

CASE NO.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT

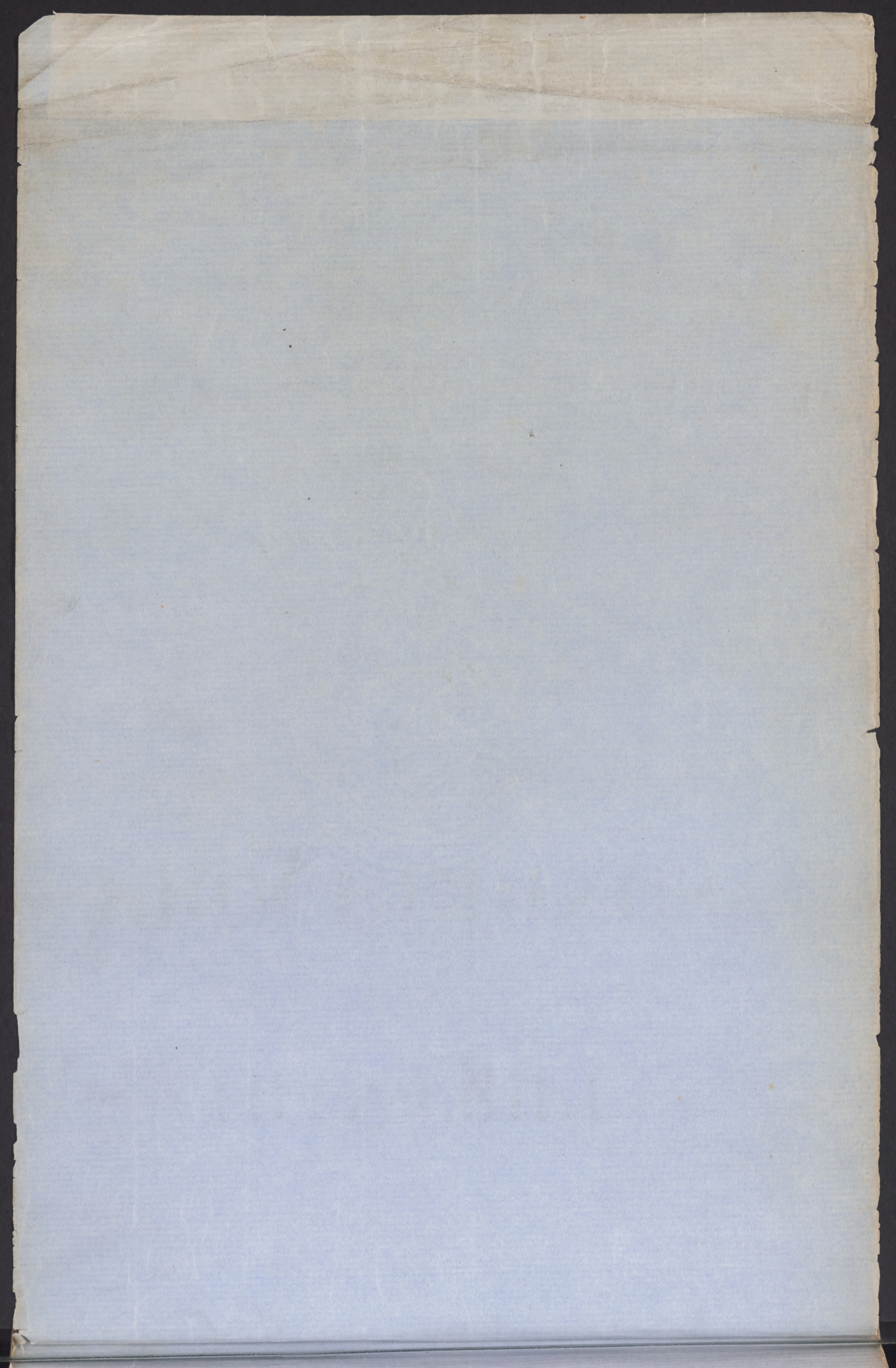
CORTE DE MADERA DEL
PRESIDIO GRANT

HEIRS OF JUAN REID

CLAIMANT

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TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

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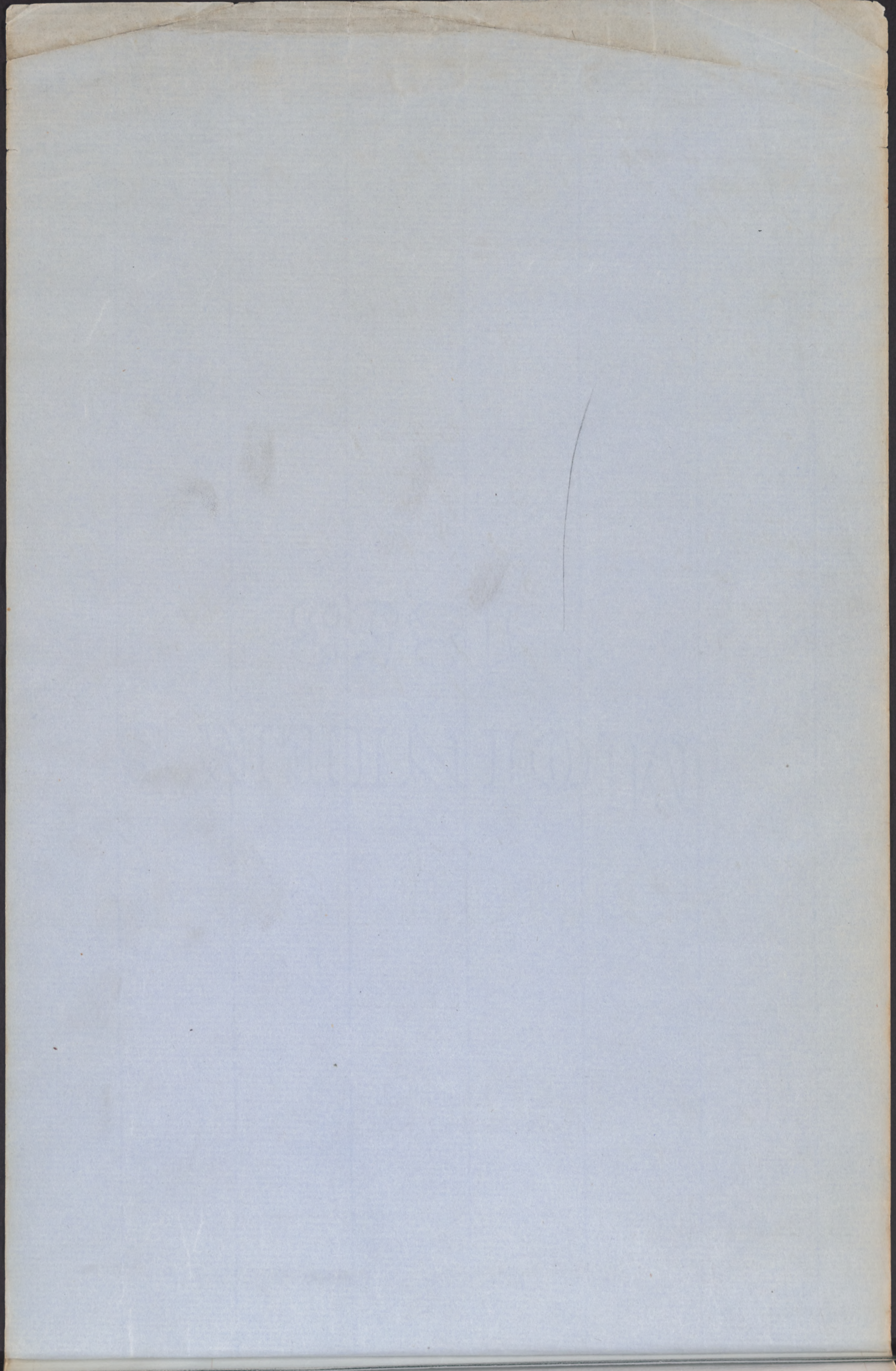
Heirs of Juan Reid CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"*Corte de Madera del Presidio*"



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 third day of December,*
Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-*two*, before
the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in
the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San
Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America,
the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

The Petition of *Heirs of Juan Reid,*
for the Place named
"Corte de Madera del Presidio,"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 497, 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 January 11' 1853.
In case no. 497. Heirs of Juan Reid for the place
named "Corte de Madera del Presidio," the deposition
of Francisco Sanchez, a witness in behalf of the claim-
ants, taken before Commissioner Harry J. Thornton,
was filed:

(Vide page *4* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Aug. 30' 1853.
Case no. 497 called; ordered to the foot of the Docket.

San Francisco Oct. 19' 1853
In the same case the deposition of J. J. Pappas, a witness
in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner
Thompson Campbell, was filed;

(Vide page *6* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, February 9th 1854.
In the same case the deposition of Mr. G. Vallejo,
a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before
Commissioner Thompson Campbell, was filed:
(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)
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San Francisco June 7<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
Case no. 497, was submitted on briefs on both sides  
and taken under advisement by the Board.  
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San Francisco June 13th 1854
In the same case the following order was made, to
wit:
(Vide page 55 of this Transcript.)
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In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch deliv-  
ered the Opinion of the Board, confirming the claim:  
(Vide page 59 of this Transcript.)  
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San Francisco Aug. 15th 1854.
In the same case, on motion of the U. S. Law Agent,
the following order was made to wit:
(Vide page 63 of this Transcript.)
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To the Honorable Commissioners to settle the Private Land Claims in California.

Petition.

The petitioners Juliana Sanchez de Rada widow and Juan Rada. Hilario Rada Cruz Rada and Ricardo Rada children of Juan Rada deceased respectfully show.

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That on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of October 1831 José Figueroa Governor of California by virtue of authority in him vested granted to the aforesaid Juan Rada the tract of land called "Corte de maana del Presidio" situated in the present County of Marin containing one square league of land a little more or less as ascertained in the original grant and map which grant was duly approved.

That on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1835 the said tract of land was duly measured and the Judicial possession of it given to the grantee in due form of law.

In proof of which they submit herewith the original grant, map and Record of said Real Cédula and possession marked "A" with a translation marked "B"

And they further represent that the original grantee and the petitioners his widow and heirs have been for more than Seventeen Years and the petitioners now are in the quiet, peaceful and undisputed possession of said tract of land.

That the said Juan Rada died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1849 leaving the petitioners his widow and only children

That they know of no conflicting Claim. That they rely for Confirmation of title upon the original papers submitted herewith, upon the records and notes in the archives of the former Government now in the charge of the



Sanjurjo General and upon such other and further proofs as they may be advised are necessary.

Wherefore they pray the Commissioners to confirm to them the aforesaid tract of land.

By their attys  
Hallock, Hachys, Balinas

Filed in Office Dec. 23. 1852.  
(signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

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Deposition  
of  
Francisco Sanchez

San Francisco Jan 11. 1853.  
On this day before Comr. Henry J. Thornton  
Corno Francisco Sanchez a witness in behalf  
of the Claimants. Heirs of Thom. Read. petition  
No 497, and was duly sworn his Coadjutor  
being interpreted by the Secretary.

The W. S. Associate Law Agent was present.  
Questioned by Claimants.  
Question 1st. What is your name age and place  
of residence & how long have you lived  
there.

Answer. My name is Francisco Sanchez. My age  
is forty seven years & my residence is San  
Francisco of which place I am a native.

Question 2. Please look upon the document  
now shown you and make not as Exhibit to  
this deposition and say if you are acquainted  
with the hand writing of the persons whose  
names are signed in and upon the said document  
& state whether or not they are their genuine  
Signatures.

Ans. I am acquainted with the hand writing

of Jose Figueroa of Augustin V Zamorano  
Juan Ruiz, Francisco de Haro, Francisco  
Sanchez, Casilio Gabriel, Jose de la Cruz  
Lopez, Thomas Guermias Jones, Manuel  
Sanchez, Fernando Felix having seen them write  
and their signatures where they occur in and  
upon the said document Exhibit No 1 are their  
genuine signatures -

Question 3. What do you know about the  
possession and occupation of the land claimed  
in this case.

Answer. In the year 1835, I was Secretary  
to the Alcalde who gave possession, and I know  
of my own knowledge that a grant was made  
to John Ruiz of the Rancho called at the time  
of the grant by the name therein mentioned of  
which possession was delivered to John Ruiz  
by the said Alcalde Francisco de Haro. The  
said Ruiz was in possession of the land before  
the grant and continued to occupy it until his  
death and after his death his family occupied  
it, who occupies it now I do not know.

Question - Do you know the names of the  
children of said Ruiz and of his widow.  
Answer. I do. They are Juan Ruiz, Maria  
Ruiz, Mrs. Ricard and his widow is  
named Maria Sanchez.  
Francisco Sanchez

W. S. Law Agent present.

Sworn to & Subscribed

Before me this 11th of July 1853.

Henry Thornton

Comrge.

Filed in Office July 11th 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

Office of the Board of  
Commissioners &c.

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Deposition  
of  
J. J. Papy

This day before Lemm Thompson Comptroller  
Came J. J. Papy a witness in behalf of claimants  
Heirs of Juan Rued. In 1847. Who after  
being duly sworn deposed as follows.

What is your name age and place of residence  
My name is Jasper J. Papy, I am  
thirty years of age and I reside in the City of  
San Francisco.

Look at the title filed in this case and state  
what you know about the occupation of the  
land therein described.

I know that the land therein  
described is in my possession as guardian of  
John Rued. Clara Rued. and Elias Rued minor  
children of John Rued deceased the grantor of  
this land. I have been guardian since August  
1852. The possession was turned over to  
me by James M. Leonard who preceded me  
as guardian of said children. When I received  
the possession of said premises there was a  
large two story adobe building and about  
six or seven acres portions of it were leased  
and under cultivation about fifteen hundred  
head of horned cattle and about three hundred  
and fifty head of horses were on the said  
land. There was a fence about one mile in  
length. Corral about and pieces of  
ground fenced in at different points of the  
ranch.

Claiming the petition in this case and  
state whether the names of the witness and the  
Heirs are correctly stated and whether there  
are any others whose names do not appear.

The names were given at the time said

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The names were omitted at the time said  
petition was filed and there were no others any  
of the original petitioners viz Richard Read  
and about three weeks ago he was the Comy  
Est of the family about Christm Years ago.

The four preceding names are  
correct as they appear on the petition -

Testimony by Associate Law Agent,  
At what time did you first become acquainted  
with the Rauchs.

I became acquainted with  
said Rauchs some time in the month of May  
or June in the Year 1850.

J. J. Paper.

Sworn to & Subscribed  
Before me this 19th day  
of October A.D. 1853.

J. Thompson Campbell Comr.

Filed in Office Oct. 19, 1853.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

United States Land Commission  
San Francisco Feb. 9, 1852.

On this day before Commissioner Thompson  
Campbell came M G Vallejo - a witness in  
behalf of Claimants Heirs of Juan Read  
Case No 497. who after being duly sworn  
deposed as follows. His evidence being intro-  
duced by the Secretary.

Q. Just. What is your home and place of  
residence?

Answer. My home is in G Vallejo. I am forty  
six years of age and reside at the City

Deposition  
of  
M G Vallejo

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of Sonoma.  
Q. Just. State what you know of  
the first occupation of the Rancho called  
Cerro de Madera del Presidio claimed by  
the heirs of Juan Read.  
Answer.

In the year 1833 I was on the  
land called Cerro Madera del Presidio  
and staid all night in the house which  
Read had on the place and in which he  
lived with his family where he continued to  
live until he died.

Associate Law Agent present:  
M. G. Vallejo.

Sworn to & Subscribed  
Before me this 9th day of  
February 1834.

Thompson Campbell,  
Comr

Filed in Office Feb 9. 1834.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Secy.

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Jurisolicion de N<sup>o</sup> 52. Año de  
S<sup>o</sup> Francisco. 1834.

Espeoliente  
Sobre el parage nombrado el Sausulito  
solicita do. por.

D<sup>o</sup> Juan — Prevot. — 27.

Sello tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria 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 a espresado oficio para los años de 1833 y 1834.

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Monterrey Julio 8 de 1834. Sor. Jefe Superior Politico.  
De conformidad con las leyes de Juan Pead natural de la materia Informe el emendado y Planola de Religion C.A. Moditar de Sr Francisco Si el cut y residente en este territorio - cesado en esta instancia obtiene ha nueve cuerdas autel. S. los requisitos prescuidos para ser en la mejor y bastante atendido en su solicitud: si el mayor forma a que terreno que pretende esta compra de haya lugar me prescudo en las veinte leguas limitrofes idiez y oligo: que poseyendo litorales que espresa la ley de 18 de por voluntad de dias agosto de 1834, si es de regadío ten la cantidad de cuatro jornal o abrevadero si pertenece ciento sesenta haomas y a la propiedad de algun particular sesenta Caballones y corporacion o pueblo si el interesado posesiondo de un terreno obtiene tanta de naturalera en los en el que sin perjuicio de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos y si antes de terreno puesta unan de ahora se le ha concedido otros - tenerlos y amueblar terreno con todo lo demas que crea las y vivir y pacifica conveniente a ilustrar la materia y franquila mente en vacuado que se pasara el expediente una propiedad bajo las al R. P. de la Misión de la Misión auxilios de esta Repub de San Rafael para que esponga lo - lica Mexicana para que le ocurra. El Sor. Sr. Jose Figueroa a V. S. se dirige General de Brigada Comandante General Concederme el citio Inspector y Jefe Superior Politico de la nombrado el Sawatito Alta California an lo unido; obreneto que al presente y firmo de que doy fe. pase en clase de

José Figueroa. Agustín N. Zamorano. prestado, por su.

consentimiento de V. S. y del R. P. Ministro de la Misión de San Rafael y culto de sero debidamente a compra Por lo tanto. A V. S. suplico se digna atender a mi solicitud que en aserlo así resirere a mi solicitud que en aserlo mereced y gracia. Jurando no ser de malicia y lo necesario. Casasabito 27 de Junio de 1834.

Juan Pead.  
Sor. Jefe Superior Politico      El terreno q.

Sello tercero Dos reales.

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8.  
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Comisaria Subalterna Interin del puerto de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y uno y ochocientos treinta y dos.

Revalidado por la expresada oficina p<sup>a</sup> los años de 1833 y 1834.  
D. Juan Reud vecino de esta Jurisdiccion esta comprendido en las diez leguas litorales q. espresa la ley de Colonizacion de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y no en las 30 limitrofes de q. habla la misma ley: las tierras que tiene son de regadío y a parte aboráderos en las cuerdas que forman las montañas de que se compone el sitio no pertenece a propiedad particular, comoracion ni pueblo. El interesado no tiene carta de naturaleza aunque iustificando haberla solicitado hace seis años en la Ciudad y posteriormente en este territorio la que a causa de las vicitudes o alternativas de las revoluciones no ha podido conseguir: ha tambien justificado haver servido algunos años bajo el pabillon Nacional Mexicano en clase de 1<sup>er</sup> Piloto y tener de arrendado con sus propiedades en esta frontera tres años: El año de 1831 se le concedio en clase de prestado un terreno el cual abandono despues. obtiene los requisitos para ser atendido. San Francisco Agosto 1<sup>o</sup> de 1834.

Mariano G. Vallejo.

Sor. Jefe Superior Politico.

El terreno pretendido por D<sup>o</sup> Juan Reud no es o caso de las mas interesantes a la Nacion a pesar de que antes lo ocupaba esta con semoviente pero en esto hago V. S. lo que parezca en. V. hon.

S<sup>o</sup> Rafael. Agosto 1<sup>o</sup> de 1834.

F. J. Jose Lorenzo Quija.

Here Solloresa Mayor or blan.



Sor. Gral del territorio de la Alta California.  
Monterrey. Set<sup>o</sup> 23 de 1834. Juan Peral de Nacion Jr  
Agreguese a sus antecedentes. - laudes ante V.<sup>a</sup> con el debido  
Figueroa. respeto se presenta y dice: Que

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en virtud de no haber podido conseguir el parage llamado  
el Sausalito Suplica se digna concederle el parage  
llamado el Sausalito Suplica se digna concederle el  
parage de Corte de Madera del Periclio asta la  
punta del Libanon, como consta por el diseno o plano  
que V.<sup>o</sup> tiene en su poder. Por lo tanto D. S. Suplico  
se digna acceder a mi solicitud con lo que recibire gratia  
y mereced.

Pueblo de S. Rafael L. de Setiembre. de 1834.  
Juan Peral.

Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion  
de la Armada Maritima de Monterrey para los años  
de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos  
treinta y cinco. Figueroa R. Gonzales.

Monterrey. Setiembre 23 de 1834.

Pase al Alcalde de esta Capital ante quien la parte  
de D. Juan Peral producirá una informacion de tres  
testigos idoneos que seran interrogados sobre los puntos  
siguientes: 1<sup>o</sup> Si el solicitante es Mexicano por nacimiento  
si es casado y tiene hijos si es de buena conducta. 2<sup>o</sup> Si  
el terreno que pretende pertenece a la propiedad de algun  
particular, Nacion Corporacion o Pueblo; si es de regadio  
temporal o abrevadero y que estension tendra. 3<sup>o</sup> Si  
tiene bienes de campo con que poblarlo o posibilidad  
para adquirirlos. Vencidos estas diligencias vuelva  
el expediente para su resolucion. El Sr. D. Jose Figueroa  
General de Brigada, Comandte del Inspector y Jefe Supr  
Politico del territorio de la Alta California en lo mandado  
decreto y firmo de que doy fe.

José Figueroa. Agustin P. Ponce. Srío.  
Monterrey. 24 de Set de 1834.

Tomase la informacion de tres testigos idoneos  
que previene el anterior Superior Decreto del Sr  
Jefe Supr Politico. Asi lo el Alcalde Constitucional  
lo decreto mandó y firmó con los de asistencia  
en la forma establecida. Doy fe.

Natural Jimeno. Casarín. de asu. José Joaquín Gomez.  
de asu. José Aguilar.

En la fha. presente la parte de D.<sup>o</sup> Juan Peral se le

con sujeción y usages de asu. 20 de Set de 1834

el auto antecedente y entendido oigo que lo oye y firmo con mi go y testigos de esta.

Casarin Juan Reard. de esta. Jose Joaquin Gomez.  
de esta. Jose Aguilar.

En la fta. presente D<sup>o</sup> David Spence se le recibio juramento en la forma debida y de el opecio decir verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y siendo por su nombre estado, edad empleo, patria y religion dijo llamarse como queda dicho que es casado, de treinta y cinco años, comerciante, natural de Escocia

Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Montserrat para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco. Figueroa. Rafael Gonzales.

y C. A. B. Interrogado Sobre los tres puntos que menciona el superior decreto del Sr. Jefe Superior Politico de fta 23 del Corriente dijo que conoce a D<sup>o</sup> Juan Reard que es natural de Irlanda, pero que esta naturalizado en la Republica Mexicana, que no es casado y le conoce de buena conducta. Que tambien conoce el terreno que pretende y no pertenece a la propiedad de ninguna particular Nacion Corporacion y ni a Pueblo ninguno; que dicho terreno no es de regadío y si de temporal y abrevadero y que tendra de longitud como una legua y de latitud como medio legua. que ultimamente el expresado D<sup>o</sup> Juan Reard tiene bienes de campo con que poblarlo que lo dicho es la verdad a cargo del juramento que tiene hecho en el que se ratifica leiola que le fue esta su declaracion y firmo con mi go y los testigos de esta.

Casarin. David S. Spence. de esta. Jose Joaquin Gomez.  
de esta. Jose Aguilar.

En la fta. presente D<sup>o</sup> Juan Malarin, se le recibio juramento en la forma debida por el cual opecio decir verdad en lo que supiere y fuere preguntado y siendo por su nombre estado, edad, empleo patria y religion dijo: llamarse como queda dicho que es casado de cuarenta y tres años, comerciante y natural de Lima y C. A. B. Interrogado: Sobre los tres puntos que men-

ciona el superior decreto del Sr. Jefe Politico de fta 23 del Corriente dijo: que conoce hace siete años a D<sup>o</sup> Juan Reard que es natural de Irlanda pero que esta naturalizado en la Republica Mexicana que no es casado, y le conoce de buena conducta. Que conoce



Vuelva el expediente al Sr. Jefe Sup. Político para su resolución. Así lo el Alcalde Constitucional lo decreté manoté y firmé con los de asta. Doy fe.

Manuel Jimeno Casarin. de asta. José Joaquín Gomez de asta. José Aguilar.

Sello tercero Dos Reales.

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

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Figueroa.

Rafael Gonzales.

Monterey Octubre 2 de 1834.

Vista la petición con que al principio este expediente el comparece de la autoridad ~~Mexico~~ Militar única de la Jurisdicción de San Francisco, el del Páramo Munitos de la Misión de San Rafael, la última espocicion del interesado la espocicion de testigos con todas las demas que se tubo presente y por convenio de conformidad con lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia se declaró a D. Juan Reed naturalizado en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos dueño en propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre del Corte de Maclera del Periodio hasta la punta del Tabuon colindante con la Misión de San Rafael y Puerto de San Rafael sujeto a las condiciones que se estipularen, síbiere el despacho correspondiente, tomese razón en el libro respectivo y dirijase este expediente para la debida aprobación a la Sección de la Diputación territorial en cuyo caso el interesado a quien se le hará saber este decreto presentará nuevamente su título para que se revalide. El Sr. D. José Figueroa General de Brigada Comandante General Inspector y Jefe Sup. Político del Territorio de la Alta California así lo mandó decretó y firmó de que doy fe.

José Figueroa.

Agustín N. Zamorano. Mío.

José Figueroa General de Brigada de la República Mexicana, Comandante Jefe Inspector y Jefe Sup. Político del territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto Juan Reed, naturalizado en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre del Corte de Maclera del Periodio hasta la punta del Tabuon, colindante

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con la Mision de San Rafael y el Puerto de S. Francisco practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y Reglamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por escrito de este dia en concederle al expresado S. Juan de la Cruz el terreno mencionado declarando la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, en cumplimiento de lo dispuesto por las leyes a reserva de la aprobacion o desaprobacion de la Santa Dputacion Territorial y del Supremo Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1.<sup>o</sup> Que se sometera a las que estableciere el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribution de terrenos baldios y que en adelante ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enajenar el q. se les adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo piam o hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa ni ponerlo a manos muertas.

2.<sup>o</sup> Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar lantian en las caminos y servidumbres de su uso y cultivo que mas le acomode pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3.<sup>o</sup> Quando se le construye la propiedad solicitada del lugar respectivo que se le otorga en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcan los linderos en cuyos limites podra a mas de las maderas algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4.<sup>o</sup> El terreno de que se hace donacion es de un sitio de Ganado mayor poco mas o menos segun explica el diseño q. corre en el expediente. El que q. oviere la posesion lo hara mediar compare a oír - cranza para señalar los linderos quedando el Sobrante q. resalte a la Nacion para los usos Comunes.

5.<sup>o</sup> Si contraviniere a estas condiciones perdora su derecho al terreno y sera denunciado por otros.

En consecuencia mando que se le entregue de titulo el presente y teniendolo por firme y valido se tome razon en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y guardarse firmes. Dado en Monterrey a 8 de Octubre de 1834  
Jose Figueroa. Agustin N. Guzman Secretario  
Agosto 29 de 1835. En sesion de este dia se

acordó la S. Diputación pase a la Comisión de terrenos baldíos.  
Requieren. José Maria Maldonado. Srío.

Exmo Señor.

La Comisión de terrenos baldíos impuesta del expediente que se mandó practicar, ha solicitado del Ciudadano Juan Pineda que ha sido este del parage nombrado el Sausalito no encontrando en el oficio alguna q. hacer y exento con todo conforme a la ley 18 de Agosto de 1824 como el art. 5º del reglamento de 21 de Abril de 1828 opuse a la deliberación de la siguiente proposición.

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Se aprueba la concecion hecha al Ciudadano Juan Pineda del parage nombrado Sausalito concedido en 3 de Octubre de 1832.

Montreay. 28 de 1835.

José Castro.

Agosto. 29 de 1839.

En Sesion de este dia aprobo la S. Diputación el antecedente dictamen y se acordó pase el expediente al S. P. para su conclusion.

J. Castro.

José Maria Maldonado. Srío.

Office of the Surveyor General of the United States for California.

I Samuel D King, Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California and as such now having in my office and under my custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California do hereby certify that the eighteen preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to eighteen inclusive and each of which is verified by my initials (S. D. K.) exhibit a true and accurate copy of a certain document on file and forming part of the said Archives in this office.

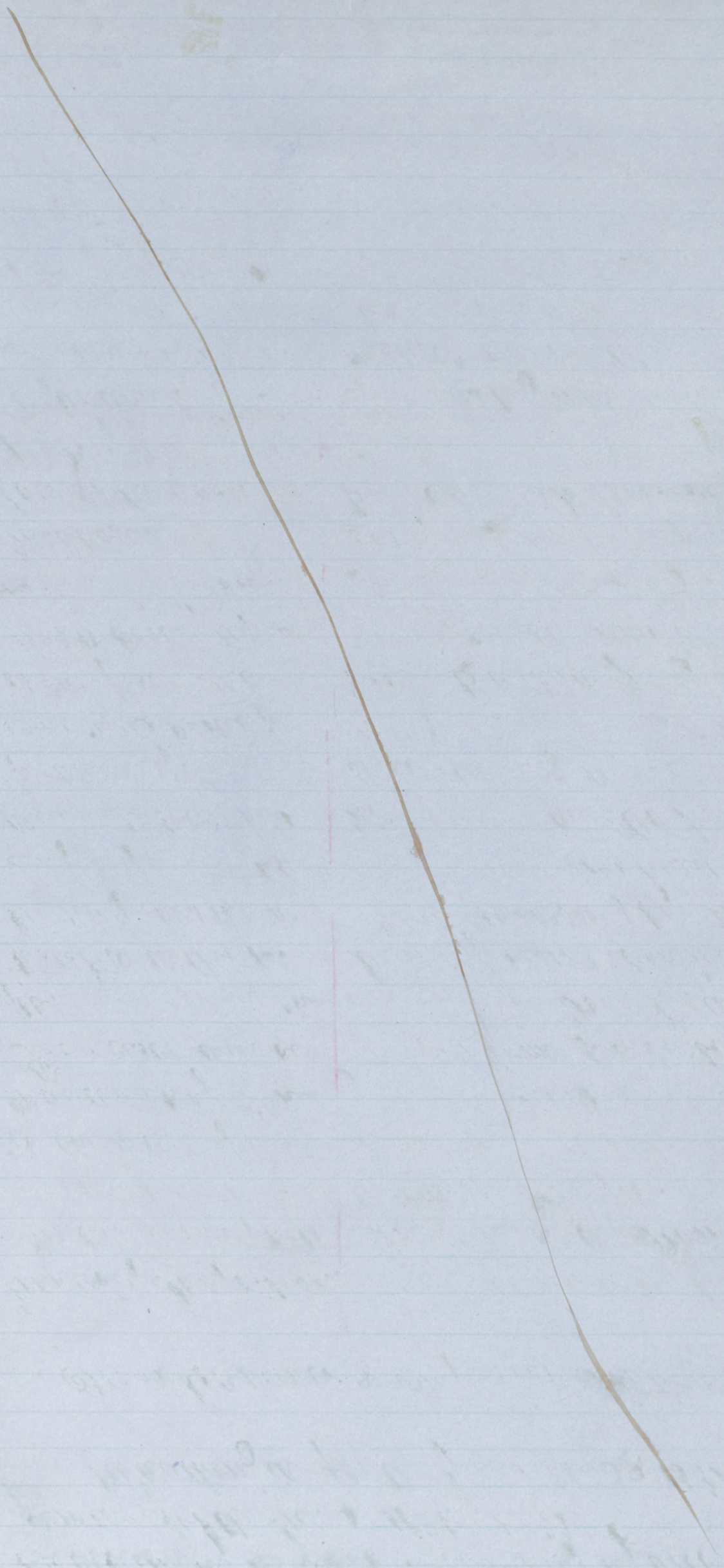
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal of office) at the City of San Francisco Cal. the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January. 1853.

Samuel D King.

Surveyor Genl. California.

Filed in Office. Jany. 22<sup>d</sup> 1853.

Geo. Fisher Secy.



Stamp Three. Two Reals.

Provisionally authorized by the Comissariat ad interim of the Post of Monterey of Attolencia for the years 1831 & 1832.

Re authorized for the years 1833 & 1834.

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Senor Governor & Superior Political Chief.

Translation  
of  
Expediente.

Monterey July 8. 1834. In conformity with the laws authorizing the Military Commandant of San Francisco was report of the party interested in this proceeding has the necessary requisites to be attended to in his petition of the land which is asked for is comprehended in the 20. bovar leagues or the ten liboras mentioned at the law of August 18th 1824. if it is indeed dependent on the seasons or pastured land. if it belongs to the property of any private person corporation, Mission or Pueblo. if the petitioner has a letter of Naturalization in the United

Juan Reed a native of Ireland of the Roman Catholic Religion and a resident of this Territory for nine years as the most proper form presents himself before Your Excellency and representation makes that possessing by the favor of God so much of neat cattle and let horses and during a piece of land when I can without prejudice to a third party support and increase them and live quietly and tranquilly in a property under the protection of the Mexican Republic I ask of Your Excellency to be so good as to grant me the piece called "Sausatito"

June 27th 1834.  
Juan Reed.



Mexican States  
of them has a unanimy  
of the laws granted  
to him before and  
whatever else it is  
believed will illustrate  
the matter. This done  
the Esqueleto will be  
passed to the Rev  
Father Minister of  
the Mission of San  
Rafael that he may  
report what occurs  
to him.

The Senior Don  
Jose Figueroa  
General of Brigades  
Commandant General  
Inspector Supremo  
Political Chief of  
Upper California  
thus ordered decreed  
and signed of which  
I certify.  
Jose Figueroa.  
Augustin Zamorano  
Secretary.

Several some years under the Mexican flag as  
set mate of a vessel and that he has been settled  
with his property on this frontier for three  
years. In the year 1831 there was given him as  
a loan a piece of land which he afterwards  
abandoned. He has the requisites to entitle him  
to be attached to.

San Francisco August 1st 1834

Senior Superior Political  
Chief.  
The land which Don  
Juan Rada a resident of  
this jurisdiction asks for  
is included in the 10 letters  
of laws mentioned in the  
law of Colonization of Au-  
gust 15th 1824 and not in  
the 20 letters of laws spoken  
of in the same law. The lands  
are in fact and partly pas-  
ture lands on the Cañadas  
formed by the mountains  
which compose the same  
at Calaveras. to no private  
person. Corporation or Public  
the Petitioner has no title of  
naturalization. although he  
has proved that he has  
asked one six years ago  
in the City and afterwards  
in this Treasury Territory  
to which an account of the  
vicissitudes or changes of  
the Revolution. he has not  
been able to procure. he has  
also proved that he has

also proved that he has

Memoirs of Vallejo.

Señor Superior Political Chief.

The land asked for by Don Juan Rada is not among those most important to the Mission although it formerly occupied it with Cattle. but in this your Excellency will do what you think proper.

San Rafael August 12<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Señor José Lorenzo Quiroga.

(Here follows the map referred to in Petition)

Señor General of the Territory of Upper California  
 Juan Rada of the Irish Nation before your Excellency with due respect presents himself and says. That not having been able to obtain the place called "El Sansate" he prays you to be so good as to grant him the place of "El Corto de Maana al Presidio" to the Pointe de Situacion as shown by the sketch or plan which your Excellency has in your possession. Wherefore I pray your Excellency to be so good as to grant my petition by which I shall receive favor and grace.

Pueblo de San Rafael, September 4<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Juan Rada

Monterey September 28<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Pass this to the Alcalde of this Capital before whom the party of Don Juan Rada will produce an affirmation of suitable witnesses who will be interrogated on the following points.

1<sup>st</sup> - If the petitioner is a Mexican by birth if he is married and has children and if he is of good conduct.

2<sup>nd</sup> - If the land asked for belongs to the property of any individual, Mission Corporation or Pueblo if it is irrigated, dependent on the seasons or Pasture land and the extent it has.

3<sup>rd</sup> - If he has stock to put on it or the possibility

Monterey Sept  
28<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Join this to  
the foregoing,  
Aguiroa

of acquiring any. Having finished these  
 proceedings return this Expediente for its due  
 use

Don Don Josi Figueroa General of Pygas  
 Commandant General, Inspector and Superior  
 Political Chief of the Territory of Upper California  
 thus ordered, decreed and signed of which I  
 certify -

Jose Figueroa -

Augustin Zamorano

Secretary

Montreal September 24<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Let testimony of three fit witnesses be  
 taken as directed in the foregoing Superior decree  
 of the Don Superior Political Chief. Thus  
 the Constitutional Alcalde ordered decreed and  
 signed with those of my assistance in the Estab-  
 lished form - I certify.

Manuel Jimeno Casarin -

of assistance  
 Josi' Jaquin Gomez

of assistance -  
 Josi' Aguila.

On this date present. Don Juan Read was no-  
 tified of the foregoing order and having under-  
 stood the said he heard it, and signed with me  
 and the witnesses of my assistance -

Casarin

Juan Read.

of assistance  
 Josi' Jaquin Gomez

of assistance  
 Josi' Aguila.

On the same date present. Don David Spence  
 took the oath in due form by which he promised  
 to tell the truth in what he knew, and was asked  
 and being asked his name, occupation, country  
 and religion said. His name was as aforesaid that  
 he was named. 35 years old, a merchant, a native

of Scotland and a Roman Apostolic Catholic  
 Being interrogated on the three points mentioned  
 in the Superior Decree of the Senior Political  
 Chief of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst he said. That he knew Don  
 Juan Pead. that he was a native of Ireland  
 but was naturalized in the Republic of Mexico  
 that he was not married and was of good conduct  
 that he also knows the land asked for that it  
 belongs to the property of an individual Mission  
 Corporation or Pueblo. that said land is not  
 irrigable but pasture land and dependant on  
 the seasons that its extent is about a league in  
 length and about a half a league in width that  
 lastly the said Don Juan Pead has stock with  
 which to stock it. That what he has said is  
 the truth even to the oath he has taken and having  
 read it ratifies it as his declaration and signs  
 it with me and the assisting witnesses.

Casarin  
 of assistance  
 Jose Joaquin Gomez

David Spence,  
 of assistance  
 Jose Aquila

On the same day present Don Juan Malvarin  
 he was sworn in due form to tell the truth in  
 what he knew and was asked and being asked  
 his name, condition, age, occupation, country and  
 Religion said: His name was as above, that he  
 was married 43 years ago, a merchant and a  
 native of Lima, and a Roman Apostolic Catholic

Being interrogated on the three points  
 mentioned in the Superior Decree of the Senior  
 Political Chief of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst he said that  
 he has known Don Juan Pead for some years  
 that he is a native of Ireland, but is naturalized  
 in the Mexican Republic, that he is not married  
 and knows him to be of good conduct, that he  
 also knows the land asked for and it belongs to

the property of an individual, Mission Public  
or any Corporation that it is dependent on the  
seasons and pasture land and not injurable  
and that in length it is about a league and  
in width about half a league. that Casky said  
Don Juan Pead his stock with which to stock  
it. That what he has said is true under the  
oath he has taken, and having read he ratifies  
this as his declaration and signs with me and  
those of my assistance

Cashin  
of assistance

José Saagán Gómez

Juan Malario

of assistance

José Aguirre,

On the same day present Don Guillermo  
Hartold he was duly sworn to tell the truth in  
what he knew and was asked, and being asked  
his name, Condition, Age, Country, and Religion  
said his name was as above, that he was mar-  
ried, 36 years of age, a native of England and  
a Roman Apostolic Catholic

Being interrogated on the  
two points mentioned in the Superior Decree  
of the Senior Political Chief of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst  
he said, that he knows Don Juan Pead he  
is a native of Ireland and naturalized in the  
Mexican Republic is not married, and is of good  
conduct. That he also knows the land asked  
for, it is within his knowledge that it belongs  
to the property of an individual, Mission Public  
or Corporation that said land is not injurable  
but is dependent on the seasons and pasture  
land, that it is some more than a league long  
and about a half a league wide and lastly that  
the said Don Juan Pead has stock with  
which to stock it, that what he has said is the

trust upon the oath he has taken and a very real  
satisfied with his declaration, and signs with me and  
the witnesses of my assistance.

Cesarin Guillermo Edward Marshall  
of assistance of assistance -  
Jose' Joaquin Gomez. Jose' Aguila.

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Monterey, October 2<sup>d</sup> 1834.

Having seen the petition with which this Exe-  
cutive begins the report of the only military au-  
thority of the Jurisdiction of San Francisco  
that of the Father Minister of the Mission of  
San Rafael, the last Exposition of the petition  
the testimony of witnesses, with all the prom-  
ised and proper to be seen in conformity with  
what is directed in the laws and regulations on  
the matter. Don Juan Pico, naturalized in the  
United Mexican States, is declared owner in fee  
of the land known by the name of 'Corte de  
Madra de Pico' to the point of Tiburon  
bounded by the Mission of San Rafael and the  
Port of San Francisco, subject to the conditions  
stipulated. At the Commission's despatch is re-  
corded in the proper book and directed the Exequente  
for the and approbation to the most Excellent Diputa-  
tion Territorial in which case the party interested  
who will be notified of this decree, will present his  
title, anew to have it revalidated -

The Senior Don Jose' Figueroa  
General of Brigades, Commandant General, In-  
spector and Superior, Political Chief of the  
Territory of Upper California, thus ordered, decreed  
and signed of which I certify -  
Jose' Figueroa.

Augustin Zamorano  
Secretary }

(Here follows copy of former title, the same as  
translated in document marked 'B')

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1835.

In session of this day the Most Excellent Deputation passed this to the Committee on vacant lands.

Figueria —  
Jose Maria Maldonado Secretary.

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Most Excellent Señor.

The Committee on vacant lands charged with the Expediente which was ordered formed in the petition of Citizen Juan Rued for the place called Sansate to not finding any objections and being in complete conformity with the law of August 18. 1824 and Art 5 of the Regulations of November 21<sup>st</sup> 1828 offer to the allocation of Coin Excellent Body the following proposition —

Approve the grant made to Citizen Juan Rued of the place called Sansate on the 2<sup>o</sup> of October 1834

Monterey (August) 38<sup>th</sup> 1835 —  
Jose Castro.

August 29<sup>th</sup> 1835.

In session of this day the Most Excellent Deputation approved the foregoing report and directed the Expediente to be passed to the Superior Political Chief for his conclusion —

Jose Castro —  
Jose Maria Maldonado }  
Secretary }

Filed in Office Feb. 21. 1854.

(Signed) Geo. Fisher Secy.

Sello primero (real) seis pesos.  
 Para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y dos y ocho-  
 cientos treinta y tres.  
 (Gobierno Politico de la Alta California.)

José Figueroa General y de Brigada  
 de la Republica Mexicana Comandante General Inspector  
 y Jefe Superior Politico del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto Don Juan Read, naturalizado  
 en los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, ha pretendido para  
 su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido  
 con el nombre del Corte de Madera del Presidio  
 hasta la punta del Farallon, colindante con la utencion  
 de San Rafael y el Puerto de San Francisco, practicadas  
 previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes  
 segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos: usando de  
 las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la  
 Nacion Mexicana he venido por decreto de este dia  
 en concederle al espresado Don Juan Read el terreno  
 mencionado declarandole la propiedad de el por las  
 presentes letras, entendiendose dicha concesion con  
 entera sujecion a lo dispuesto por las leyes a reserva  
 de la aprobacion o desaprobacion de la eecelentisima  
 Diputacion Territorial y del Supremo Gobierno y bajo  
 las condiciones siguientes.

1º Que se sometera a las que estableciere el  
 reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion  
 de terrenos baldios y que entretanto ni el agraciado ni  
 sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se  
 le adjudica: imponer censo, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca  
 ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piadosa ni  
 pasarlo a manos muertas.

2º Podra tenerlo sin perjudicar las traversas  
 caminos y servidumbres: lo disfrutara libre y exclu-  
 sivamente, destinandolo al uso y cultivo que mas le  
 acomode; pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabrica-  
 -ra una casa y estara habitada.

3º Cuando se le confirme la propiedad soli-  
 -citara del Juez respectivo que le otorgue posesion en virtud  
 de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran las  
 linderos en cuyos limites podra a mas de las  
 maderas, algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de  
 alguna utilidad.

4º El terreno de que se hace donacion es  
 de un sitio de Landado mayor por lo mas ó menor



segun esplica el dicens que come en el expediente. El  
 fuer que tiene la posesion lo hara medir conforme  
 a ordenanza para señalar los linderos, quedando  
 el sobrante que resulte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes

5º Si contraviene a estas condiciones perdera su  
 derecho al terreno y sera denunciado por otro.

En consecuencia mandado que serien otorgado el titulo  
 el presente y teniendo por firme y valido se tome  
 racion en el libro a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado  
 -año para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en  
 Monterrey a dos de octubre de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

José Figueroa. Agustín Zamorano. Seco.

Queda tomada racion de este titulo  
 sobre adjudicacion a prisa corriente y cuarto numero  
 cincuenta y dos q. obra en la Secretaria de mi cargo  
 en Monterrey a dos de octubre de mil ochocientos  
 treinta y cuatro.

Zamorano.

Sello tercero Dos reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion  
 de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey para los años  
 de mil ochocientos treinta y tres y mil ochocientos  
 treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa.

José Rafael Gueales.

Sr. Alcalde constitucional.

Juan Acosta naturalizado en los Estados Unidos  
 Mexicanos, y vecino del Puerto de S. Francisco dueño  
 del rancho del corte de Madera como mejor proceda  
 en derecho ante V. pudiese y digo: que como consta  
 del titulo que presento con la solemnidad y juramento  
 necesario: tengo en mi dho. rancho un sitio de Ganado  
 Mayor debajo de los linderos que espresa otro titulo  
 y por que necesito, para que en todo tiempo conde  
 pta cuando llegan, y si me perjudican o perjudica  
 a alguno de los circunvecinos a ellos; se puede servir  
 V. de mandar que prescribiendo las obligaciones a con  
 -unbradas de identidad, vista de ojos y convenientes  
 se proceda con citacion de los circunvecinos o sus  
 otras. Tierras; para cuyo efecto, nombro desde ahora  
 para cuando el caso llegue por mediador a José Chit'  
 Galindo vecino de otro Puerto inteligente en estas  
 materias y que los demas que fueron interesados nombro  
 por la suya y han enviado a los que así nombren con  
 respeto Galindo por mi nombre, parecan aceptos

y en su conformidad se proceda a otras medidas por todo lo cual. A.V. Suplico que habiendo por presentado otro documento se sirva de mandarlo hacer como llevo perdido y q. que sea de me devuelvan otros recaudos con las diligencias originales que se hicieron para en guarda. de mi Dño. este escuto y todo lo necesario. Juan Beaud.

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En el Puerto de S. Francisco a veinte y cinco del mes de Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco ante el Cuidado Constitucional se leyó esta Petición y vista la hubo por presentado con el documento q. expresa y manda que con citación de los vecinos se haga inspección de identidad, visto de ojos y reconocimiento de otras tierras a que esta presto otro Alcalde a asistir personalmente. Así lo pareyo, mando y firmo con los de su asta.

Francisco de Haro. Deano. Luchino Galindo  
Ata. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sanchez.

Sello tercero de los Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administración de la Armada Maritima de Montevideo para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y tres, y mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Figueroa. José Rafael Gouzales.

En el referido Puerto de S. Francisco a las veinte y seis días del mes de Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco. Yo el expresado Alcalde Constitucional, con los de mi asistencia, para proceder a la información de identidad hice pasar ante mi el Cuidado José de la Cruz Sanchez vecino de este Puerto del P. P. de P. de oficio labrador, casado, del cual recibí juramento que hizo por Dios y la señal de la Santa Cruz en forma a largo del cual prometió decir verdad: y siendo preguntado por el conocimiento de las tierras, parajes, terminas y linderos pertenecientes al rancho del corte de Madena: Dijo que hace treinta y seis años que es vecino de esta jurisdicción y sabe que las tierras pertenecientes al expresado rancho son del Ciudadano Juan Beaud y que tiene por linderos por la parte del Puerto de San Francisco al P. la Encarnación que forma la punta del Carranon y la de caballos que intermeda al de Sta. P. termina en un corto sotero y una cañal que sigue este mismo rumbo hta un monte de de Palos colonados que llaman el corte de Madena

del Presidio queda al pie del cerro del mismo nombre por la parte del pueblo de S. Rafael al este el arroyo llamado Hecolom. y monte de pulos colonados llaman tambien corte de Madena de S. Pablo, y por la parte del este la otra punta del Taburon, que hace frente con la isla que llaman de los Angeles, las cuales ha visto y reconocido varias veces y que desea que las posea el D<sup>n</sup> Juan Peral, las ha labrado y cultivado y pastado en ellas sus ganados y para prueba del conocimiento a lo que tiene dicho, esta pronto ha ir a otras tierras con el presente Alcalde y señalarle los parages, terminos y linderos donde llegan: y que lo que lleva dicho es la verdad para el documento que otro tiene en que se afirma y ratifico, de el año de treinta y seis años de edad y no le tocan las generales, y lo firmo

Francisco de Muro José de la C. Sanchez.  
De esta. Eusebio Galindo. De esta. Francisco Sanchez.

En otro día, mes y año el espresado Sr. Alcalde, hizo comparecer ante mi y las de mi casa al ciudadano Tomas Perceñas de oficio Labrador, siendo a quien le recibí juramento que hizo por Dios y la Señal de la Sta Cruz en forma a cargo del cual prometió decir verdad: y siendo preguntado por el conocimiento de las tierras y parages terminos y linderos pertenecientes al rancho de la corte de Madena: dijo que hace quince años que es vecino de esta jurisdicción y sabe que las tierras pertenecientes al espresado rancho son del ciudadano Juan Peral y tienen por linderos por la parte del Puerto de San Francisco al Sur con la Sresenala que forma la punta de Caballos y la del Taburon al este que intermedios al Poniente termina en un corte de teno y una cañada que sigue este mismo rumbo hasta un monte de pulos colonados que llaman el corte de Madena del Presidio que queda al pie del cerro alto de este nombre: por la parte del N<sup>te</sup> y pueblo de S. Rafael linda con este, un arroyo llamado del Sr.

Sello Cuarto una Cuartilla.

A habilitado provisionalmente por la Administración de la Armada Maritima de Montevideo de la Alta California, por los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco

Castro. Angel Prunier.  
y un monte de pulos colonados llaman tambien

de Corte de Madera de San Pablo y por la parte del  
Oriente la repetida punta del Faburon, las cuales ha  
visto y reconocido varias veces y que oyo que las posee  
el referido Ciudadano Juan Reol las ha labrado y  
cultivado y pastando en ellas sus ganados y para  
prueba del conocimiento que tiene otro. esta pronto a  
hir a otras tierras con el presente Alcalde y señalarle  
los parages terminos y linderos donde llegan y que lo  
que lleva dicho es la verdad a cargo del Juramento  
que tiene echo en que se afirmo y ratifico: declaro ser de  
treinta y un años de edad y que no le tocan las leyes  
de la ley y lo firmo.

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Francisco de Harro. Tomas Jeremias Jones.  
de esta. Jusebio Galindo. de esta. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sanchez.

Y en continenti el repetido Sr. Alcalde hizo parecer  
tambien ante mi y los de mi casa al Ciudadano  
Manuel Sanchez de oficio Labrador a quien se recibí  
juramento que hizo por Dios y la señal de la Sta Cruz  
en forma a cargo del cual prometio obedir verdad  
y siendo preguntado por el conocimiento de las tierras  
terminos y linderos pertenecientes al rancho del Corte  
de Madera: otro que hace veinte y ocho años que  
es vecino de esta Jurisdiccion y sabe que las tierras  
del espresado rancho son del Ciudadano Juan Reol  
y tienen por linderos por la parte del Puerto de San  
Francisco al Sur, la ensenada que forman la punta  
de Caballos y la del Faburon al oriente que intern  
-avolase al Poniente termino en un corto estero y  
una cañada que sigue este mismo rumbo hta. un  
monte de palos colorados que llaman el Corte  
de Madera del Presidio que queda al pie del Cerro  
alto de este nombre: por la parte del N<sup>te</sup> y pueblo  
de S. Rafael linda con un arroyo llamado de  
Hobom y un monte tambien de palos colorados que  
tambien le nombran el Corte de Madera de San  
Pablo y por la parte del oriente terminan en la  
otra punta de Faburon: las cuales ha visto y  
reconocido varias veces y que oyo que las posee  
el referido Don Juan Reol las ha labrado y  
cultivado y pastando en ellas sus ganados y para  
prueba del conocimiento que tiene otro. esta pronto  
a hir a otras. tierras con el presente Alcalde  
y señalarle los parages terminos y linderos  
donde llegan: y lo que lleva otro es la verdad

a cargo del Juramento que tiene echo en que se  
afirmo, ratifico, declaro ser de veinte y ocho de  
ese mes y que no le tocan las generales y lo firmo.

Francisco de Manó

Manuel Sanchez.

de ana. Sumbio Galindo

ana. Francisco Sanchez.

Sello cuarto una cuartilla.

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

Castro.

Jugel Ramirez.

Estando en el campo en el paraje nombrado el corte  
de Madlena del Peridio de San Francisco a veinte  
y siete dias del mes de Noviembre de mil ochocientos  
treinta y cinco. Yo el Alcalde Constitucional actuando  
por receptoria con los testigos de ana a falta de  
Escritano publico los testigos por mi examinados pres-  
ente el Ciudadano Juan Reval dueño de otras  
tierras y Ciudadano Fernando Pelis por parte  
del pueblo de S. Rafael como mayoralme de dho.  
pueblo y comunidad: unico Colindante por el norte  
procedi a ver y reconocer las tierras de dho. nombre  
y para su mayor claridad y puerto a caballo en  
comparativa de ambas partes y testigos referidos se  
marote a los susodichos que señalasen los parages  
terminos y linderos de ellas segun las señas que  
han declarado en sus disposiciones y en su confir-  
macion guianon ala parte al Poniente dho una  
carranca de monte que demostaron un monte  
de palos elevados que llaman Colomados al pie  
y entre la misma Carranca y algunas quebraduras  
que forman la base del cerro alto, llamado Salvo  
cuyo monte llaman el corte de Madlena del Peridio  
un pequeño arroyo con sausal, y requinos de una  
rancheria que llamaban de Animas de aqui pros-  
equiendo el reconocimiento y vista de ojos de otras  
tierras me dirigieron rumbo al Nte Nte Ocho arroyo  
y monte de palos Colomados que llaman tambien  
el corte de Madlena de S. Pablo y abieron ser lindero  
con el Pueblo de S. Rafael: y de aqui continuando  
el reconocimiento a la S. Nte la punta del labunon  
que abieron ser termino por este rumbo: se siguió  
al Poniente Nte la punta de un estero que desemboca  
en la encrucijada que forman la punta dho de

en la encerrada que forman la punta otro de

del Taburon y la de caballos al Sur y termina en la  
entrada de la llamada cita donde se halla la casa  
del dueño de dichas tierras D<sup>no</sup> Juan Read Carrizo  
Sausal y monte de pulos colorados nombrado el  
Corte de Madena del Perote ya otro que dijeron en  
- mismo ser el ultimo lindero de las expresadas tierras  
pertencientes al repetido rancho del Corte de Madena  
del Señor Read cuyas parages. Yo el Alcalde Constit<sup>o</sup>  
vi y reconvi con los de mi po aso, testigos otros. y  
papeles presentados y cotejados otro. reconvi mi auto  
con ellos, ser cierta de identificación de las mencionadas  
tierras segun y como lo declaran otros. testigos y para  
que conste lo pongo por diligencia y lo firmo con  
los de mi asistencia y los demas que supieron de que  
ofy fei.

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Mano.  
De aso. Eusebio Galindo. De aso. Francisco Sanchez.  
Fernando Felix. Tomas Genesio Jones.  
Jose de la Cruz Sanchez. Manuel Sanchez.

Inmediatamente Yo el Alcalde Constitucional obigo que  
para proceder a las medidas contenidas en estos  
autos cuando se notifique a Dho. Ciudadano Juan Read  
Sello Cuanto uno Cuartilla.

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Administracion  
de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta  
California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta  
y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro. Angel Ramirez.  
para que ratifique el nombramiento de medidor  
Como asi mismo que de acuerdo todos los colindantes  
nombrados por su parte otro en concepto de las resacas  
que hay de hombres parages para que cada uno  
nombre el suyo: y que ambos nombrados sean int<sup>o</sup>  
- igentes en materia de medidas: y los que nombrados  
fueron, pasesen a aceptar y jurar y echo esto, estoy  
pronto a señalar otra para otras. medidas asi lo  
provey mande y firme con los de mi aso.

De aso. aso. Eusebio Galindo. De aso. Juan Sanchez.  
En el mismo dia, mes y año Yo el Alcalde Constitucional  
ley y notifique el auto del su uso segun y como en el  
- contiene al ciudadano Juan Read y a los colindantes  
en sus personas que conserco y habiendolo oido y entendido  
dijeron lo oyen y el primero que ratifico su nombramiento  
en el ciudadano Jose Antonio Galindo y el segundo  
nombrado al Gnabio Neri ambas int<sup>o</sup> igentes y de

taola legalizada y confiando a quienes se les notificó y que parezcan acepten y juran y echo se proceda a dichas medidas como esta mandado esto dixeron p<sup>o</sup> respuesta y lo firmaron los que supieron Doy fe.

Marr. Fernando Pelá. José de la C. Sanchez.  
Mannel Sanchez. Eusebio Galindo. Touros Perennial Jones.  
De aña. Francisco Sanchez.

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En el rancho nombrado el corte de Madera ( del Presidio de San Francisco a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco Yo el Alcalde Constitucional actuando por receptoria con dos testigos de asistencia por falta de escribano publico ley y notifique el auto de su uso y nombramiento de medidas a los el. José Antonio Galindo y Indigena Neri el primero vecino del Puerto de S. Francisco y el segundo del Pueblo de S. Rafael en sus personas que conoseo y habiendolo oyo y entendido dixeron que aceptan otro cargo de todo los medidones y juran a Dios N<sup>o</sup> Sr y a senal Sello cuanto Una Cuertilla.

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

Castro. Angel Narváez.  
de la cruz en forma de que usaron vieis y fielmente otro cargo a todo su leal saber y entender y que hanan otras medidas fiel y legalmente como es de sus obligaciones sin fraude ni engano contra ninguna de las partes etc. respondieron y no lo firmaron por no saber. Fran<sup>co</sup> de Marr.

De aña. Eusebio Galindo. De aña. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sanchez.

En seguida habiendolo visto la accepsion y juramento echo por los el. José Antonio Galindo y Indigena Neri medidas nombradas por otras medidas elige que para proceder a ellas asignara y asigne el día veinte y ocho del presente mes a los ocho de la mañana y que se haga saber a la parte y medidones con citacion de los colindantes y circunvecinos asi lo proveyo y asi lo p<sup>o</sup> y p<sup>o</sup> con los de mi aña.

De aña. Eusebio Galindo. De aña. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sanchez.

Inmediatamente se hizo saber el auto que auto a la parte interesada a D. Juan Redo a las medidas José Antonio Galindo y Indigena Neri y entendidos

responsabilizaron que lo oyan y se oian por litados y que  
 las segundas lo firmó el primero con el presente M de  
 y las de mi año. Mayo.

Eusebio Galindo

De aña. Francisco Sanchez

En el mismo día mes y año se libró boleta de compra  
 rendo al ciudadano Fernando Felis Mayordomo del  
 Pueblo de S. Rafael para que comparezca por parte de  
 aquel pueblo como unico coludante el proximo día veinte  
 y ocho en el enunciado rancho del corte de Madera del  
 Presidio a las ocho de la mañana y para constancia lo  
 firmó con los de mi año. Mayo.

de aña. Eusebio Galindo.

De aña. Francisco Sanchez.

En el rancho del corte de Madera a los veinte y ocho  
 Sello Cuarto una Cuartilla.

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

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

del mes de Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco  
 presente el Ciudadano Juan Read y circunvecinos a otras  
 tierras vice comparecer ante mi y los de mi año a los  
 cc. José Antonio Galindo y Indígena Norri medidores  
 nombrados a los cuales unido tomáron un cordel  
 y mediaron cincuenta varas con vara de medir de  
 cuartos palmos Castellanos y en efecto los referidos med  
 idores, en mi presencia mediaron un cordel torcido  
 y bien tirado con una vara de medir Mexicana  
 sellada en toda forma hasta el numero de cincuenta  
 varas cuya medida se hizo fiel y legalmente a vista  
 ciencia y presencia del interesado y circunvecinos en  
 cuya atencion unido se ponga por diligencia y  
 se proceda a otras medidas como está mandado  
 y para que conste lo certifico y firmo con los de mi año.

Mayo.

De aña.

Eusebio Galindo.

Fran

Sánchez.

Estando en el campo y tierras pertenecientes al rancho  
 del corte de Madera del C. Juan Read ay sabado  
 veinte y ocho de noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta  
 y cinco En el Alcalde Constitucional del Puerto de  
 S. Francisco de Asis actuando por receptoria con dos  
 testigos de aña. a falta de secretario publico, presentes  
 los cc. José Antonio Galindo y Indígena Norri, medidores  
 nombrados por la parte interesada y coludantes unido  
 procediesen a la medida de un litio de ganado



Mayor que poco mas o menos pertenece al rancho del Corte de Madera segun el titulo y diseño presentados en cuyo establecimiento habiendolo vuelto a medir y reconocer el cordel, dieron principio a otra medida desde el solar que mira a la parte del Poniente y puertos a la falda y pie de las lomas que quedan a otro punto y a orillas del arroyo de Palas Colonados llamando el corte de madera del Periclitio: se dio principio a otra medida y caminando de N. a N. E. se mediaron hasta un arroyo llamado Bolom. donde se halla otro arroyo de pulos colonados que llaman el corte de Madera de Sr. Pablo noventa cordeles de cincuenta varas para el interesado fijando un punto conocido por señal dijo que alli pondria una cachonera: de este punto tomando el rumbo de N. a S. se continuo la medida hasta la punta del taburon y se mediaron doscientos cordeles y sirviendo de termino y señal otra punta, orecio poner alli la correspondiente cachonera: de aqui habiendolo proseguido midiendolo de Oriente a Poniente hasta la boca de la cañada y punta del Sausal que se halla inmediato al loteo que queda al Oriente de la Casa del rancho que actualmente se haya alli del interesado se mediaron noventa y cuatro cordeles y de este punto continuando la medida de Oriente a Poniente por la ultima linea hasta el de donde se dio principio a medir se concluyo midiendolo ochocientos y seis cordeles de suerte que el sitio de ganado mayor Sello Cuarto una Cuartilla.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Estuana Maritima de Montevideo de la otra California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

En el rancho del Corte de Madera forma un cuadro de veinte mil varas Castellanas que regulado por las referidas medidas declararon estar el Sr. Juan Pread entonado de las tierras que le corresponden a su rancho segun el titulo y diseño que obra a la Cabeza de este Expediente sin que se perjudicase a terreno por lo cual arrancó otro Ciudadano Juan Pread varias yemas y piedras y tiro a los cuatro vientos en señal de su legal y jurisdiccion posesion y en tal estado cuando el Ciudadano Alcalde Constitucional al Sr. D. Pread que para permanecer

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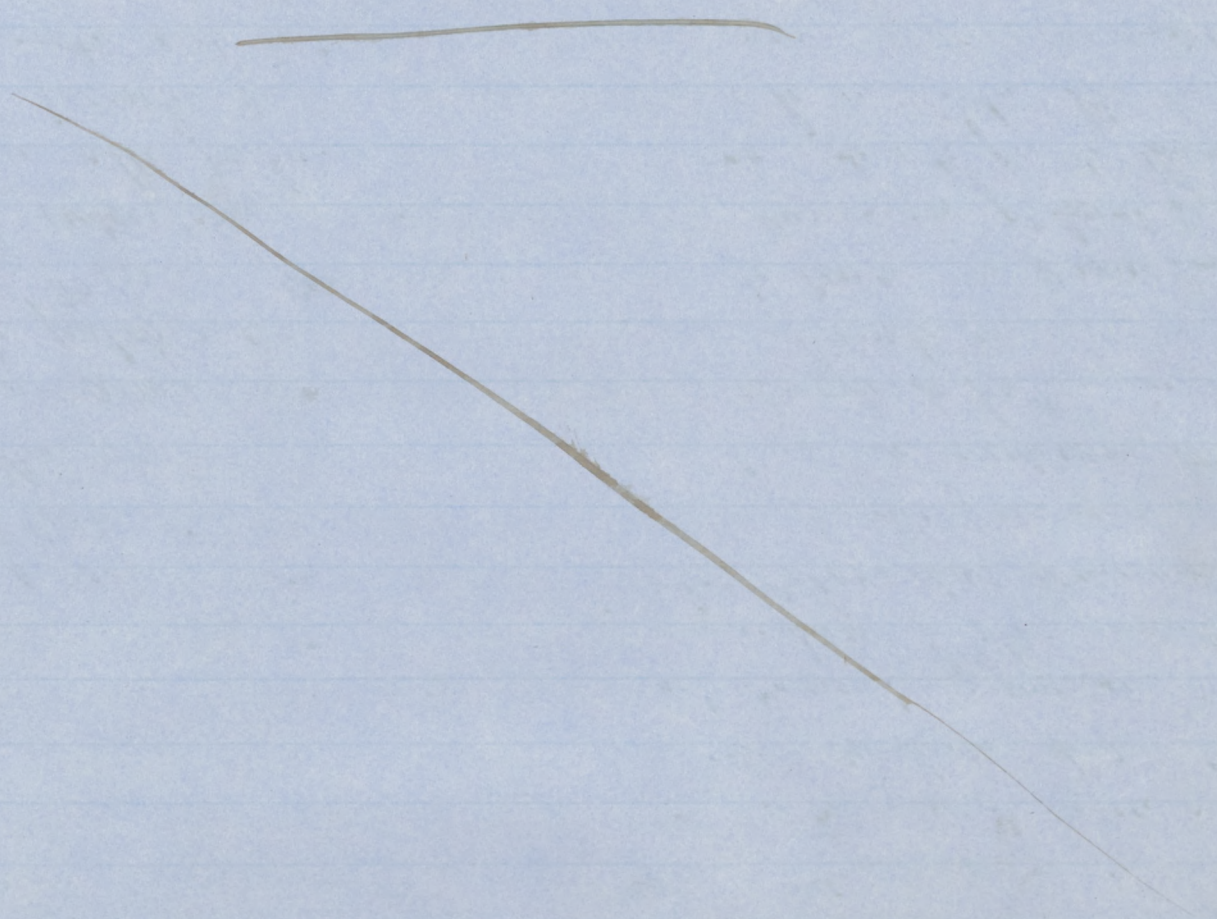
y claridad de los linderos que van expresados: hiere a su costa y mencion unas mojoneras de piedras y cal en alto de uvas de vara, para que en todo tiempo como se observen y guarden por terminos y linderos, de sus tierras por las demas circunvecinos de ellas; y de haberse efectuado otras medidas quietas y pacificamente sin contradiccion de persona alguna lo pido por testimonio; Yo el Alcalde Constitucional del Puerto de San Francisco, actuando p<sup>r</sup> receptoria con dos testigos de a<sup>ta</sup>. a falta de escribano publico lo oyo de haber pasado como o<sup>ta</sup>. es. y que los expresados medidas han sido echas a todo el real, saber y entender de las medidas segun depusieron sin dolo ni fraude ni engano ni contra de ninguna persona y para mas seguridad ratificaron el juramento que tienen echo que no firmanon por no saber y lo hicieron ante el presente Alcalde las demas que supieron y se hallaron presentes y las de mi a<sup>ta</sup>.

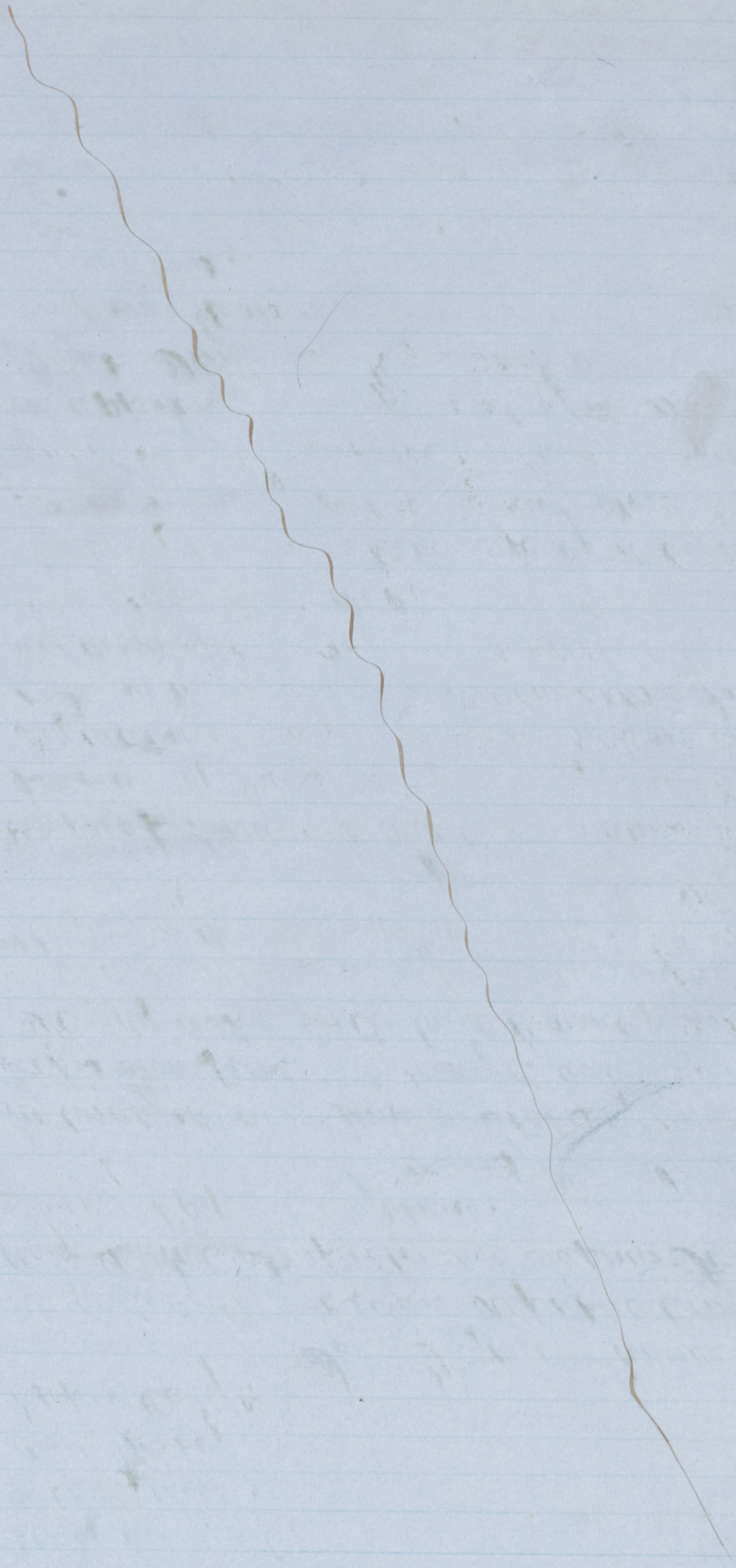
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Francisco de Muro. Manuel Sanchez  
Fernando Veliz. Jose de la Cruz Sanchez.  
Thomas Jeremiah Jones. Eusebio Goliuda. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sanchez.

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Geo. Fisher.  
Secy.





Stamp Five Dollars Six dollars

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Translation  
of Title and  
Amicable  
possession

For the Years one thousand Eight hundred  
thirty two and (one thousand) Eight hundred  
& thirty three.

Civil Govt of  
Upper Calif.

Jose Figueroa General of  
Brigade of the Mexican Republic Comman-  
ding General Inspector and Superior Political  
Chief of Upper California.

Whereas Don Juan Read  
naturalized in the United States of Mexico has  
for his own personal benefit and that of his  
Family asked for the land known by the name  
of *lotto de malaga de Presidio* as far as  
"la punta del Tiburon" bounded by the mission  
of San Rafael and the port of San Francisco  
the proper measures and delimitations being  
previously made as required by Laws and  
Regulations using the powers which are conferred  
on him in the name of the Mexican Nation I have  
by decree of this day granted to the aforesaid  
Don Juan Read the above mentioned land  
declaring to him the ownership of it by these  
presents, said grant being understood to be in  
entire conformity with the laws subject to  
the approval or disapproval of the Most Ex-  
cellent Territorial Deputation and of the  
Supreme Government and under the following  
conditions -

1<sup>st</sup>. That he will submit to those (conditions)  
which may be established by the Regulation  
which is to be formed for the distribution of  
vacant lands and that with the mentioned within  
the grant, nor his heirs can avoid or alienate  
that which is granted to them, subject to to

any tal. Entail pleys, mortgages or other  
incumbrance Com for pious purposes nor  
convert it in mortmain.

2<sup>d</sup>. He may Enclose it without prejudice  
to the Crossings roads and Similitudo he will Enjoy  
it freely and Exclusively applying it to the use  
and Cultivation which may best suit him, but  
within one year at farthest he will build a  
house and it will be inhabited.

3<sup>d</sup>. When the ownership is confirmed to him  
he will request the proper Magistrate to give  
him judicial possession in virtue of this patent  
by whom the boundaries will be marked out in  
the limits of which he will place some fruit or  
forest trees of a useful Character.

4<sup>th</sup>. The land of which donation is made  
is one square league a little more or less as is  
shown by the map which goes with the  
Cedula. The Magistrate who may give  
the possession will cause it to be measured  
in conformity with the ordinance in order to  
mark out the boundaries leaving the surplus  
which may result to the Nation for its convenient  
use.

5<sup>th</sup>. If he Contravenes these Conditions  
he will lose his right to the land and it will be  
discontinued by another person.

In consequence I swear that this present  
Serving him for a title and being full as firm and  
valid, note be made of it in the corresponding  
book and it be delivered to the person interested  
for his security and other purposes.

Given at Montevideo on the second  
of October Eighteen hundred and thirty four.

(Signed) José Figueroa,  
Cajista, Augustin Zamorano Secretary.

Nota has been made of this title (in the book of Entries) of presents of lands an folio fifty four hundred fifty two which exists in the Secretaries in my charge.

In Montevideo on the 2<sup>o</sup> of October 1834.  
(signed) Ferrerans.

Stamp Taxes. Two Reals.  
Provisionally authorized by the Maritime Custom house of the Port of Montevideo for the years 1833 and 1834.

(signed) Figueroa. (spd) Jose Rafael Gonzalez.

To the Constitutional Alcalde.

Juan Rada naturalized, of the United States of Mexico and resident of the Port of San Francisco, owner of the Rancho of Corto ad Inaduro, as I may best proceed in law appear and say that as appears by the Title which I present with the inclosure solemnity, and oath I have in my said Rancho an square league within the boundaries expressed in said title and as it is necessary for me that it should in all time appear how far they reach, and if any of the neighbors prejudice me or any of them, you will be pleased to order that after the usual official acts of entry, view and delimitation and summing the Colindantes (the possession of) my said lands be proceeded to, for which purpose I appoint now and for when the time may arrive as measured, Jose Antonio Galindo resident of this Port, skilful in these matters and to the others who may be interested appoint me on this part and this being done to whom they may appoint, and the said Galindo, by me appointed, appear, accept, swear, and

in conformity proceed to said measurements.  
 Whence I pray that admitting this docu-  
 ment you will have the goodness to order as I  
 have asked and being finished to return me  
 said title with the original official acts which  
 may be made for the security of my right. This  
 petition and relations also may be necessary.  
 (Signed) Juan Read.

In the Port of San Francisco on the  
 twenty fifth of November 1835 before me the  
 City Constitutional Alcalde this petition  
 was read and having been seen it was admitted  
 with the document to which it refers to and I ordered  
 that the neighbors being summoned information  
 certain of identity, situs and situation of  
 said lands to which I said Alcalde am  
 ready to assist personally. I thus provided  
 order and signed with those of my assis-  
 tance.

(Sgd) Francisco de Haro.

Assisting witnesses

(Sgd) Eusebio Garcia

(Sgd) Francisco Sanchez.

In the aforesaid Port of San Francisco on  
 the twenty sixth day of the month of November  
 1835. I the aforesaid Constitutional Alcalde  
 with those of my assistance in oath proceed  
 to the information of identity. Cause to appear  
 before me Citizen Jose' de la Cruz Sanchez  
 resident of said Port of San Francisco by  
 occupation a laborer and married, of whom  
 I received oath with which he made by God  
 and the sign of the Holy Cross in form under  
 which he promised to speak the truth and

being asked for the knowledge (he has) of the  
 lands places terminations and boundaries per-  
 taining to the Rancho of Corte de Madura he  
 said that for thirty six years he has been a  
 resident of this Jurisdiction and knows that  
 the lands belonging to said Rancho are of Cit-  
 ym, Juan Rios and that it has for Comen-  
 dador the Lord of the Port of San Francisco  
 to the South the Bay formed by the punta  
 de Taburon and the punta de Caballeros which  
 running inland from East to West ends in a  
 short creek and a Cañada which follows  
 the same direction as far as a forest of Redwood  
 trees which is called "El Corte de Madura del  
 Presidio" on the part of the town of San  
 Rafael on the North the Arroyo called "Nolome" and  
 the forest of Redwood trees called also "Corte de  
 Madura de San Pedro" on the East by said  
 Point Taburon which is in front of the Island  
 called "Las Angulas" all which he has seen and  
 examined various times and since the said Don  
 Juan Rios has possessed them he has worked  
 and cultivated them and his Cattle have pastured  
 on them and for the proof of the knowledge and that  
 which he has said he is ready to go to said lands  
 with the present Alcaide and point out to him  
 the places lands and boundaries how far they  
 reach and that what he has said is true by the  
 oath which he has made which he affirmed  
 and ratified. He declared that he was thirty  
 six years old and that the legal exceptions do  
 not affect him and he signed it with me.

Jose de los Angeles Sanchez  
 Francisco de Haro.

Witnessing witnesses -  
 Eusebio Galindo,  
 Francisco Sanchez



On said day month and year, I the aforesaid  
 Alcalde caused to appear before me and three  
 of my assistants Citizen Tomas Gumias by  
 occupation a laborer and married of whom I  
 received oath which he made by God and the sign  
 of the Holy Cross in form sworn which he prom-  
 ised to speak the truth and being asked for his  
 knowledge of the lands and places, limits and  
 boundaries pertaining to the rancho of Corto de  
 Madra. He said that for fifteen years he has  
 resided at this San Jacinto and knows that the  
 lands pertaining to said Rancho are of Citizen  
 Juan Ruiz and they have for boundaries on the  
 north towards the port of San Francisco, on  
 the south the Bay formed by Point Callas  
 and Point Tiburon on the East which remaining  
 inland to the east ends in a small Estero and  
 a Canada which follows the same direction  
 to a thick of Red wood trees called Corto de  
 Madra de Presaiv which lies at the foot of  
 the high peak of the same name, on the north end  
 towards the Pueblo of San Rafael the boundary  
 with the latter is an Embarcadero called "Olom" and a  
 forest of red wood trees called also "Corto de  
 Madra de San Pablo" and on the East  
 the aforesaid point Tiburon, all which he has  
 seen and recognised many times and that since  
 the aforesaid Citizen Juan Ruiz has possessed  
 them he has worked and cultivated them and  
 pastured his Cattle on them and in proof of the  
 description which he has given he is ready to go  
 with the present Alcalde and point out to him  
 the limits places and bounds how far they extend  
 and that what he is said is true under the oath  
 which he has made which he affirmed and  
 ratified, he declared that he was thirty one years

old and that the legal Exceptions do not affect  
 him and he signed etc.

(signed) Tomas Jeronimo Jones  
 (n) Francisco de Haro.

Attesting witnesses  
 (signed) Casibio Galindo }  
 (n) Francisco Sanchez }.

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In continuation of the aforesaid Alcaide  
 caused to appear before him also and that of  
 my assistance City in Manuel Sanchez by  
 occupation a laborer of whom I received oath  
 which he made by God and the Sign of the  
 Holy Cross in form under which he promised  
 to speak the truth and being asked for his  
 knowledge of the lands limits and boundaries  
 pertaining to the Rancho of "Corte de Madra"  
 he said that for twenty eight years he has been  
 a resident of this San Joaquin and knows  
 that the lands of the aforesaid Rancho are of  
 City in San Pedro and they have for boundaries  
 on the part towards the port of San Francisco  
 all the South the Bay formed by Points Cabas  
 las and Tabaron on the East which running  
 inland to the West terminates in an Estero and  
 a Canada which follows the same direction  
 as far as a forest of red wood trees called  
 "Corte de Madra" at Presidio which lies at  
 the foot of the high peak of that name on the  
 North towards the Pueblo of San Rafael  
 the boundary is an Arroyo called "Solon" and  
 a forest of red wood trees which is also called  
 "Corte de Madra de San Pablo" and in the  
 East they terminate in said point Tabaron all  
 which he has seen and claimed many times  
 and that since the aforesaid Don Juan had  
 possessed them he has worked and cultivated

them and pastime his Court authentic and in  
proof of the description which he has given he  
is ready to go to said lands with the present  
Alcaldes and point out to him the places  
limits and bounds where they reach to all  
that what he has said is true by the oath  
which he has made which he affirmed and  
satisfied he declared that he was twenty eight  
years old, and the legal Exceptions do not affect  
him and he signed it.

(sya) Manuel Sanchez  
(n) Francisco de San.

Assisting witnesses -

(sya) Casilio Galindo  
(n) Francisco Sanchez.

Being in the fields at the place named Corto  
de Madres de Prisiones de San Francisco  
on the twenty seventh day of the month of November  
1831 at ten thousand eight hundred and thirty  
five. I the Consul General Alcaldes acting in  
virtue of my Office with two assisting witnesses  
for want of a public notary the witnesses by me  
declared present Citizen Juan Pineda owner of  
said lands and Citizen Fernando Ruiz on the  
part of the Pueblo of San Rafael as mayor  
domo of said Pueblo and Community the only  
coludants on the north. I proceeded to see and  
declare the lands of said rancho and for greater  
clarity mounting an horseback in company  
with both the parties and witnesses referred to  
I ordered the latter to point out to me the  
places limits and boundaries of them accor-  
ding to the signs which they have declared  
in their respective dispositions and in conformity  
they led the way to the tract to a cañada where

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they showed me a forest of tall trees which they called Red woods in the Canada itself and found that valleys which form the base of the high part called "Palmas" which forest is called "Corto de Madra de Presidio" a tall brook with a willow thicket and the remains of a rancharia called "Anamas" thence continuing the Examination and view of said lands they led me north to Cuoma Arroyo and forest of red wood trees called also Corto de Madra de San Pablo and they said it was the boundary with the pueblo of San Rafael and thence continuing the Examination south as far as Point Tatoron which they said was the limit in that direction we continued to the west to the point of an Estero which empties into the light formed by said Point Tatoron and Point Cabollas on the south and which ends at the Entrance of said Canada where is situated the house of the owner of said lands Don Juan Rada the Arroyo willow thicket and forest of red wood trees named Corto de Madra de Presidio aforesaid which they said was the last boundary of the said lands pertaining to the Rancho referred to of "Corto de Madra" of Don Rada which places I the Constitutional Alcalde saw and claimed with those of my assistance & said witnesses and the papers presented having been compared with said Examination the identification of the aforesaid lands proved to be certain according to the declarations of the witnesses and in testimony I make official record of it and sign it with those of my assistance and those who knew how to which I certify

(ya) Navarro,  
(u) Fernando G. G. G.

(ii) Jose de la C. Sanchez  
 (ii) Tomas Ferrnias Ferrn  
 (ii) Manuel Sanchez.

Assisting witnesses  
 (ii) Casibio Galindo  
 (ii) Francisco Sanchez.

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Immediately after the Constitutional Alcaide said that in order to proceed to the measurement contained in these acts I order that citizen Juan Rueda be notified to satisfy the appointment of measurer as also that the Coludantes by common consent appoint another in view of the scarcity of men being too great for each one to appoint his own, both of these appointed being skilled in matters of measurements and that those who may be appointed appear accept and take oath and this being done I am ready to designate a day for said measurements, I thus proceed ordered and signed with those of my assistants.

(sga) Naro.

Assisting witnesses  
 (sga) Casibio Galindo  
 (ii) Francisco Sanchez.

On the same day month and year after the Constitutional Alcaide read and made known the act referring to them as herein contained to citizen Juan Rueda and the Coludantes in their persons which I know and having heard it and the first that he satisfies his appointment of citizen Jose Antonio Galindo, and the second appointed the Indian Niro, both skillful and fully competent, whom I notified

to appear accept and proceed and this being  
done. proceed to said measurements as or-  
dred. this they replied and those who know  
how Spain. I certify.

(sya) Hears.

(") Fernando Gil.

(") Manuel Sanchez.

(") Tomas Semillas Jones

(") Jose de la C Sanchez.

Assisting Witnesses

(sya) Casilio Galindo.

(") Francisco Sanchez.

Antho Rancho named "Corte de madera  
de Prision de San Francisco" on the twenty  
fifth day of November (a thousand eight hund-  
red and thirty five). I the Constitutional Al-  
calde acting in virtue of my office with two  
assisting witnesses for want of a notary Public  
read and made known the act referring to  
them and their appointment of measurers to cit-  
izens Jose Antonio Galindo and the Inclusion  
here, the former resident of the Port of San  
Francisco and the second of the pueblo of the  
San Rafael. as their persons which I know  
+ and having heard and understood it. they said  
that they accept said charge of measurers and  
they made oath by God and our Lord and the  
sign of the Cross in form that they would use  
said office well and faithfully to the best of  
their knowledge and understanding and that  
they will make said measurements faithfully  
and legally as is their obligation without deceit  
or fraud against any of the parties. they thus  
replied and did not sign not knowing how.  
Francisco de Haro.

Assisting witnesses  
Eusebio Galindo,  
Francisco Sanchez.

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In continuation having seen the accepted and oath made by citizens Jose Antonio Galindo and the Indian Juris appointed measurers for said measurements I said that in order to proceed to them I was designating and I did designate the twenty eighth day of the present month at Eight o'clock in the morning and to the party and the measurers be informed of it the Coludantes and neighbors being summoned. I thus provided brands and signed with those of my assistance.

Hearo.

Atty witnesses  
Eusebio Galindo,  
Francisco Sanchez.

Immediately the foregoing act was made known to the party interested Don Juan Pineda & to the measurers Jose Antonio Galindo and the Indian Juris and having heard it they acknowledged notice and (except the latter) they first signed it with the present Alcaldes and those of assistance.

Hearo.

Atty witnesses  
Eusebio Galindo  
Francisco Sanchez

On the same day month and year written summons were issued to Citizen Fernando Fdez Mayor-domo of the pueblo of San Rafael to appear at the front of the pueblo as only Coludante to the next twenty eighth day in the aforesaid rancho of "Corte de Madras del Presidio" at

Eight O'Clock in the morning, and in testimony  
Signed it with those of my assistance -  
Here.

Asstg witnesses  
Casilio Galindo  
Francisco Sanchez

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In the Rancho of "Corto de Madra" on the  
twenty Eighth day of the month of November  
one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty five  
present Citizen Juan Roca and the neighbors  
to said lands I caused to appear before me  
and those of my assistance Citizens Casilio  
Galindo and the Indian hired appointed  
measures whom I ordered to take a rope and  
measure off fifty varas with a vara measure  
of four Castilian palms and in effect the aforesaid  
said measures in my presence measure by a  
rope twisted and well stitched with a sealed  
Mexican Vara measure in due form as many as  
fifty varas which measurement was made  
faithfully and legally in the sight and  
presence of the person interested and the neighbors  
when for I ordered that it be officially signed  
and that said measurements be proceeded to do  
as is ordered and in testimony I certify and  
sign it with those of my assistance -  
Here.

Asstg witnesses,  
Casilio Galindo  
Francisco Sanchez.

Being in the field and lands pertaining to  
the Rancho of "Corto de Madra" of Don Juan  
Roca, Saturday the twenty Eighth of November  
Eighteen Hundred and thirty five I the Constitutional  
Alcalde of the Port of San Francisco de Assis



Acting in virtue of my Office with two assisting witnesses for want of a Notary Public present Citizens Jaso Antonio Calmel and the Indian Nuri appointed measurers by the party interested and Coludrantes. I ordered them to proceed to the measurement of one square league of land, which a title more or less pertains to the rancho of "Corto de Madra" according to the title and map presented. In obedience to which having again measured and claimed the rope they commenced said measurements from the Solar, which faces west, and standing at the slope and foot of the hills which lie in that direction and at the edge of the forest of redwoods called "Corto de Madra del Presidio" they commenced said measurements and going from thence they measured to an arroyo called "Solem" which is another forest of redwoods called "Corto de Madra de San Pablo. Ninety Cordils of fifty varas and the person interested filing there a known point as a mark said that he would place a caudal from this point taking a direction from north to South. The measurement was continued to Point Simon and they measured two hundred Cordils and said point being as a mark and that he promised to place there the corresponding caudal, thence continuing the measurement from East to west to the mouth of the Cañada and the point of the "Sausal" which is near the Esteroque East of the house of the person interested which is at present on the Rancho. There were measured ninety four Cordils and from this last point continuing the measurement from East to west along the last line to the place of beginning they finished by measuring sixteen Cordils so

that the square layout of land which the  
 rancho of "Cerro de Madra" contains forms  
 a square of twenty thousand Castilian varas  
 which being regulated by said measurers  
 they declared Citizen Juan Pineda to be informed  
 of the lands which belong to his rancho accor-  
 ding to the title and map at the head of this  
 Expediente, so that no third party is injured.

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Wherefore said Citizen Don Juan Pineda  
 placed up various posts and stones and threw  
 them to the four winds in sign of his legal and  
 legitimate possession. and at this period the  
 Constitutional Alcalde ordered said Pineda  
 forthwith to command and command the Caravan-  
 zas which have mentioned to make at his own  
 cost and expense, bounds of masonry more  
 than a vara high that it may in all times of  
 peace they be observed and kept as limits  
 and boundaries of his lands by the other  
 neighbors thereto.

And he prayed for a testimony  
 that said measurements were made quietly  
 and peaceably without contradiction by any  
 person. and I the Constitutional Alcalde of  
 the port of San Francisco acting in virtue  
 of my office with two assisting witnesses  
 for want of a notary public, give it that Com-  
 thing was done as has been said and that the  
 aforesaid measurements were executed to the  
 best of the knowledge and understanding of the  
 measurers as they deposited without deceit or  
 fraud against any person, and for greater secu-  
 rity and the satisfaction of the oath which they  
 have made they did not sign not knowing  
 how and the others who knew how and were  
 present, and so before me and those of my

Asistentes

- (Sefnia) Francisco de Haro
- (u) Manuel Sanchez
- (u) Jose de los R. Sanchez.
- (u) Fernando Fdez.
- (u) Tomas Jeronimo Arnaiz.

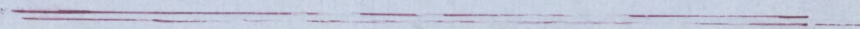
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Asisting witnesses

- (Sgo) Eusebio Galindo
- (u) Francisco Sanchez.

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(Sefnia) Geo. Fisher  
Secy S.



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Order of the  
Board

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No 1197.

The death of Richard Read one  
of the minor heirs of Claimants in this case  
having been proven by the Evidence therein to have  
occurred. After the claim was filed, it was ordered  
on the motion Mr Peachy Claimants Counsel that  
the Surviving Claimants shall have leave to amend  
the petition by omitting the name of said deceased  
as a Claimant & by claiming the portion of the  
land which the deceased inherited from the Grantee,  
Juan Read and that the claim shall proceed in  
the name of said Survivors as the heirs of the  
said Juan Read and also as the heirs of said  
deceased Claimant.

Filed in Office June 13. 1854.

(Signed) Geo Fisher Dees

No 1197.

Amended  
Petition

Hon Board of W. S. Land Commrs  
to ascertain & settle private lands in California -  
Amended Petition -

By leave of the Court granted  
on this 13. June 1854. by an order made  
on the motion of A. C. Peachy Claimants Coun-  
sel for the reasons set forth in said motion and  
order the following amended petition is filed  
in this case.

The petitioners Juliana Sanchez  
de Read. widow of Juan Read, deceased and  
mother of Richard Read, deceased and mother  
of Richard who was an infant heir of the said  
Juan and John Read Maria Read and  
Cruz Read children of the said Juan, respectfully  
show. That on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of October 1834  
Jose Figueroa Governor of California by virtue  
of authority in him vested, granted to the afore-  
said Juan Read the tract of land called

Corte de Madra de Presidio Situado in the present County of Marin containing an square league of land a tanto more or less as described in the original grant and map which grant was duly approved.

That on the 25th day of November 1835 the said tract of land was duly measured & the Judicial possession of it given to the Grantee in due form of Law. The proof of which they submit herewith the original grant map and record of Judicial Survey & possession marked "A" with a translation marked "B".

And they further represent that the original Grantee and the petitioner his widow and heirs have been for more than Seventeen Years and the petitioner now an in the quiet peaceful and undisturbed possession of the said tract of land. That the said Juan Pineda died on the 29th day of June 1819 leaving the Petitioner his widow and children and a child named Richard Pineda who is hereafter mentioned his only heir.

That on or about the first of October 1853 the said Richard Pineda aged about thirteen years and leaving the petitioner his only heir. That the petitioner know of no conflicting claim. That they rely for confirmation of title upon the original papers submitted herewith upon the records and notes in the Archives of the former government now in charge of the Surveyor General and upon such other and further proofs as they may be advised are necessary.

Wherefore they pray the Commissioners to confirm to them the aforesaid tract of land.  
June 13. 1857, Wallack Peaches Baluyut atty for Claimants

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June 13. 1857  
(signed)  
Chas Fisher  
Secy

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Supervisor General Office,  
San Francisco Cal.,  
22<sup>o</sup> Janf. 1853.

Gentlemen,

Communication  
from  
Supervisor  
General

At the stated request of the  
Agent of the Claimant, I enclose herewith a  
Certificado fac Simile copy of the Document  
designated as "Expediente" "Sobre el para se  
"nombrada susodicho Solicitado Sr. Dr. Juan  
Pied 27"

With great respect,

Your most. att. Serv.  
Saml. O. Ruiz  
Sr. Genl.

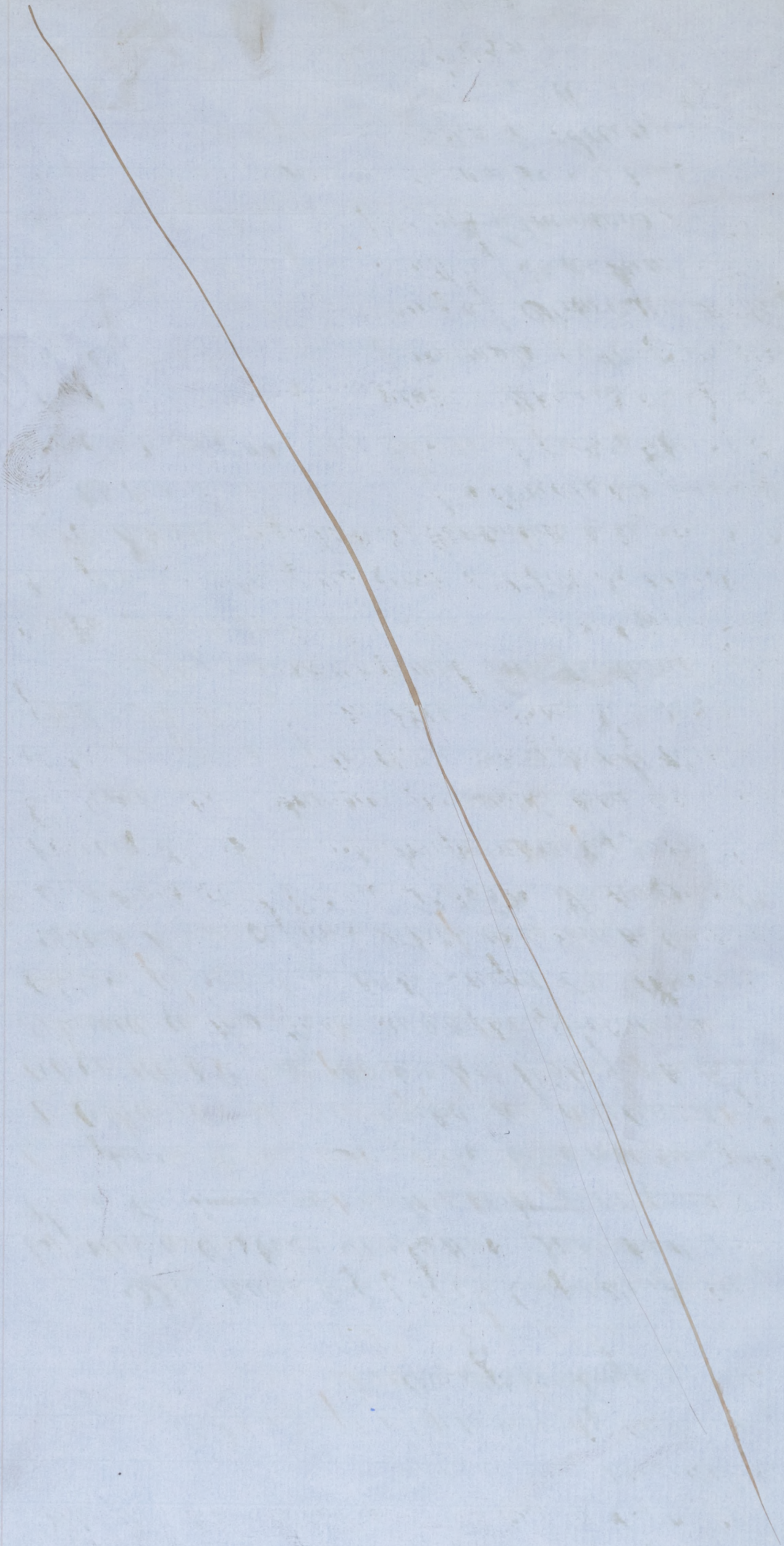
The Honble,

The Board of Cal. Land Claims,  
San Francisco.

Filed in Office Janf. 22<sup>o</sup> 1853.

(signed)  
Gen. Pedro Secy.

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Heirs of Juan Peat

vs.  
The United States

} For the place  
} called Corto de  
} Maduro de Presidio in  
} Marin County. containing  
} one square league of land.

Opinion

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The traced copy of the Expediente, which is filed in this case shows that Juan had petitioned the Governor in June 1834 for a grant of the place called "Sansatito" that not being able to obtain the land solicited, he filed another petition dated September 4th 1834 for the land claimed in this case and after procuring to obtain information on the subject the Governor issued to him a grant which is given in Cordoba and bears date October 2<sup>d</sup> 1834. In August following the Intendant's Deputation approved the grant and Juicial possession was given in due as appears by the documentary proof thereof filed in the case on the 18th of November 1835.

It appears from the testimony in the case that said Juan Peat had a house on the place as early as 1833 in which he lived with his family, that he continued to reside there until his death, and after his decease his family remained in possession and the representatives of his heirs still occupy the place. There is also proof of cultivation and improvements on the premises.

By the testimony of Francisco Sanchez and J. J. Pupy the death of said Juan Peat and the right of the present claimants, as his widow and children and his only heirs are proved. They are entitled to decree of confirmation.

Filed in office June 13, 1857.

(Sgd) Geo. Fisher Secy.



Heirs of Juan Read  
vs.  
The United States

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

Decree

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The land of which  
confirmation is hereby made is the same on  
which said Juan Read resided in his life time  
is known by the name of Corto de Madra de las  
Presidio is situated in Marin County and  
bounded as follows to wit. Commencing from the  
Solar which faces west at a point at the  
slope and foot of the hills which lie in that  
direction and on the edge of the forest of Red-  
woods called Corto de Madra de las Presidio  
and running from thence in a northwesterly direc-  
tion four thousand five hundred varas to an arroyo  
called Holom when is another forest of Redwoods  
called Corto de Madra de San Pablo thence  
by the waters of said arroyo and the Bay of San  
Francisco two thousand varas to the Point  
Taburon said point forming a small and  
land thence running along the shores of said  
Bay and continuing in a westwardly direction  
along the shore of the bay formed by Point  
Cabollus and Point Taburon four thousand  
seven hundred varas to the mouth of the  
Cemada and the point of the "Sensual" which  
is near the Estero lying East of the house on  
said premises which was occupied by said  
Juan Read in November 1835 and thence con-  
tinuing the measurement from East to West along  
the last line eight hundred varas to the place

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of Beguany. containing one square league of  
land in the same more or less, being the same  
land described in the testimonial of Judicial  
possession on file in this case as having been  
measured to Sr D Juan Pied under a grant  
of the same to him to which testimonial and the  
map therein referred to and constituting a  
part of the Expediente a trace copy of which  
is filed in the case referred to is to be had.

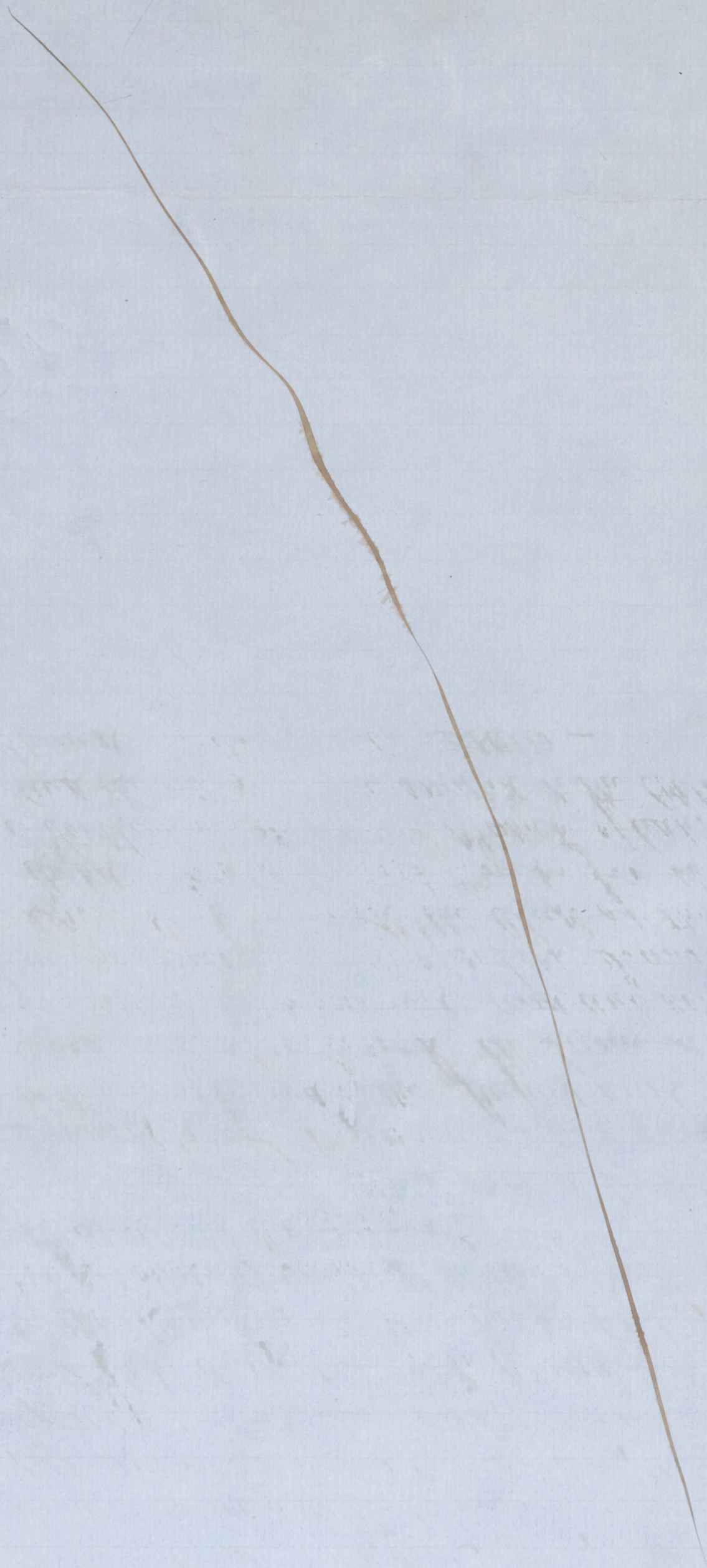
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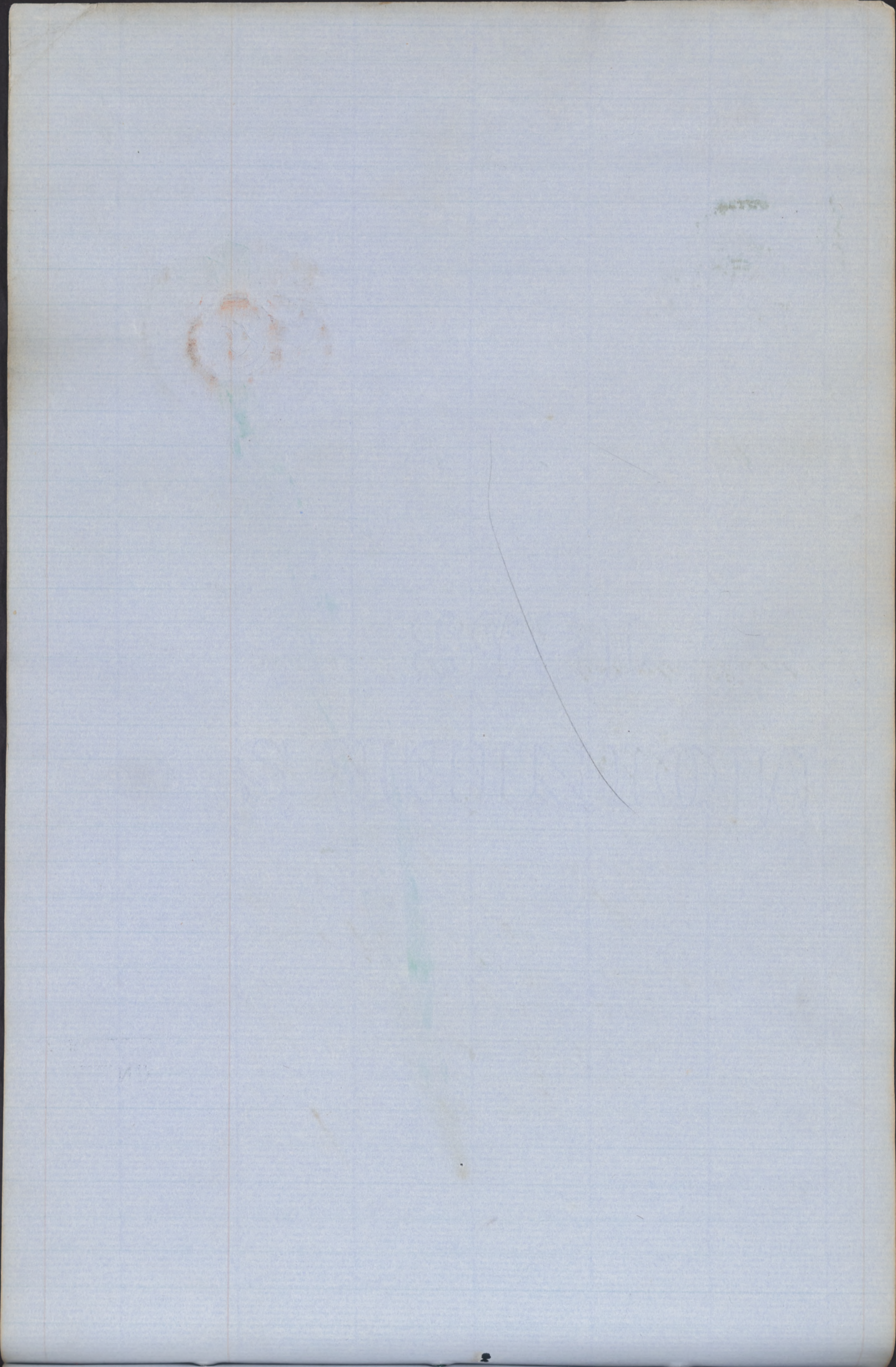
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And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the Land here adjudicated is situated in the Northern District of California -

It is ordered that two Transcripts of the proceedings and decision in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made out and duly certified by the Secretary. One of which Transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern Judicial District of California and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the 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 *Sixty three* pages, numbered from  
1 to *63*, 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. *497* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *Heirs of Juan Reid* are

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of *Corte de Madera del Presidio*.

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 *March*  
A. D. 1853; and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the seventy-ninth.

*Geo. Fisher*  
*Geo. Fisher*



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

No. *183* - ~~183~~ **183**

THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*Heirs of Juan Reid*

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD**

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. *497*

Filed, *April 3<sup>d</sup>* 1855,

*John A. ...*  
Clerk

*18497*





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U. S. Court N. D.

United States

vs.

The Heirs of James  
Reid.

Appeal Notice.

Filed April 14, 1855,  
by W. B. Chivers  
Deputy.

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 7<sup>th</sup> March 1856.

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The Heirs of Juan Reid

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} 497.

You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1854, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the Northern district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

*Cushing*

Attorney General.

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No 183—

U. S. D. Court N. Dist.

The United States

vs.

The Heirs of Juan Ruiz

Appeal Notice.

Filed May 5, 1855,

By W. H. Cheever,  
Attorney.

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

The United States  
Appellants  
vs  
Heirs of John Reed  
Appellees  
No. 183.

The Petition of the United States  
by their Attorney represents: that this  
Cause is an application for a review  
of the decision of the Board of  
Commissioners whereby the Claim of  
the said Appellee was confirmed as  
appears by reference to the records  
in the Case:

That a transcript of the said Records  
was filed in this Court on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of May 1855: that a notice of  
Appeal was filed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
May 1855. and that the land claimed  
lies in the said District.

That the said Claim is invalid.  
Wherefore Appellants pray that the  
said decision of the Board be reversed  
& that this Court decree the said title  
to be invalid. Respectfully  
S. W. Inge U.S. Dist. Atty

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U. S. Dist. Court

The United States  
vs  
Heirs of John Reed

Petition

Filed Nov: 12, 1855;  
by Cheever  
Deputy.

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

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The United States, appellants } Transcript No 497  
vs. }  
Heirs of Juan Read, appellees. } Answer of appellees

Hilaria Sanchez de Read, widow,  
and Juan Read, Hilaria Read, Lynes  
Read, children of Juan Read deceased,  
the appellees in the above entitled  
cause, appear by their Attorneys, and  
for answer to the petition of the United  
States filed herein, say:

That their title to the Rancho or  
tract of land called "Corte Madera del  
Presidio", as set forth and described in  
their petition to the Board of Commissioners  
and in the documentary and other  
evidence filed in this case, is a good  
and valid title. The land claimed is  
situate in the Northern District of  
California & within the jurisdiction of  
this court.

Wherefore they pray this Honorable  
court to affirm the decision of the  
Board of Commissioners and to decree  
their title to be valid.

Hallam Beachy & Billing  
Attys for appellees.

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United States Dist Court  
Northern Dist of Cal.

The United States, Appellants

Heirs of <sup>us</sup> John Reed, Appellees

Answer of Appellees

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Deputy.

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Richard Beachy & Betting  
Atty for Appellees

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

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| The United States, appellants         | Corte de Madura del Presidio<br>Transcript from Board<br>of Coms No 497. |
| vs.<br>Heirs of John Read, appellees. |                                                                          |

Stated Term July 14<sup>th</sup> 1856

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On appeal from the final decision of the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle Private Land claims in the State of California.

Decree

This cause came on to be heard at a Stated Term of the Court on appeal from the final decision of the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land claims in the State of California under the act of Congress approved on the 3<sup>d</sup> of March A.D. 1851. Upon the Transcript of the proceedings and decision of the Board of Commissioners and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, and it appearing to the Court that the said Transcript has been duly filed according to law, and counsel for the respective parties having been heard, it is by the Court hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said decision be and the same is hereby in all things affirmed, and it is likewise further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the claim of the appellees



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is a good and valid claim, and that the  
said claim be and the same is hereby con-  
firmed to the extent and quantity of  
one Square league being the same  
land described in the grant and of which  
the possession was proved to have been long  
enjoyed; Provided that the said quantity of  
one square league now confirmed to the  
claimants be contained within the boundaries  
called for in the said grant and the map  
to which the grant refers; and if there  
be less than that quantity within the said  
boundaries then we confirm to the claimants  
that less quantity,

Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. Dist. Judge

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United States Dist Court  
Northern Dist of Cal.

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The United States, appellants  
<sup>vs</sup>  
Heirs of John Reed, appellees

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Decree.

Licid January 14, 1856,  
W. H. Chenevix,  
Deputy Clerk.

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 *Thursday* the *second* day of  
*April* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States

v  
Heirs Juan Reed

D. C. 183: L. C. 497

The Attorney General  
of the United States having given notice  
that 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 the District  
Attorney it is Ordered adjudged and de-  
creed that the claimants have leave  
to proceed under the decree of this  
Court heretofore rendered in their  
favor as under Final Decree

Ogden Hoffman  
U. S. District Judge

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United States District Court, Northern  
District of California.

*The United States*

vs.

*Heinman Reed*

**ORDER.**

*vac appeal*  
*Final Decree*

Filed

*April 2<sup>d</sup>* 1857

*John A. Monroe*

CLERK.

By *W. H. Cheves*

DEPUTY.

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

The United States

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} D.C. 183; L.C. 497

In pursuance of a notice  
from the U.S. Atty General herewith annexed it is hereby stipulated and agreed  
that no further appeal be taken in this  
case on the part of the U.S. and that  
claimants have leave to proceed under  
the decree of this Court heretofore ren-  
-dered in their favor as under Final Decree

San Francisco April 2nd. 1857

Wm Blanding  
Dist Atty

Hall & Puckey & Billings  
Atty for Claimants

California Land Claims  
Attorney General's Office  
7 Feby 1857.

Sir:  
In the case of the claim of  
the Heirs of Juan Tejid, con-  
firmed to the claimants by the  
Commissioners, Case no. four hun-  
dred and ninety-seven, (497),  
appeal will not be prosecuted by  
the United States.

I Am,  
Respectfully,  
Ours,

Wm. T. Auding Esq  
U. S. Attorney,  
San Francisco -

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U. S. District Court

The United States

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Stipulation

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Deputy.

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

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United States ) D. C. 183  
                  ) L. C. 497  
The Heirs of  
Juan Hilario Reed

The petition of Hilario  
Reed and Inez Reed by their attor-  
neys McDougall & Sharp respect-  
fully shew to the Court that here-  
tofore on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September  
a. d. 1859, The United States Surveyor  
General for the State of Califor-  
nia approved the Survey of the  
Rancho situate in said State and  
known as *Corte Madrina del  
Peseado*. That the said Surveyor  
General gave notice of said sur-  
vey having been made and  
of his approval thereof first, in  
The San Francisco Herald, a news-  
paper published in the City and  
County of San Francisco, on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of August a. d. 1860, and in  
the County Journal, a newspaper

published in Petaluma as the paper  
nearest to said land on the 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of August A.D. 1860, in pursuance  
with Section One of the Act of  
Congress of June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860.

My peti-  
tioners further say that they have  
and hold an interest in said  
Ranches of one undivided and  
third part each, as the heirs of  
Juan Reed, deceased, to whom  
said Ranches, was originally  
granted; and, also, an interest  
to said Ranches by purchase

Petitioners further  
say that the said survey so ap-  
proved by the said Surveyor General  
is erroneous and not in conformity  
with the grant, design or final  
decree of this Hon Court, in this  
cause.

Wherefore your petitioners pray  
that the said Surveyor General may  
be ordered to return said survey  
of said Ranches into this Hon  
Court <sup>for examination and adjudication, & that the usual</sup> <sub>mode be used</sub> and your petitioners as no  
duty bound with ever yours &c.

M Duggally & Sharp  
Attys for petitioners

State of California }  
City & County of San Francisco } P.

Hilarita Reed and  
Ines Reed the above named  
petitioners being duly sworn de-  
pose and say on oath that  
they have heard the foregoing  
petition read and know the con-  
tents thereof that the same is  
true of their own knowledge except  
as to the matters which are there-  
in stated as information or belief  
and as to those matters they  
believe to be true

Subscribed & Sworn to } Hilarita Reed  
before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day }  
of September A.D. 1860 } Ines Reed  
P Barry



Notary Public in and for  
the City and County of San Francisco  
State of California

U.S. Dist Court

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United States

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Heirs of <sup>Reed</sup> ~~John~~ <sup>Reed</sup>  
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Petition to return  
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Filed Sept: 13, 1860,

W. A. Cheves  
Clerk

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M. D. [unclear] & [unclear]  
attys for Petitioner

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 Thursday the 13th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty,

Present:

The Honorable OGDEN HOFFMAN, District Judge.

The United States,

v.

*Heirs of Juan Reid.*

IN LAND CASES.

District Court No. 183.

Land Com. No. 497.

on application of McCaughey & Sharp AND now at this day  
for The Plaintiffs Attorney  
General of the United States for California return into this Court, on or before Wednesday, the 26th day of September A. D. 1860, his  
Official Survey and Plat of the land finally confirmed in the above entitled cause, known as Corte de Madera del Presidio and situated in the County  
of Marin 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.

U.S. Marshal's Office  
San Francisco Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1860

I have this day made personal service  
by copy of this order on J.W. Mandeville  
U.S. Surveyor General for California  
J.L. Solomon  
U.S. Marshal

No. 183

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

THE UNITED STATES,

v.  
Eunis of  
San Redd.

ORDER TO RETURN SURVEY.

Returnable Sept: 26, 1860.

Issued Sept: 13<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Filed Sept: 14<sup>th</sup> 1860.  
W.H. Chenevix  
Clerk.

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

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. 183, to Heirs of Juan Reid known as "Corte de Madera del Presidio", and situated in the County of Marin 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 10th day of October 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 13th day of September A. D., 1860.

*H. A. Cheever*

CLERK.

*Suma Bonaerat*

No. 183

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

THE UNITED STATES.

v.  
*Hairs of*  
*Juan Reid,*

MONITION.

Returnable Oct: 10 1860

Issued Sept: 13<sup>th</sup> 1860

Filed Oct: 10 1860

*M. A. Chevers*

Clerk.

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The within Monition was received by me on  
Thursday the 13<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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1860; and for 4 consecutive Saturdays, in the  
Sonoma County Journal  
a paper published nearest the land, commencing on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1860.

Dated San Francisco, Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1860

*J. Solomon*  
U. S. Marshal.



At a Stated Term of the DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the Northern District of California, held at the Court Room, in the CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, on Wednesday the twentieth 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.

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v.

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IN LAND CASES.

District Court No. *83,*

Land Com. No.

AND now at this day the United States Marshal having made return upon the Monition heretofore issued in this cause, that he had given due notice as therein commanded; on motion of \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_

proclamation was made that all parties having, or claiming to have, an interest in the survey and location of the land finally confirmed in the above entitled cause, appear and intervene for the protection of such interest;

*The U. S. Attorney appeared for the U. S. and Mc Donogh & Sharp for the claimants, and no other person appearing*

whereupon IT IS ORDERED, that the default of all parties not appearing as aforesaid be and the same is hereby entered.



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deceased }

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And, now come  
the said claimants by their attor-  
neys McDougall & Sharp, and  
except to the survey of the land  
claimed herein, made under the  
decree in this cause and ap-  
proved by the United States Sur-  
veyor General for California, on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D.  
1859.

And the said Claimants  
aver

- 1<sup>st</sup> That said survey is erroneous  
because it does not conform to  
the Grant and Desires in said  
cause.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> That said survey is errone-  
ous because it is not made in

accordance with the directions  
of the final decree of confirma-  
tion of this Court, in this cause.

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3<sup>o</sup> That the said Survey  
does not include all the  
land granted <sup>+ purchased</sup> to the  
claimants

4<sup>th</sup> That said claimants are  
entitled to different land +  
more land than included  
in said Survey & were not  
ratified or consulted when  
said Survey was made  
or approved

Wherefore said  
claimants pray that said  
survey may be set aside  
as erroneous and that said  
Surveyor General be required  
to make a correct and  
proper survey of the  
land claimed in this  
cause.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> McDougall Shap  
Decr 22<sup>o</sup> 1860 } Attest claimants



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Northern District of California, s:

City and County of San Francisco to wit,  
D. B. Northrup, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that he has for  
many years past been engaged in the  
office of Halleck, Peachy & Billings and  
is familiar with the handwriting of  
the members of said firm, and their  
clerks, that he has at the request of  
Mr. Bolton acting for the claimants  
examined the final decree entered  
in this case; that the body of the said  
decree is in the handwriting of one of  
the former clerks of Halleck, Peachy &  
Billings. The head of the decree and  
title of the cause are in the hand-  
writing of Genl. Halleck and the word  
"one" appears to have been written in a  
blank by Judge Hoffman. About  
the entry of this decree or why it was so  
entered deponent has no recollection,  
those matters were generally attended  
to by Genl. Halleck himself, as he  
evidently did in this instance.

Sworn to before me this 27  
26 day of August 1865

Alfred Barstow  
Notary Public

D. B. Northrup

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City & County of San Francisco, to wit:  
Hilaria Sanchez, widow of Juan Read,  
deceased, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that Messrs Halleck Peachy & Billings  
were employed by her to present this claim  
to the Board of Land Commissioners and  
entrusted in the management of the case  
until the entry of the final Decree and  
thereafter. Deponent herself placed the  
papers in their hands. Deponent was  
well informed that the title of her husband  
to the said Rancho was perfect under the  
Mexican Laws; that the concession had  
been confirmed by the Departmental Assembly  
and that the juridical admeasurement  
and possession of the land had been  
duly made. Deponent was informed that  
the Board of Land Commissioners had con-  
firmed the claim to its entire extent in  
accordance with the juridical possession  
and was also informed that the Judge  
of this Court had delivered an opinion  
to the effect that the Decree of the Board  
of Land Commissioners should be affirmed.  
Deponent had but little acquaintance

with the forms of judicial proceedings even under the Sp Mexican Law and was wholly ignorant of the form of proceedings in this Court or under American Law.

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Deponent trusted that her lawyers would do all that was proper and necessary and rested in entire confidence that the judgment of the Court would be entered of record in accordance with the published opinion of the Judge, nor did she ever learn or suspect that such was not the case until she was informed within a few days past that said Final Decree failed to conform to said opinion title and juridical possession in this. That said Decree restricted the claim to one league. Deponent neither speaks nor writes the English language, being a native Californian, and deponent would not be able for herself to read and understand the Record of this Court.

Deponent further saith that ~~she has no interest in the land covered by the claim~~ the children of herself and the deceased Juan Read were Juan, Hilaria, Inez and Ricardo; The said Ricardo died while the case was pending in the Board of Land Commissioners a minor and unmarried, at the age of twelve years, All of the remaining children were minors at the time of the entry of the final Decree of this Court. Juan was born in the year 1837 on the



sixteenth day of July. Hilaria was born on the twenty fourth of December AD 1840 Inez was born on the twenty first of January. AD 1842. All of them are native Californians and little acquainted with the American language, laws and Customs

sworn and subscribed & before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1865

her  
Hilaria I + de Reed  
mark

W. J. Andrews  
Notary Public

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

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The Heirs <sup>or</sup> of Juan Read

Northern District of California: ss:

City and County of San Francisco, to wit: Juan Read, Hilaria Read wife of and Inez Read wife of Thomas B. Deffenbach being duly severally sworn dep each for him or herself deposes and says that they have heard read the foregoing affidavit of their mother and that so far as the matters therein contained are within their knowledge the same is true and as to all other matters therein contained

they believe it to be true. They further say that neither of them knew or suspected or had any cause to know or suspect that the final Decree entered herein differed in effect from the Decree of the Board of Land Commissioners or from the published <sup>Opinion</sup> Decree of the <sup>Judge</sup> Court or restricted their right to one league or was for less than the limits of the juridical possession, until within three months last past. That they ~~knew~~ <sup>had no notice of</sup> ~~nothing~~ <sup>any</sup> about the survey of the Ranch, did not <sup>know</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>any</sup> way to be made and that none of them were present at the making thereof. After the survey was dependent and their mother <sup>then</sup> residing at the Mission Dolores San Francisco. When the notice that the survey had been made was published in the newspaper their attention was called to it by S. A. Sharp, Esq. who at the same time informed them that said survey included only one league. They then authorized the said Sharp (as he recommended) to appose the confirmation of said survey. And dependent signed such papers as Mr. Sharp prepared for that purpose. Dependent Juan was at this time absent from this County and these things were done by dependent Hilaria and

Inez.  
Sworn and attested  
before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
August A.D. 1865.

John J. Reed  
Hilarita M. Reed.  
Inez Reed Deffbach

W. J. Andrews  
Notary Public

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Hon: Delos Lake }  
U. S. Dist. Atty }

Sir:

You will please take  
notice that the foregoing affidavits will be  
read on the part of the claimants in sup-  
port of the motion to reform the decree in  
the above entitled Cause notice of which  
has heretofore been served on you.

San Francisco }  
August 26. 1865 }

Yours truly  
Brooks & Whitney  
Atty. for Claimants  
Read

U. S. Dist. Court  
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The United States  
vs  
The Heirs of Juan Pardo

Notice and  
Affds - on motion for  
decree.

Service of the within notice and  
affidavits by copy admitted this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of August ad 1865.

Done at  
Filed Aug 31/1865  
Geo. C. Forney Clk  
By Wm. C. Sullivan  
Deputy

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At a Stated Term of the  
District Court of the United  
States for the Northern District  
of California, held at the  
Court Room in the City of San  
Francisco on Thursday the  
28th day of September A. D.  
1865.

Present: The Hon. Ogden  
Hoffman, District Judge.

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Juan Reid

It appearing  
to the Court that on the 13th day  
of September A. D. 1860, an Order  
was entered on petition of above  
named defendant, directing the  
return of the Official Survey of  
the land confirmed in this case,  
that on the 22nd day of December  
1860, in pursuance of said Order,  
the Surveyor General of the United  
States for California, returned to  
this Court, a certified copy plat

of said survey; that on the said  
22nd day of December 1840 the  
said Defendants, filed exceptions  
to said Survey; that on the  
26th day of September A.D.  
1845, Nelson Lake Esq. United  
States District Attorney, moved  
the Court to dismiss all excep-  
tions to the said Survey and  
declare the same final, and said  
Motion having been argued by  
said District Attorney and  
Counsel for Defendants, and the  
same having been taken into  
consideration by the Court and  
after due deliberation had, the  
Court filed a written Opinion  
herein, on the 27th day of Septem-  
ber 1845 overruling said Exceptions  
and approving said Survey.

Now, therefore, in consideration  
of the premises, it is ordered  
adjudged and decreed that all  
Exceptions to said Survey be  
and the same are hereby overruled  
and that the said survey, be and  
the same is hereby approved and  
confirmed.

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Said survey hereby approved  
and confirmed is hereto attached  
and marked "Approved Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1865"  
Ogden Hoffman  
Dist Judge"

Ogden Hoffman  
Dist Judge

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Nov. Dist. leaf.

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Juan Pico

Survey and Decree  
confirming the same

Filed & Entered Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Geo. C. Gorham Clk  
By Daniel Sullivan  
deputy



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Exponents to Survey

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The approved survey in  
this case was ordered into  
Court on the application  
of the claimants on the 3<sup>d</sup>  
September 1868. Exponents were <sup>filed Dec. 1868</sup>  
no testimony whatever has been  
adduced by the claimants  
in support <sup>of them</sup> nor is the Court  
informed on what particular  
the survey is supposed not  
to conform to the decree—  
A motion to reform the  
decree was made about  
3 weeks since. It was  
denied on the ground  
that the term at which  
it was rendered having long  
since expired the Court  
had no power to review  
or modify its judgment—

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Assuming then the de-  
cision to be final I see  
no ground of objection  
to the Survey - ~~and~~  
~~the~~ and none have been  
suggested.

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Opinion overruling  
Exceptions to survey.

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Filed Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Geo. G. Harlan Clk  
By Dan. T. Sullivan  
deputy

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At a Term of the District Court  
of the United States in and  
for the Northern District of  
California held at the Court  
Room of the said Court in  
the City and County of San  
Francisco in the District  
aforesaid on Monday the  
sixteenth day of October A.D. 1865

Present: Hon. Ogden Hoffman, Judge.

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Upon reading and filing the affi-  
davit of motion on the part of the District  
Attorney to dismiss the exceptions to the  
Survey and the affidavit of B. S. Brooks  
and S. A. Sharp Attorneys of the Claimants  
from which it appears that the order or  
decree heretofore entered was entered under  
misapprehension on motion of B. S. Brooks,  
Esq. Attorney of the Claimants... It is  
ordered that the said order or decree  
overruling said exceptions and approving  
the survey be set aside <sup>be</sup> vacated and  
annulled, and it is further ordered <sup>on this like motion</sup> that

all proceedings in this Court touching  
the said survey be and the same are here  
by dismissed.

John R. Mulla  
Sist Judge

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Decree  
Order dismissing  
proceedings

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Filed Oct 24, 1865  
J. M. Sullivan  
Dep. Clk

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Brooks & Whitney  
Attys for claimants Reed

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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*San Francisco,* July 11th, 1891.

Southard Hoffman, Esq.

Clerk of the United States District Court.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:-

I am instructed by the Honorable Attorney General of the United States to institute proceedings in our United States Circuit Court to cancel the patent to lands covering the Rancho known as Corte de Madera del Presidio, etc, situate in the County of Marin California. I am also instructed to obtain from your office and also from the office of the United States Surveyor General certain papers and plats which are absolutely necessary to be annexed as exhibits to a Bill of Complaint, in the suit to be commenced.

For the purpose already stated, I will require the following named documents and I respectfully request that certified copies thereof be furnished by you to this office as soon as possible.

The expense for the same will be paid by the Department of Justice.

1. Petition of John J. Read, et als, to Land Commissioners for confirmation of title to Corte de Madera del Presidio, dated Dec. 23rd, 1852.

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1854.

- ✓ 2. Amended petition, dated June 13th, 1854.
- ✓ 3. Finding of facts of Land Commissioners, June 13th
4. Decree of Land Commissioners, June 13th, 1854.
- ✓ 5. Decree of United States District Court, Jan. 14th, 1854.

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Very Respectfully,

*Chas. A. Garter*

United States Attorney.



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U.S. District Court  
W. Dist. of Cal.

United States

Harris Juan Read

Letter & proceipe  
from U.S. Atty. for  
Certified copies of  
Certain papers

Filed July 11, 1891  
Sutherland Woffman  
Clerk  
By J. S. Mully  
Dep. Clerk

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4. Decree of land commissioners, June 18th, 1891.  
3. Finding of facts of land commissioners, June 18th, 1891.  
2. Amended petition, dated June 18th, 1891.

*San Francisco*, Dec, 21st, 1891.

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Southard Hoffman, Esq.

Clerk of U.S. District Court for

the Northern District of California.

San Francisco. Cal.

S I R:-

Please prepare at the expense of the United States,  
certified copies of the papers hereinafter mentioned to be used  
as Exhibits to be annexed to the Bill of Complaint of the United  
States in the case of the United States vs. Juan J. Reed et al:  
now pending in the U.S. Circuit Court for this District,

- ✓ Petition of Hilaria and Inez Reed, sworn to on the 13th of *5 fcs.*  
September 1860.
- ✓ Order of U.S. District Court made September 14th, 1860. *2 fcs.*
- ✓ Monition of same Court to the U.S. Marshal relating, to *4 fcs.*  
survey, dated October 10th, 1860.
- ✓ Exceptions of claimants to survey, dated December 22nd, *2 fcs.*  
1860.
- ✓ Notice of motion by claimants, dated August 23rd, 1865. *2 fcs.*
- ✓ Affidavit of D.B. Northrup, dated August 26th, 1865.
- ✓ Affidavits of Hilaria Sanchez, Juan Reed, Hilaria and  
Inez Reed, dated August 25th, 1865. *15 fcs.*
- ✓ Notice of claimants, etc, dated August 21st, 1865. *(31)*

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✓ Exceptions to survey, dated September 23th, 1865. 1 fee

✓ Map of R.C. Matthewson, filed Dec, 22nd, 1860.

✓ Decree approving Matthewson's survey, dated September 4th, 1865.

23th, 1865.

I will thank you to furnish me said copies at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. Carter.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

P.S. Please certify each copy of the above specified documents separately and oblige,

Wm. A. Carter.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

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United States  
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Letter + praecipe  
from U.S. Atty. for  
certified copies of certain  
papers.

Filed December 21<sup>st</sup> 1891  
Smith & Tupper  
Clerk

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The United States  
vs  
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Northern District of California vs:

City and County of San Francisco, to-wit:  
Solomon A. Sharp being duly sworn and  
Benjamin S. Brooks being duly affirmed  
each for himself severally deposes and says  
that they were much surprised to learn  
that this Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1865  
entered a decree disallowing the exceptions  
and approving the survey, in this case.

The United States District Attorney gave  
notice that he would move to strike out  
the exceptions in this case on the ground  
that this Court had no jurisdiction over the  
survey; On the 19<sup>th</sup> September the motion  
was argued and submitted; the Court  
intimating very decidedly its opinion  
that under the late decision of the United  
States in the Sepulveda Case this Court  
had no jurisdiction over the survey and  
that the exceptions must be dismissed.  
Deponents did not suppose that the Court

pending this question of jurisdiction, this Court could or would consider or pass upon the merits of said exceptions, and they never did either of them argue or submit the said question before the Court nor were they aware until they accidentally discovered the opinion and decree in the Clerk's office that the said exceptions had been submitted or that the Court had passed upon them.

for A. Smith

J. W. Hoow

Sworn and affirmed to  
before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of October AD 1865

Wm. Huefner  
Notary Public

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To Hon. Delos Lake  
U. S. District Atty

Please take notice that upon  
the foregoing <sup>copy of which is herewith served upon you</sup> affidavit, and upon the papers  
on file in this Cause, we shall move  
this Hon. Court at the Court Room thereof  
at the City and County of San Francisco  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, at the  
opening of the Court on that day or as  
soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard  
that the decree or order heretofore entered  
disallowing the exceptions to the survey  
and ~~dis~~approving the said survey be set  
aside and vacated and such further and  
other order as to the Court shall seem  
meet.

Brooks & Whitney  
Atty for Reed

United States Dist Court  
N. Dist. Cal.

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Affidavit two motions  
to set aside order

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Service of the within  
by Copy admitted  
this 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1865  
Delos Lake  
M. J. Atty

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Brooks & Whitney  
Solomon A. Sharp  
Atty for Claimants



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The land <sup>shown</sup> claimed in this case is ~~proved~~ to have been granted to Juan Reid by Governor Figueroa on the 2<sup>o</sup> de octubre 1834 - The original title is produced and the signatures duly proved - The expediente a traced copy of which is filed in the case contains the petition for which the grant and a record of the proceedings of the Territorial Deputation on the 2<sup>o</sup> de octubre 1835 approving the concession previously made by the Governor - It is also shown by documentary proof that judicial possession of the granted land was given on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1835 -

It is also shown that previous to obtaining the grant and subsequently until his death the grantee resided with his family on the land and that since his decease his family have continued to occupy the land -  
The case seems to present

one of the few instances  
where every requirement of the  
law has been fully com-  
plied with -

No reason is perceived, or  
suggested by <sup>by the Court</sup> ~~the~~ on the part  
of the appellants for refusing  
to confirm the claim -

A decree must therefore be  
entered affirming the decree  
of the Board of Commissioners

July 3. 1856

The U. S. States

By  
The Atty of  
Gen. Read

Opinion

Mc Donnell & Sharp  
Corte de Madera del Presidio  
one league Marin Co  
Confirmed

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Appellant

vs.

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Appellees

To Hon. Delos Lake,

United States District Attorney

You are re-  
spectfully notified that a motion will be  
made in this case in the United States District  
Court at the Court Room in this City on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1885, at the opening of  
the Court on that day or as soon thereafter as  
Counsel can be heard, that the decree which  
was entered in this case on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1886, be corrected and reformed so  
as to conform to the opinion of the Court  
heretofore filed herein confirming the claim  
of the Comp Claimants.

The motion will be made on  
the records and papers on file and the opinion  
of the Court heretofore delivered and filed  
and the ground of this motion is that the  
Decree as heretofore entered does not conform

to the opinion and decision of the Court and  
the rights of the Claimant as therein declared.  
San Francisco August 17<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Brooks & Whitney  
Attys for Ct & Appelles.

U. S. Circuit Court

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No. 110. to reform decree

Due service of me

within admittance.

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 65.

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W. A. H.

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Brooks & Whitney

Attys for Ct & Appelles

10-11 & 12 Exchange Building

Filed Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865  
Geo. S. Graham  
By Paul S. Sullivan  
Attys

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San Francisco, Sept 1864  
Messrs McDougal & Sharp,  
attys for claimant.  
Gentlemen,

Please  
take notice that on Monday next  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September inst, at  
10 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter  
as counsel can be heard I will  
move the Court to dismiss all  
proceedings herein in the matter  
of survey for want of jurisdiction.

J. M. H. Sharp  
U. S. atty

Recd Copy of  
notebook Sept 13/64  
M. D. W. [unclear]

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

San Francisco, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1855

John A. Monroe Esq.

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

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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. 49 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein *Heirs of Juan Reid* are the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of *Corte de Madera del Presidio* — and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher.