gilroy.

And on request of the interested parties I grant this in duplicate, that one of them may remain in the possession of each party, and in this case have the desired and suitable



effects; signing it in Monterey on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833, with attesting witnesses, Marcelino Escobar, Assistants, José María Maldonado, Santiago Estrada,

José Figueroa, Brigadier General in the Mexican National Army, Commanded General, Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Upper California,

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Whereas the Citizen Martín Ortega has solicited for his personal benefit and that of his family a part of the Rancho known by the name of San Isidro, bordering on the Mission of San Juan Bautista on the Rancho de las Animas, to the lot belonging to his sister Maria Clara Ortega, and on the Sierra - after having previously taken the necessary action according to the requirements of law and regulations; in exercise of the powers vested in me, in a decree dated yesterday, in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have concluded to grant him the mentioned land, declaring it his property by the present letters patent, said concession being understood to be in entire conformity with the requirements of law, reserved for the approbation or disapprobation of the Excellent Territorial Deputation and Supreme Government and under the following conditions:

First, That it be subject to the conditions which shall be established by the regulations to be made for the distribution of vacant lands, and that in the mean time neither the grantee nor his heirs shall have the power to divide or alienate that which hereby is granted him, nor subject it to rent, entail, bond, mortgage or any

other encumbrance, though it be for a charitable purpose, nor convey it into mortmain.

Second. He may fence it without prejudice to the crossings roads and servitudes. He will enjoy it freely and exclusively, appropriating it to the use or culture that best may suit him, but within a year at most he will build a house to be inhabited.

Third. When the ownership may have been conferred on him, he will petition of the respective Judge to give him juridical possession in virtue of this document by whom the boundaries are to be marked on the extremities of which, besides the land marks he will put some fruit trees or wild ones of some utility.

Fourth. The land donated to him is *in sitio de ganado mayor* of one square league as explained in the sketch annexed to the expediente.

The judge who shall give him the juridical possession will cause it to be measured conformably to the ordinance for the marking of boundaries leaving the surplus that may result to the nation for convenient purposes.

Fifth. If he should violate these conditions he will lose his rights to the land and may be denounced by any other party.

Consequently I order that these presents serving him as a title, deed and being held firm and valid it be entered in the corresponding book and delivered to the interested party for his security and other purposes.

Given in Monterey on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1833.

José Figueroa  
Agustín V. Yáñez  
Secretary.

Entered in the Book of registry of title deeds on adjudication of lands on folio 6 number 6, which is deposited in the Secretary Office under my charge.  
 Monterey 4<sup>th</sup> June 1833.  
 Zamorano.

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Approved of the Grant made to Citizen Quintin Ortega and Sisters of the Land called San Isidro, granted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 1833, in entire conformity with the provisions in the Law of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1824, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Regulations of 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1828.

Monterey 16<sup>th</sup> May 1834.

In today's session the Excellent Deputation approved of the proposition in the foregoing opinion.

I order the Expediente to be returned to the Superior Political Chief for consequent purposes.

Jose Figueroa Juan Bautista Alvarado  
 Secretary

Monterey 12<sup>th</sup> June 1834.

In view of the Approbation granted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May last, let a testimonial of it and of this decree be issued to the party Don Quintin Ortega, as also to his sisters Doña Maria Clara and Doña Maria Usabel; in confirmation of the Grant of the Land San Isidro, which they obtained on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June last past. Don Jose Figueroa, Brigadier General, Commander General Inspector and Superior Political Chief of the Territory of Alta California, thus did order decree and sign it of which I bear testimony.

Jose Figueroa,

Agustin W. Zamorano  
 Secretary,

Conformable Literally to the original from which the present Testimonial was caused to be drawn for the security of the interested party in Monterey on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1834, the Citizens Bernardo Robarete and Bonifacio de Madariaga of this place, being witnesses,

In Testimony of Truth

Jose Figueroa  
Agustin B. Zambrano,  
Secretary.

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(Plot)

To The Constitutional Alcalde of the Second Nomination,

I Quintin Ortega, a Mexican Citizen by birth, Native and resident of this Municipality of Monterey, as best may tend to the purpose, say:

That having obtained my own share of the third part of the tract of land known as Rancho de San Isidro, which my deceased father Ignacio Ortega possessed, as you will see by the documents I accompany, consisting of five filed folios besides the plot,

I apply to you to be pleased to give me the juridical possession, as provided in the third Article of the title-deed or concession of said land, adjudicated to me under date 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1833, likewise the respective confirmation and returns of these documents for purposes to suit me.

Therefore I pray you to be pleased to put me in the possession I solicit, whereby I shall receive favor and justice.

San Juan Bautista November 10<sup>th</sup> 1835,  
Quintin Ortega,

Monterey November 10<sup>th</sup> 1835.

It having been solicited and admitted  
let there be taken the necessary steps to  
give the possession prayed for, to which  
effect the 12<sup>th</sup> day instant is designated,  
let the bordering land owners be cited for  
said day and appoint previously mea-  
surers and computers, who will be  
made acquainted therewith for their  
acceptance and oath.

Thus I the Citizen Alcalde decreed  
signed and ordered with the assistants  
Rafael Gonsales  
Juan Madriaga  
Simon Castro.

On the same day, the Citizen Quintin  
Ortega being present, he was notified  
of the foregoing decree and having had an  
understanding of it, the said had had  
heard it and that he admits of service  
and he signed it with me and the  
assistants,

Gonsales  
Quintin Ortega, Juan Madriaga  
Simon Castro

On the same day the summons was  
issued in compliance with the order  
in the foregoing decree, for the citation  
of the bordering land owners, and for  
due attestation I subjoined my flourish,  
(Flourish)

On the Rancho called San Ysidro and in  
the house of the Citizen Quintin Ortega,  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1835 I the  
Constitutional Alcalde of the second nomi-  
nation in the Capitol of Monterey  
notified the bordering land owners Juan  
Cilroy, Jose M. Sanchez, and Carlos Castro  
who were present, of the foregoing decree  
and having had an understanding of  
it, Castro and Cilroy signed with me

and the Assistants, Sanchez not doing it on account of not knowing how.

Jose Rafael Gonzales  
Juan Gilroy, Juan Madriaga  
Simeon Castro, Carlos Castro,

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On the same Rancho and on the same day month and year I the said Alcalde in compliance with the Decree of 4<sup>th</sup> June 1833, the Cited bordering Land owners being present, appointed as measurers for the mensuration, marking of boundaries and juridical possession, the Citizens Jose Manuel Sanchez and Bernardo Feliz and as Computer Manuel Briones who after previous acceptance and oath, will proceed to the discharge of their office thus did I the mentioned Alcalde decree and sign with the Assistants,

Jose Rafael Gonzales,  
Juan Madriaga, Simeon Castro

On the same date and on the same Rancho the above named Citizens were notified of their appointments and they said they accepted and did accept said charge, and they swore by God our Lord and the sign of the Holy Cross to fulfil it faithfully and legally to the best of their knowledge and understanding without any fraud against any one.

They did not sign because not knowing how, I, the present Justice did so with the Assistants,

Jose Rafael Gonzales,  
Juan Madriaga, Simeon Castro,

In continuance I, the said Alcalde ordered the line with which the land is to be measured to be brought to my presence, that the measurers might measure off fifty varas and in the presence of the bordering Land owners they took it in the

hand and with a usual Mexican vara measure measured off fifty varas, for the measurement of the land of which possession is to be given and I signed with the assistants,

José Rafael González  
Juan Madriaga      Simón Castro

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In the same place and on the same day and year at eleven o'clock in the morning, I ordered the appointed measures to set about the measurement of land, which they have to make for Citizen Quintín Ortega, and commencing to measure from the furnace or oven dividing the two houses as well that of the said Quintín as that of Juan Gilroy and stretching the cord in a direction to South east till reaching the Arroyito or Arroyo de las Cuatro Jarcas which divides the boundary of José Sánchez there are ninety six cords, and from thence turning towards the North East to the Lomita (little hill-top) where are four oaks three stems and one of a sole trunk, which marks to where the land of Sánchez reach, there are eighty six cords, and from the same point of the Hill top in the same course there are fourteen cords, and following to the north east over the whole hill top to coming forth in the front of the opening which divides the two houses of Quintín and Gilroy there are one hundred twenty two cords, and from this same point departing by the middle of the said opening course south one fourth west till reaching the Arroyo which marks or serves as a boundary to the Castros according to his new plan there are fifty cords of the said fifty varas length.

The land measured results to be one square league (un sitio de ganados mayor) in attestation of which I signed this with my assistants, the measurers and computers not doing so, on account of not knowing how to sign.

Rafael González  
Juan Madriaga, Simón Castro

On the Rancho de San Guido on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835, I, the Constitutional Alcalde of the second nomination in the Municipality of Monterey, after having finished the measurements

of the said Rancho as shown in the foregoing act of mensuration the bordering land owners Jose M.<sup>o</sup> Sanchez Juan Gilroy and Carlos Castro Attorney for the widow of the deceased Mariano Castro, being present conformable to whatever else was to the purpose. I ordered the Citizen Quintin Ortega to enter into possession of the land which has been donated to him under the said mensuration, and in similar cases customary formalities, which he accomplished pulling up grass and making demonstrations as owner of the land given to him in peaceable possession and ownership, the validity of which I authorize and subscribe with the said bordering land owners and attesting witnesses, Sanchez not doing in an account of not knowing how,

Jose Rafael Gonzalez  
Assistants Juan Gilroy, Juan Madriaga  
Carlos Castro

So that be entered in the book of possessions and returns this Expediente in original to the interested party, that it may serve him as a title-deed. Thus did I the second Alcalde decree sign and order, with the assistants,  
Jose Rafael Gonzalez

The fees incurred in this Expediente are as follows:

For the presentation with Record etc	1. 0
Two notifications	0. 6 Cels
Two notes at four seals	1. 0
Appointments acceptance & swearing of measurers	1. 0
The act of recognising and measuring the line	1. 0
Measurements & possession	3. 0
Two interlocutory decrees	2. 0
For thirty six leagues travel	27. 0
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Jose Rafael Gonzalez.

Entered in the book of possessions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Justice Court on folio 3 and reverse, and for attestation I subjoined my flourish on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1835,  
Flourish

Filed in Office Sep<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1853. Ge<sup>o</sup>. Fisher Sec



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For the place called San Guido  
 in Santa Cruz County, contain-  
 ing one square league of land.

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Opinion by  
 Commissioner  
 Alpheus Felch.

From the testimony in this case it appears that Ignacio Ortega, the father of the present claimant, possessed the place called San Guido; that he died leaving three children, that by agreement the Rancho was divided between them by metes and bounds and an application was therefore made to the Governor for separate grants to each of the heirs for their respective shares.

The present claim is for the portion thus assigned to the petitioner.

He has given in evidence duly authenticated the grant of the portion claimed by him which was issued by Governor Figueroa and bears date June 4<sup>th</sup> 1833. The proper evidence of the approval of the same by the Territorial Dep-  
 -utiation which was given on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1834 is filed. The official testimonial of the act of judicial possession is also given in evidence, by which it appears that said possession was given and a demarcation of boundaries made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835. Residence on the place with his family and continued cultivation of the land by the claimant from a period anterior to the grant by Figueroa to the present time is proved.

A decree of confirmation will be entered.  
 Confirmed.

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Decree.

In this case on hearing the proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Board that the claim of the said Petitioner is valid and it is therefore that the same be confirmed. The land of which confirmation is hereby made is situated in Santa Cruz County being the

same occupied by the said Quintin Ortega, and a part of the Rancho called San Ysidro formally occupied by Ignacio Ortega; and is described and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at the juncture between the house of said Quintin Ortega and that of Juan Gilroy and running thence in a direction to the South East to the "Arroyito or Agrage" de las Cuatro Sances" the boundary of Jose Sanchez four thousand eight hundred varas; thence turning towards the North East to the little hill top /lonita/ where are four oaks (three stems and one of a sole trunk) which mark to where the lands of Sanchez reach four thousand three hundred varas; thence to the peak of the hill top in the same course seven hundred varas; thence following to the north east over the whole hill top still coming forth in front of the opening dividing the two houses aforesaid six thousand one hundred varas, and from this same point running through the middle of said opening course South one fourth west till reaching the Arroyo marking or serving as boundary to the Castro according to his new plan there are two thousand five hundred varas; the said land hereby confirmed containing one square league more or less, being the same land of which judicial measurement was given to said Quintin Ortega under a grant made to him in the year 1835 reference to be had for a more particular description to the grant thereof and the testimonial of judicial possession which is on file in this case

Alphens Felch

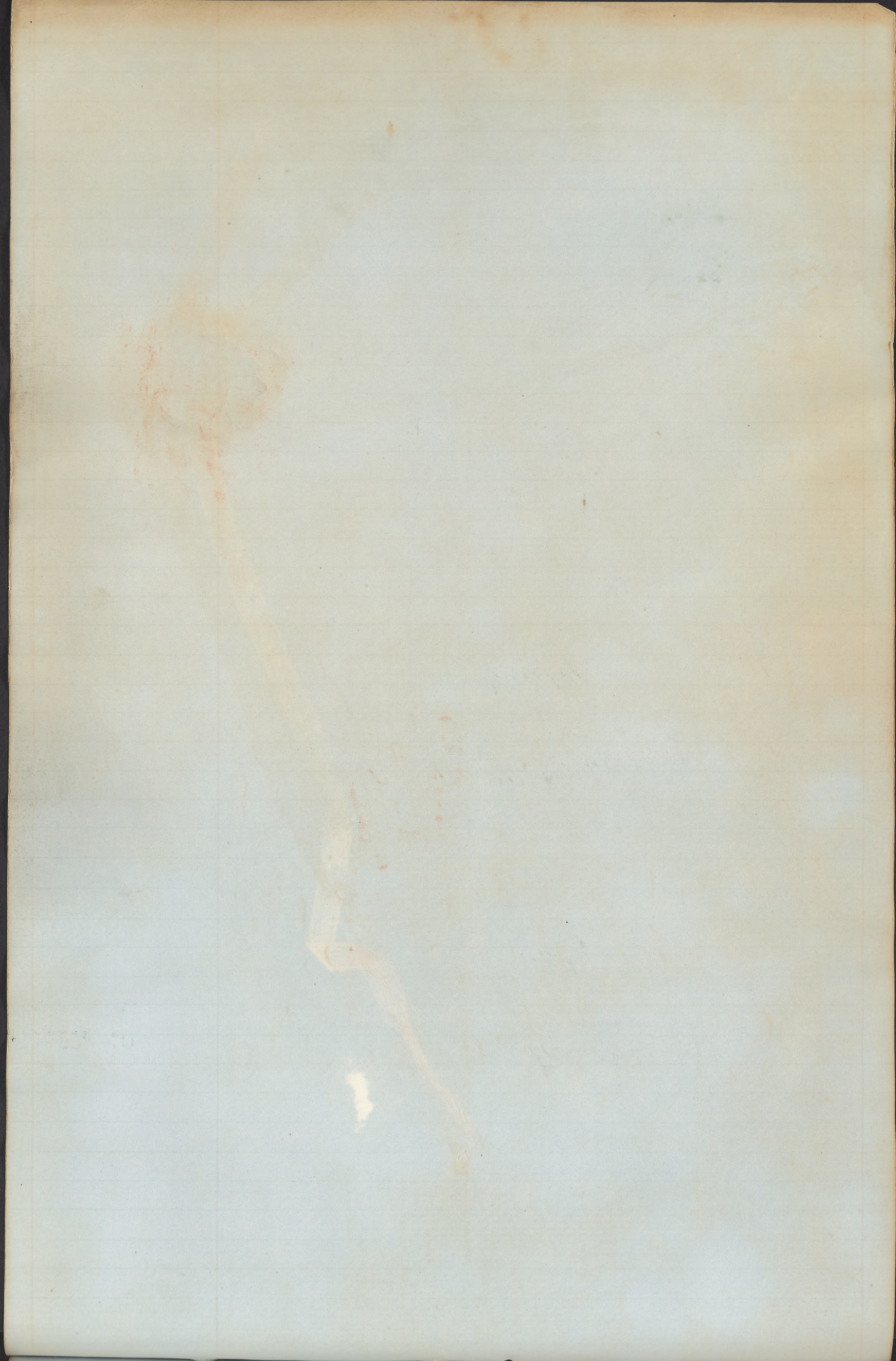
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S. B. Farwell,

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And it appearing to the satisfaction of  
this Board that the land hereby adjudicated  
is situated in the Northern District  
of California it is hereby  
Ordered that two transcripts  
of the proceedings and of the decisions in  
this case and of the papers and  
evidence upon which the same are  
founded be made out and duly cer-  
tified by the Secretary, one of which  
transcripts shall be filed with the  
Clerk of the United States District  
Court for the Northern District of  
California and the other be transmit-  
ted to the Attorney General of the  
United States.



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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I, *George Fisher* — Secretary to  
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
foregoing *Twenty eight* — pages, numbered from  
1 to 28, 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. 63V on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *Quintin Ortega* is —

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*San Ysidro*"

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-seventh.

*Geo. Fisher*  




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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, *7th March* 1855.

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} 630.

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 *30th* 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.

*Oliver*

Attorney General.

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U.S. Court N.D.

United States

vs.

Quentin O'Leary

Appeal Notice.

Filed April 14, 1855,  
Iowa, a. m. m. v. r.  
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by M. H. Chivers,  
c. p. y.



District Court of the United States  
Northern District of California

The United States  
Appellants  
vs  
Quintin Ortega

No. 163 (L. C. Docket No. 630)

Quintin Ortega the Appellee  
and claimant in the above entitled cause  
in answer to the Petition therein filed avers  
and says that his title to the land therein  
claimed is valid.

He therefore prays that the decision  
of the Board of Land Commissioners be affirm-  
ed and the title of the said claimant be decreed  
to be valid.

J. Clarke Atty.  
for Claimants.

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Luisita Ortega

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J. Clarke Atty  
for Claimant.



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Petition

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by Charles  
Deputy.

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J. Glassell Secy.

U. S. Atty.

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

The United States } Court No. 163. Transcript No. 630  
vs }  
appellants } Part of  
Dimitri Ortega } "San Ysidro"  
}  
appellee }

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At a Sited Term held 23 Feb'y 1857

This cause coming on this day to be heard upon the  
transcript of the proceedings and decision of the Board  
of Land Commissioners of the United States to ascertain  
and settle the private land claims in the State  
of California, duly filed according to law, and  
the papers and evidence in the case, and the  
pleadings filed in this Court, and Counsel having  
been heard on the part of the United States and for  
the claimant:

In consideration of all which the Court is of  
Opinion that there is no error in the decision of  
the said Board, and that the same should be  
and is hereby affirmed.

And this Court doth order adjudge and decree  
that the title of the claimant to the lands  
described in the said transcript is valid  
and the same is hereby confirmed.

The land of which confirmation is hereby  
made is situated in Santa Clara County  
being the same occupied by the said Dimitri  
Ortega, and a part of the Rancho called

San Ysidro formerly occupied by Ignacio Ortega and is described and bounded as follows to wit - Beginning at the juncture between the horns of the said Quintin Ortega and that of Juan Gilroy and running thence in a direction to the South East to the Arroyito or "Cajon de los Cuatro Saucos", the boundary of Don Sanchez four thousand eight hundred varas - thence turning toward the North East to the little hill top (Cerro) where are four Oaks (three stems and one of a sole trunk) which mark to where the land of Sanchez reach, four thousand three hundred varas; thence to the point of the hill top in the same course seven hundred varas; thence following to the North East over the whole hill top till coming forth in front of the opening dividing the two horns aforesaid six thousand one hundred varas, and from this same point running through the middle of said opening course South one fourth West, till reaching the Arroyo marking a sereno as boundary to the Easton's according to his new plat there are two thousand five hundred varas; the said land hereby comprised containing one square league more or less, being the same land of which juridical measurement was given to the

said Quintin Ortega under a grant made  
to him in the year 1833, reference to be  
had for a more particular description  
to the grant thereof, and the testimonial  
of juridical possession which is on file in  
the case"

John H. Miller  
U.S. District Judge

I consent to within Decree  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> }  
1858 } P. Della Torre  
V. S. Atty

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United States for the  
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California

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vs  
Domingo Ortega  
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Confirmation

Filed March 22, 1858,  
W. A. Clement,  
Clerk.



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In pursuance of notice  
from the Attorney General of the U. S. herewith an-  
nexed, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that  
no further appeal be taken herein 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 March 22 1858

P. Della Torre

U. S. atty.

Stanly & King  
attys for Claimants

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Attorney General's office  
17 February 1857

Sir,

You are hereby instructed to  
dismiss the appeal in the Case of  
Quentin Ortega vs The United States,  
Numbered 630, in the Docket of the  
Land Commissioners.

I am,

Respectfully

Yours

Pacificus Ora Esq  
U. S. Attorney  
Los Angeles  
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Stipulation

Filed March 23, 1858,  
W. H. Chevers,  
Clerk

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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 *Tuesday* the *23d* day of  
*March* in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and fifty-seven ~~seven~~ *eight*.

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

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n<sup>o</sup>. 163 : L. C. 630.

The attorney General  
of the United States having given notice that  
further appeal will not be prosecuted in  
this case, and a stipulation to that effect  
having been entered into by the U. S. attorney;

On motion of P. Della Torre Esq. U. S.  
attorney it is hereby ordered, Adjudged and  
decreed that claimant have leave to pro-  
ceed under the decree of this Court hereto-  
fore rendered in his favor, as under Final  
Decree.

Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. District Judge

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United States District Court, Northern District of  
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*The United States*

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ORDER.

*Vacating appeal*

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*W. D. Chevers*

CLERK.

By

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

United States }  
                  } No: 163.-  
Quentin Ortega }

To the Hon: Ogden Hoffman  
Judge of said Court.

The petition of William Gault,  
Julius Martin & wife, John B. Moore,  
& J. L. N. Shepard, respectfully  
represents,

That the survey made  
in this case by the Survey General, or  
his deputy is erroneous; that the deputy  
disregarded old land-marks, and has  
excluded from the survey land well  
known to belong to the Rancho called  
"San Ysidro" and to have been a part  
of said Rancho, for about thirty years,  
and that said survey has included lands  
belonging to the United States, and  
not claimed by the owner as part of  
said Rancho.

Petitioners

further than, that the survey was approved by the Survey General on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1860.

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That the first publication under the act of Congress of June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860, was made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 1860.

That the interest of the petitioner Yunta is derived by deed, from J. Ortega, a son of the original grantee, of this portion of "San Ysidro", the interest of said Yunta, being an undivided part.

The interests of the other petitioners is derived from deeds, made by John Gitroy and wife, for another part of said Rancho; said Rancho having been granted by Gov. Figueroa to three children of Ignacio Ortega, under one grant, and at the same time.

That the eastern boundary of both the portions given to Juanita Ortega, and to Gitroy & wife, is the same; being a common boundary, and the evidence of said boundary is the same in both cases.

That the said eastern boundary was erroneously surveyed by said deputy, and the rights of all your petitioners, affected

thence.

Wherefore petitioners pray  
that your Hon<sup>r</sup> will grant an order  
directing the Surgeon General to return  
the Survey into the District Court for  
examination and adjudication according  
to the provision of the act of Congress  
approved June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860 -

Edw. Stanley  
Atty. for Petitioners.

Northern District of Cal., p.

J. L. N. Shepard

being duly sworn deposes and says, that  
the facts stated in the foregoing petition  
are true to the best of his information  
and belief

Sworn to and subscribed to  
before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1860.

J. L. N. Shepard

Wm. B. Williams

U. S. Com.

Let the order issue as above  
prayed for  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

Wm. Hoffman  
Dist. Judge



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United States

vs

Quentin Ortega

Petition to order  
sumony to be returned  
into Court. -

Filed Sept: 19<sup>th</sup> 1860.

W. D. Chivers,  
Clerk.

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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 *Monday* the *Third* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

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Present:

*The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.*

**The United States,**

v.

*Quintin Ortega.*

IN LAND CASES.

*District Court No. 163*

*Land Com. No. 630.*

AND now at this day on application of *Edward Stanley* Attorney for *The Claimant* IT IS ORDERED, that the Surveyor General of the United States for California return into this Court, on or before Wednesday, the *19th* day of *September* A. D. 1860, his Official Survey and Plat of the land finally confirmed in the above entitled cause, known as "*San Pedro*" and situated in the County of *Santa Clara* in said District; AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the United States Marshal for this District serve upon the said Surveyor General, without delay, a certified copy of this order, and make due return hereon.

I hereby certify that I have this day made  
personal service of the within notice on  
J W Sandeville the W S Surveyor General  
for the State of California

San Francisco September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860 P L Solomon  
W S Marshal

No. 163.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES,

v.

J. Ortega,

ORDER TO RETURN SURVEY.

Returnable Sept: 19<sup>th</sup>. 1860

Issued Sept: 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1860.

Filed Sept: 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1860.

W A Stewart  
Clerk.

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vs }  
L Ortega } In the matter of  
Survey

In the return of Survey  
in the above mentioned case, by order of  
the U S District Court; I would state,  
that the approval thereof, is "pro forma",  
under the heretofore established custom -

The questions between the "San Pedro  
Ranchos, and that of "Las Animas", were  
not decided in this office, previous to  
such approval -

Reference is made to papers  
A & B filed by this office in case  
D. C. No 216 -

J. H. Mendenhall  
U S Sur Gen

Am Ogden Hoffman  
U S Dist Judge

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U. S. Dist. Court,

The United States,

— vs —

Quintin Ortega.

Letter from Sur: Genl:  
accompanying  
plat of survey:

Filed Sept: 8, 1860,

W. A. Chereis,  
Clerk,

United States of America,) SS.  
Northern District of California.)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
To the Marshal of the United States for the Northern District  
of California,

GREETING:—

WHEREAS, objection has been made to the official survey and location of the land finally confirmed, in case No. 163, to Quintin Ortega known as "San Pedro", and situated in the County of Santa Clara in said District.

NOW THEREFORE YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the President of the United States of America, to give due notice to all parties having, or claiming to have, an interest in such survey and location, that they be and appear before the District Court of the United States for said District, sitting in Land Cases, on or before Wednesday, the 26th day of September A. D. 1860, at 11 o'clock, A. M. (if that day shall be a day of jurisdiction, and if not, on or before the next Wednesday thereafter,) then and there to intervene for the protection of such interest, or their defaults will be taken. And what you shall have done under this writ do you then and there make return thereon.

WITNESS, the Hon. OGDEN HOFFMAN, Judge of said Court, at San Francisco, in said District, this 4th day of September A. D., 1860.

W. H. Cheever

CLERK.

The within Motion was received by me on  
Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1860, and in obedience thereto  
I have given due notice, as therein commanded, by causing  
the publication of said notice, for 4 consecutive  
Wednesdays, in the San Francisco Herald, commencing  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1860; and for 4 consecutive Saturdays, in the  
San Jose Tribune  
a paper published nearest the land, commencing on the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1860.

Dated San Francisco, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1860

P. L. Solomon  
U. S. Marshal.

No 163.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
Northern District of California.  
IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES.

v.

L. Ortega.

MONITION.

Returnable Sept 26. 1860.

Issued Sept 4. 1860.

Filed Sept 26. 1860.

W. H. Cheever.

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To the Hon District Court of the United States  
Northern District of California

Quentin Coleja

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vs  
The United States

Part of San Geronimo

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Daniel, James, & Martin J. Murphy respectfully show to the Court that they are the owners & claimants of the Rancho San Francisco de las Lagas which has been finally confirmed, and is now pending in this Court under the Act of Congress approved June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860 -

That ~~the said claim~~ <sup>the just above mentioned case</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>and believe</sup> is likewise pending in this Hon Court and ~~your~~ Petitioners are informed that an effort will be made so to modify the survey as injuriously to effect their rights and interests as owners of the said ~~Las Lagas~~ Las Lagas, wherefore they pray for leave to intervene in the above entitled cause for the protection of their rights under the provisions of the Act aforesaid.

Thomson Williams & Thornton  
Atty for owners of San Francisco de las Lagas

Daniel Murphy being duly sworn deposes and says that he has read the foregoing petition, and that the facts therein stated are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dan Murphy

Sworn to and subscribed this  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1860. before me.

N. H. Cheever.

Not. P. Com.



No. 163.

U. S. District Court.

The United States.

- vs -

Guillermo Ortega.

Pet: and affdvt.  
of Dan. Murphy  
to intervene.

Filed Sept: 29. 1860

W. D. Cheves,

Clerk

J. S. Williams,  
Atty.

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

Leventin Ortega

No. 163.

The United States

In the matter of the  
Survey of San Ysidro. -

In this case Edward Smith on behalf  
of the Claimants, desires to intervene  
for the protection of their interests,  
according to law and the order of the  
Court, plus the following objections to the  
Survey made & returned into Court.

1. The said Survey is not made according  
to the original title papers of the  
Claimants.
2. The said Survey is not made  
according to the decree of this Court.
3. That the said Rancho was conveyed  
to the original claimant, according to the  
judicial possession & the map, and  
the said Survey wholly disregards the  
judicial possession and the map.
4. That the said Survey is unjust, and  
erroneous, and was made under a misap-  
prehension of the rights of Claimants  
and of the decree of this Court.

5. That the said survey wholly disregarded well known & established land-marks and corners, especially that at the South East corner of said Ranch.

6. That the said survey located this ranch altogether on the East side of the arroyo de Las Lagas, whereas it should have been located on both sides of said Arroyo.

7. That said survey has left out land belonging to this Ranch, & thereby unjustly adding it to the adjoining Ranch Las Animas which is of younger date, and which was granted, reserving the rights of others.

8. That said survey wholly disregarded the map, and the judicial possession, and was made to suit private interests of owner of adjoining land, and in disregard of the rights of claimants.

9. That said survey was not made in accordance with the principles & rules established in the act of Congress, approved March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851, entitled an act to settle private land claims in the State of California. —

10. That said Survey is not a complete and proper performance of the duty imposed by said act of Congress upon the Surveyor General, in this, that it is not a Survey of the "Claim" as percolated by the Claimants, nor as confirmed by His Honorable Court. -

11. That said Survey was approved & performed" only by the Surveyor General, who did not examine the evidence before him referred to in his report returning the map of the Survey into His Honorable Court. which evidence proved the incorrectness of this Survey.

Attest  
Atty: for Claimants

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for the Northern Div:

The United States  
v  
Lucretia Steeg  
Exceptions to  
Survey on part of  
Claimants. —

Filed Oct: 1, 1860,  
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Clerk,

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Ed: Stanley,  
for lts.

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

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The United States

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Dionis Ortega -

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The answer of the Claimants to the  
Petition of Samuel Murphy et al: filed  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1860, praying to be allowed to  
interpose in this case -

The said Claimants answering  
deny that said Murphy et al have any  
interest in the Survey in this case, or that  
they have any right to interpose therein.

They therefore pray the  
Court, that it should order the said  
petition to be withdrawn, and that the  
said Murphy et al be denied any right to  
be interposed in this case. -

And as in duty bound I

Edw. Stanton  
Atty: for Claimants

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Quentin Coleja

Agent of Claims  
to the petition of  
D. Murphy to interest

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W. A. Cheney,  
Clerk

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E. Stant, for Claims

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 *Saturday* the *13th* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty,

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

*The United States,*

v.

*Quintin Ortega.*

*No. 163.*

On reading, and filing the petition and affidavit of G. H. Crane, and on motion of John J. Williams, Esq. it is ordered that the default heretofore entered herein be, and hereby is opened so far as to allow the parties in said petition mentioned to intervene in this cause.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

The United States,

v.

Quintin Ortega,

Order allowing  
G. M. Crane, et al to  
intervene,

Filed October 13, 1860.

W. A. Cheves,

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J. J. Williams  
for Intervenor.

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

Quentin Ortega }  
vs

No. 113.

The United States } Part of San Ysidro -

The Petition of Vicente Sanchez  
and his husband Daniel Wilson, Refugio  
Sanchez and his husband Thomas J. McKnight  
Gregorio and Guadalupe Sanchez infant  
children of Jose M. Sanchez dec'd, by  
their Guardian George W. Cerane, Green  
Hanna, Samuel Hanna, James Hanna  
and George W. Cerane, <sup>Henry Miller & William Murphy et al -</sup> respectfully shows  
to the Court that they are part owners  
of the Rancho Las Animas, by title de-  
rived from the original grant, which  
has been finally confirmed by decree of  
this Hon Court to the Widow & Heirs at  
Law of the said Jose M. Sanchez dec'd -  
That said Rancho adjoins that portion  
of the Rancho San Ysidro, confirmed in  
the case first above mentioned to Quen-  
tin Ortega. That the Survey of said  
portion of San Ysidro Rancho has been  
ordered into this Hon Court for ~~adju-~~  
examination and adjudication at the  
instance of the present owners, with

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the view, as your Petitioners are in-  
formed and believe, and as appears  
from exceptions on file, of obtaining  
or attempting to obtain such a modifica-  
tion of said survey as will extend  
it across the Arroyo Las Hajas, and  
include within its lines a large portion  
of the said Rancho Las Animas to the  
great wrong and injury of your  
Petitioners. Wherefore your Petitioners  
pray leave for the protection of their  
rights, to intervene in the said case  
of Quentin Cortez vs The United States,  
under the provisions of the act of Congress  
approved June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860.

And your Petitioners further show  
that the survey of said portion of  
the San Ysidro Rancho, was ordered  
into this Court ~~some time before~~ and  
proclamation made therein on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of September 1860. - That on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1860, the Claimants thereof  
intervened in the matter of the survey of  
the said Las Animas, and at <sup>or about</sup> that time  
made known their object in such interven-  
tion. For this reason the Claimants of  
the Rancho Las Animas, did not and  
could not intervene at the date of the

Proclamation made as aforesaid under  
the rules of this Court in the matter  
of the Survey of said Quentin Cortez's  
claim, and pray leave now to do.

Thurston Williams & Thurston  
Atty. for Petitioners -

Geo. W. Crane

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me, this 11th Oct. 1860.

W. H. Cheves,  
N. J. Com

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The United States

Petition & affidavit  
(of intervention) -  
G. W. Colburn, et al.

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paid by  
G. W. C.



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United States for the  
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The United States

vs  
Luisen Ortega

Stipulation  
admitting certain  
affidets, etc.

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Filed Dec: 17, 1860,

M. J. Cheney,  
Clerk

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

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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 Twenty sixth day of July  
A. D. 1861.

Permit the honorable  
Oyden Hoffman, Judge

The United States

vs  
Quentin Ortega

No. 163  
San Ysidro.

This cause came on to be heard  
upon exception to the official survey  
of the land confirmed, a certified copy  
of the plat whereof was filed on the  
Eighth day of September A. D.  
1860, and counsel for the respective  
parties having been heard, and due  
deliberation had, it is hereby ordered  
adjudged and decreed that the  
said survey is erroneous, and the  
same is hereby annulled and set



aside. And it is further advised that the Survey General of the United States for California, cause a new survey to be made, without delay, in conformity with this order, and return a plat of the same for confirmation and approval.

And it is further advised that the said survey be made as follows: -  
Beginning at a point, where the "Arroyo" a creek - which is referred to in the judicial possession, which was given by José Rafael Gonzales, to the Claimant - formerly stood, between the two houses of John Gibroy and Juanita Ortega, and running thence, in a South Westerly direction to the Arroyo de las Plagas, thence along said Arroyo, and in a South Easterly direction, to a cluster of Willows, or "Cuatro Sauces" referred to in the judicial possession: thence in a North Easterly direction to the stump of a large oak, which divided about two feet above the ground, into three trunks, or branches, which stump is on the Eastern margin of the Santa

Clara valley, the same oak being referred to in said juridical possession, thence in a straight line, from the Willows to the stump of the oak, to the "punta de la Loma", a point of the hills: thence in a North-Westerly direction to an oak tree, which stands in front of the opening which divided the houses of Giron and Quentin Ortega, which oak tree was the common corner of the lands of John Giron and wife, and Quentin Ortega: and thence in a South Easterly course, running a straight line to the "Orno" or oven the point of beginning, and continuing said straight line to the Arroyo de las Lagas".

The same being the tract of land of which juridical possession was given to the Claimant in this case by Jose Rafael Gonzales, Constitutional Alcalde, on the Twelfth day of November 1835, and accepted by Claimant, and estimated to contain, not more than Four thousand Five hundred and Eighty two  $\frac{1}{10}$  Acres. - To which Record of Juridical possession on file in the

transcript reference is hereby made for greater certainty,  
The same being the tract referred to  
and more particularly described, in  
papers marked Exhibit "A." and  
Exhibit "B." from the Survey Gen-  
eral, filed in this Court, September  
8<sup>th</sup> 1860. in case No: 216, and  
reference to which Exhibits is made  
by the Survey General, in his letter  
accompanying the plat of Survey, Filed  
September 8<sup>th</sup> 1860.

And it is further ordered  
that a certified copy of this order  
be served upon the Survey General  
of the United States for California  
by the United States Marshal of this  
District.

Edwin Hoffman  
U. S. Dist Judge

U.S. Marshal's Office  
Northern District of Cal<sup>a</sup>.

I hereby certify that I received the  
within Order on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1861,  
and have served the same, by delivering  
a certified copy to Conway, Esq, Chief  
Clerk in Surveyor General's Office,  
on the same day.

Dated San Francisco }  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1861. }

Wm Rabe  
U.S. Marshal  
by David R. McKe  
Deputy.

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U. S. Dist. Court.

The United States.

— do —

Quintin Ortega.

Order respecting survey,

and

directing new survey.

Filed Aug: 30, 1861.

A. H. Chenev.

Clerk.

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U. S. District Court  
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Quintin Ortega

To the Hon: Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. District Judge.

In compliance with  
a decree for resurvey in the  
above case dated August 30<sup>th</sup>  
1861 I herewith return an  
approved plat of survey  
made in strict accordance with  
the terms thereof. I would call  
your attention to the fact that  
the present lines embrace a  
portion of the Tequisquit Ran-  
cho heretofore surveyed and  
advertised under Act of June  
20<sup>th</sup> 1861. No application was  
made as objecting to the ap-  
proval thereof, and the survey  
now stands as a Patent under  
Sec 5 of said Act

Very Resp<sup>ly</sup>

Your obt Serv<sup>t</sup>

E. F. Beale,

U. S. Sur Gen<sup>l</sup>

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U. S. Dist. Court,

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The United States,

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Remarks of Sur. Genl  
accompanying plat  
of survey.

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Filed Nov. 21, 1861,

H. A. Chenevix,  
Clerk.

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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 *Monday* the *25<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *one*.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States  
v.  
Quentin Orleaga

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In the matter of the  
Survey and location  
of a part of the San  
Ysidro Ranch -

On motion of George W Crane by his attorney, Williams & Thornton it is ordered that the said George W Crane in his own right and as Guardian of Gregorio and Guadalupe Sanchez Infant Heirs of Jose Maria Sanchez Decd, part owners of the Rancho Llano de Sequoyeta, have leave to intervene in this cause for the protection of their rights and interests under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860, against the survey returned into this Court, and filed in the above entitled cause on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1861

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

*The United States.*

v.

*Quintin Ortega.*

*Order entered  
allowing G. H. Craue  
to intervene.*

Filed *November 25*, 1861.

*W. H. Cheever.*

Clerk.

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United States } In the District  
vs. } Court Southern  
Mentor Ortega } District  
State of California

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George W Crane, being duly sworn says that he is the owner and seized in fee of one undivided one third and the undivided one fifth of two thirds of the Rancho "Llanos de Leyria yunta" and that he represents as Guardian of Gregorio and Guadalupe Sanchez minor heirs of Jose Manuel Sanchez deceased an undivided two fifths of two thirds of said Rancho and as such is in possession of the same. Affiant further says that the title to said Rancho has been finally confirmed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, and the appeal dismissed and that the survey of said Rancho has been made by the U S Surveyor General for California and approved

by said Surveyor General as will  
be seen by reference to the Plat  
and Certificate thereto attached  
herewith accompanying and  
reference is hereby made thereto.

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Affiant further says that on  
or about the day of  
1861. an order was made  
by the US District Court for the  
Northern District of California  
in the Cause of United States  
against Isentim Ortega for a  
Usurery of the Isentim Ortega  
portion of the Rancho "San  
Ysidro" an adjoining Rancho  
to the "Hacienda de Leguiscuita"  
and that the Surveyor General  
in pursuance of said order  
of usurery did without notice  
to any of the owners or parties  
representing the said Rancho  
"Hacienda de Leguiscuita" encroach  
thereon overlapping and in-  
cluding within the said usurery  
a quantity which affiant is  
informed and believes is about  
one thousand acres of the  
land included in the said

Rancho "Lands de Leguas quitas"  
and within the survey thereof.  
Further affiant south west.

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Sworn to and Geo. W. Crane  
Subscribed before  
me this 3 day of  
November 1861.

Stewart C. Hougham  
Notary Public  
Santa Clara County



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Northern Dist  
California

United States  
vs  
Quentin Miza

Affdt of  
Geo W Crane

Filed Nov: 25, 1861.  
A. S. Cheever,  
Clerk

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v.

Quintin Ortega

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 163

Land Com. No. 630

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D., 1862, at the City of San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, before me, WM. H. CHEVERS, a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Districts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, personally appeared Quintin Ortega a witness produced in behalf of the Intervenor J. H. Crane in the above entitled cause, now pending in said Court under the Acts of Congress to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, who, being duly sworn, testified as follows: his evidence being interpreted by M. J. Spirivalo a sworn interpreter.

PRESENT:

J. J. Williams Esq. for Intervenor Crane, E. Shanly Esq. for Claimant and H. H. Sharp Esq. U. S. Atty. for the U. S.

QUESTIONS IN BEHALF OF THE Intervenor Crane.

Question 1st,

What is your name, age, and place of residence?

Ans.

My name is Quintin Ortega, my age is 71 years, and

I reside in Santa Clara County.

2.

Are you the same Quintin Ortega to whom the ranch claimed in this case was granted?

Ans.

I am.

3.

Have you any interest in said rancho now, or have you sold it all?

Ans.

I have none, I have sold it all.

4.  
from the "Agua de los Cuape Sacas"  
About how far did the line established by Gonzales when judicial possession was given, run from the house of Sanchez on the Tequesquita rancho?

Ans.

About seven or eight hundred yards, more or less.

5.

Did it run in sight of said house?

Ans.

Ans.

I think not.

6.

How long since you were  
on the rancho San Ysidro, which  
was granted to you?

Ans.

About seven years.

Cross Examination waived  
Deposition closed.

Quintin Ortega

Subscribed and sworn to this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1862 before me

W. D. Cherris,

U. S. Com. -

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES

v.

*Quentin Ortega*

DEPOSITION OF

*Quentin Ortega*

on part of *Intervenors*

*J. H. Crane*

Filed *April 12<sup>th</sup>* 1862

*H. A. Deane*

Clerk.

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In the District Court of the United States

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Quintin Ortega

IN LAND CASES.

Dist. Court No. 163

Land Com. No. 630

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D., 1862,  
at the City of San Francisco, in the District aforesaid, before me, WM. H. CHEVERS,  
a Commissioner duly appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Dis-  
tricts of California to take acknowledgments of bail and affidavits, and also to  
take depositions of witnesses, in civil causes depending in the Courts of the United  
States, pursuant to the Acts of Congress in that behalf, personally appeared  
Matthew Fellows a witness produced in behalf of  
the Intervenor J. W. Crane in the above entitled cause, now  
pending in said Court under the Acts of Congress to ascertain and settle the private land  
claims in the State of California, who, being duly sworn, testified as follows: his  
evidence being interpreted by Robert H. Conant  
a sworn interpreter.

PRESENT: J. J. Williams Esq for Intervenor  
Crane, E. Shanly Esq for Claimant  
and W. H. Sharp Esq U. S. Atty  
for the U. S.

QUESTIONS IN BEHALF OF THE Intervenor Crane.

Question 1st,

What is your name, age, and  
place of residence?

Ans.

My name is Matthew Fellows  
my age is about sixty years,

and I reside in Gilroy Santa Clara County.

2.

How long have you resided in Santa Clara County?

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Ans.

I have been there since 1824,

3.

Do you know that portion of the San Isidro rancho which was granted to Quintin Ortega?

Ans.

I do not know if I was present at the time judicial papers was given of it.

4.

Were you present when the line was run from the "Quays de los Quatre Salces"?

Ans.

I was.

5.

Do you know the situation of the house of Jose Maria Sanchez on the Tequesquita rancho?

Ans.

Ans.

I do.

6.

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How far from did the said last mentioned line from the Squage de las Quatre Saucos run from, and to the West of said house of Sanchez?

Ans.

To the best of my knowledge about half a mile, more or less.

7.

Did it run in sight of said house?

Ans.

In starting the line, we could see the house of Sanchez but in running up the line among the hills we lost sight of it. ~~At the~~ Along the line opposite the house there are some small hills, and you cannot see the house.

8.

At the time of giving juridical possession, was any tree marked on said line?

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Ans.

I recollect that there was an oak tree on the side of a gulch marked. It is about where is marked on Wallace's survey filed in this case "Oak tree on side of Gulch".

9.

Were you present in March 1838, when John Wallace made a survey of this ranch, the plot of which you have just referred to?

Ans.

I was.

10.

Did or did not the line of said survey from the "Agraje de los Cuatro Sauces" correspond with the said line of juridical possession?

line of juridical paperion  
from the same point?

Ans.

Yes sir I believe it did.

11.

Do you know the point  
marked on E. H. Dyer's survey  
of this ranch, made in Sep-  
tember 1861, marked "Stake  
in Stone mound S. G. 3"?

Ans.

I do. I saw the stake not  
many days ago.

12.

Do you know the stump  
just Northeast of the road  
from Libray to Pacheco's pass,  
marked on the plat of said  
last mentioned survey as  
"Oak stump"?

Ans.

I saw an oak stump there  
the other day, which was  
pointed out to me as the  
stump on that line. The house  
of Sanchez  
is opposite the said line, and East

of the road to Pacheco's <sup>the stump.</sup> pap, not far from  
13.

How far was the said line  
of Dyer's survey run from  
the house of Sanchez before  
referred to?

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Ans.

About three hundred yards  
to the West of the house.

14.

Can you see the house from  
~~Dyer's said line~~ the point  
on said line ~~Ans~~ opposite  
to the house?

Ans.

Yes sir, At any point on  
the line above the said stump  
and at some points below  
it.

15.

How far was the Dyer line  
from the line established by  
Gonzales at the giving of  
judicial paperion, measuring  
opposite the said house of  
Sanchez?

Ans.

amoney.

Ans.

I should think about six  
or seven hundred yards.

Cross Examination waived.  
Deposition closed.

M. Fellow

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Subscribed and sworn to this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1862 before me,  
J. H. Cheever,  
U. S. Com: -

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California.

IN LAND CASES.

THE UNITED STATES

v.

*Quintin Ortega*

DEPOSITION OF

*Matthew Fellom*

on part of *Interrenos*

*J. W. Crane*

Filed *April 12<sup>o</sup>* 1862

*W. A. Cheever*

Clerk.

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AT a *Regular* Term of the Circuit Court of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Districts of Cal-  
ifornia, in and for the ~~Northern~~ *Northern* District, held at the Court-  
House in the City of SAN FRANCISCO, on *Thursday*  
the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *six*

Present:

*Stephen J. Field*

The Honorable M. HALL McALLISTER, Judge of said Court,

~~The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, U. S. District Judge.~~

*Chas. H. S.*

vs.

*Quintin Ortega et al*

AND NOW AT THIS DAY *on motion of Patterson*  
*Wallace & Sons, Counsel, ordered*  
*on the calendar; and now at*  
*this day by consent of counsel*  
*for the respective counsel parties*  
*it is ordered that the hearing of*  
*this cause be set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day*  
*of July prox —*

Circuit Court of the United States  
FOR THE  
DISTRICTS OF CALIFORNIA.

Northern District.

*U S*

vs.

*R Ortega et al*

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*Geo C Graham*  
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Clerk's Office,

Circuit Court of the United States, for the Districts of California, Northern District.

*Arthur J. ...*

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the minutes.

By

*Geo C Graham*  
Clerk.

Deputy.

AT a Regular Term of the Circuit Court of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Districts of <sup>Northern</sup> Cal-  
ifornia, in and for the ~~Northern~~ District, held at the Court-  
House in the City of SAN FRANCISCO, on Thursday  
the 14 day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six

Present:

Stephen J. Breed

The Honorable ~~M. HALL McALLISTER~~, Judge of said Court,

The Honorable ~~OGDEN HOFFMAN~~, U. S. District Judge.

The United States

vs.

Mr. William Allen of J.M.

Sanchez

AND NOW AT THIS DAY

by consent of the  
parties, it is Ordered that the  
order hereinafore made setting  
this cause on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst be  
vacated, and that said cause be  
set for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July  
instant.

Circuit Court of the United States  
FOR THE  
DISTRICTS OF CALIFORNIA.

Northern District.

*U. S.*

vs.

*Wid. Meris Sanchez*

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DEPUTY CLERK.

Clerk's Office,

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the minutes.

By

*Geo. E. Graham*

Clerk.

Deputy.

*Prothon*  
Circuit Court of the United States, for the Districts of California, Northern District.

We are willing with the Consent  
of Mr Standy that the Sanchez and  
Ortega Cases now fixed for trial  
in the U.S. Circuit Court on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Inst. may be postponed and set  
for trial on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July  
or the first day thereafter which  
may suit the convenience of the  
Court —  
San Francisco }  
June 14. 1866 }

J. B. Bennett

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I have no objection to the  
above stipulation if Mr Standy has none  
John B. Pettor

I consent  
Edw. Standy

We agree to the above.

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Patterson Wallau & How

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set cases.

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W. J. Atty

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The United States

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Leontin Ortega

Notice of motion to  
close proofs &c -

Copy served on me  
this day, July 8. 1866 -  
Geo Williams

Due service of notice  
admitted -

Wm H. Sharp

U. S. Atty

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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. Menroe 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. 630 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein  
Martin Ortega is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known  
by the name of "San Ysidro"

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher