

CASE

CASE No.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

SAN VICENTE AND SANTA MONICA GRANT

FRANCISCO SEPULVEDA

CLAIMANT

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TRANSCRIPT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 457

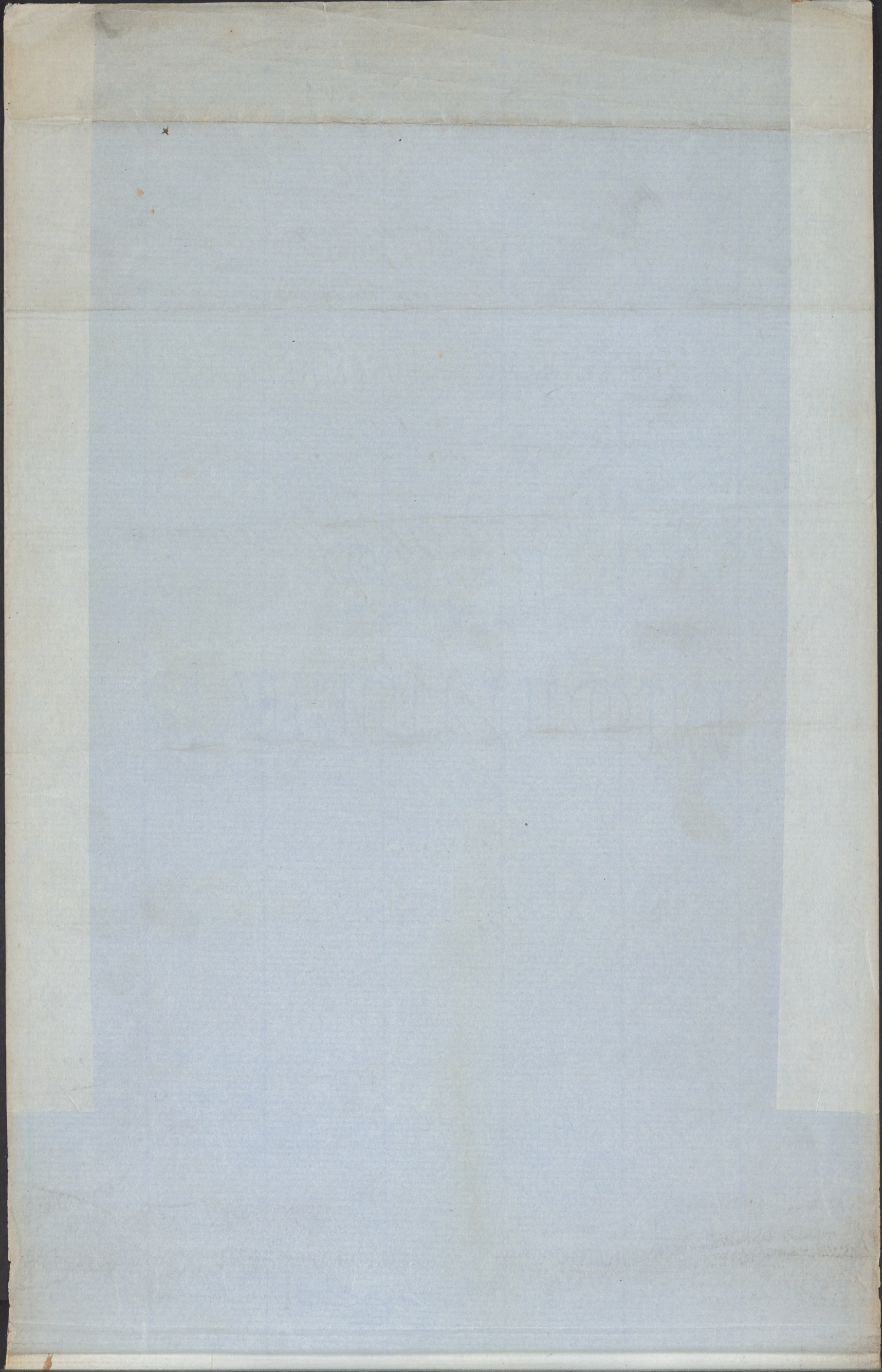
Francisco Sepulveda CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

1 FOR THE PLACE NAMED

"San Vicente" and "Santa Monica"



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Be it Remembered, that on this *fifth day of November*, 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 *Francisco Sepulveda*,
for the Place named
"San Vicente and Santa Monica",
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 457 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

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

Los Angeles, November 8th 1852.

In Case no. 457, Francisco Sepulveda for the place named "San Vicente & Santa Monica," the deposition of Maximino Valenzuela, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Melano Hall, was filed.

(Vide page 6 of this Transcript.)

Los Angeles, November 11th 1852.

In the same case the deposition of Jose Antonio Canillo, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Melano Hall, was filed.

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Los Angeles, November 13th 1852,

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In the same case the deposition of Abel Stearns, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Melana Hall, with arguments marked H. H. Nos. 1 & 2, and translations thereof, marked annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page 8 of this Transcript.)

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Los Angeles Nov. 15th 1852.

In the same case the deposition of Dolores Sepulveda, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Melana Hall was filed;

(Vide page 10 of this Transcript.)

In the same case the deposition of Felipe Lugo, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Melana Hall, was filed;

(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, September 27th 1853.

In the same case the deposition of J. J. Warner, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, with document marked "No. 1 A. F.", annexed thereto, was filed;

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Oct. 18th 1853.

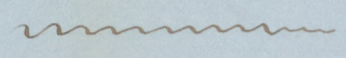
In the same case the Counsel for the claimant filed the following suggestion, to wit:

(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)

In the same case the Counsel for the claimant presented the following petition for Revival (Vide page 16 of this Transcript), accompanied by an authenticated copy of the last will and testament

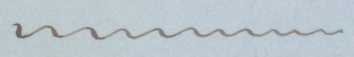
of Francisco Sepulveda, (vide page 93 of this
Transcript.) - Which petition having been
entertained by the Board, the following order
was made, to wit;

(vide page 17 of this Transcript)



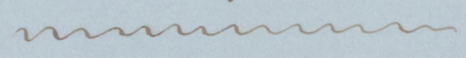
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San Francisco April 18th 1854.
Case no. 457 was submitted on briefs and taken
under advisement by the Board.



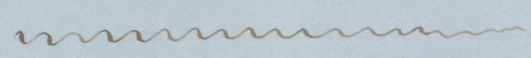
San Francisco, April 25th 1854.
In the same case Commissioner Thompson Campbell
delivered the opinion of the Board confirming the
claim;

(vide page 10 of this Transcript)



San Francisco, August 15th 1854.
In the same case, on motion of the United States
Law Agent, the following order was made, to wit;

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To the Hon Board of Commissioners for ascertaining and settling Land claims in California

Petition

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The Petition of Francisco Sepulveda of Los Angeles County respectfully shows that he claims in fee a certain tract of land situated in said County known by the name of San Vicente and Santa Monica and containing about four square Leagues more or less

He further shows that he claims said (said) tract of land in virtue of a grant from Juan B Alvarado Governor of the Department of the California as made in pursuance of authority in him vested and bearing date 20th December 1839 which said grant was approved by the Assembly of the Department.

Your Petitioner further shows, that for many years previous to said grant, he was in actual possession of said tract of land and that he was still in possession at the date of said grant, and that in 1840 he petitioned for Judicial possession and that the said possession was in part given when it was interrupted by a grant of four leagues to a small piece of land and was never completed but that since that time up to this date your Petitioner has had and now has peaceable possession of the said tract of land

Your Petitioner further represents to your Hon Board that subsequent to that date having lost his title papers & fearing that by this accident he could not be able to maintain his rights, he obtained from Pio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department of the California a new Grant bearing date the June 1846 for a certain part of said tract but was permitted to reserve his right to claim the whole of the tract of land

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granted to him as aforesaid, He for then claims that on the 20th December 1839 and for many years previous the tract of land called San Vicente and Santa Monica was its boundaries according to said boundaries then possessed by your Petitioner

He for then represents

that he knows of no legal conflicting claim He further submits the original grant of the land marked A and its translation marked B and the judicial possession which was given to your Petitioner under said grant in June 1846 by competent authority marked C and its translation marked D and he relies on the same and on such other documents and oral testimony as he may be advised may be necessary

Whom he prays your Hon Board to take his claim into consideration and confirm it to the entire tract of land and is in duty &c

By his Atty
J Lancaster Brent

Filed in Office November 5th 1852
Geo Fisher
Deputy

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Deposition
of Maximilian
Valenzuela

Los Angeles November 8th 1852

On this day before Court of Honor Hall came
Maximilian Valenzuela a witness in beh all of the
Alamitos Francisco Sepulveda Petition No
437 was sworn, his evidence being given
in Spanish was interpreted by the Secretary

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The U.S. Associate Land Agent was present

In answer to questions by Counsel for the Alamitos and
the witness testified as follows

My name is Maximilian Valenzuela my age is six & three
years and I reside in Los Angeles

I know Francisco
Sepulveda, I also know the Rancho San Vicente
and Santa Monica and have known them about
twenty eight years Francisco Sepulveda was owner
them ever since I have known the land and
continue to occupy it to the present, when I first
knew the land Sepulveda had a house on it
in which he lived, he had a vineyard and cultivated
the land and had stock on it, it has been occupied
in the same manner ever since,

He has a large family, the Rancho extends from
the Aguaje (or watering place) to the Cañada
de las Alamositas and from the end of the Cañada
de San Vicente to the Punta de la Mesa and
to the Topanga and then to the coast, by which
I mean all the Cañadas of the Mountain
These have always been considered as the boundaries
of the Rancho ever since I have known it

Maximilian ^{his} Valenzuela
Sworn and Subscribed Before me ^{mark}

Holland Hall Court
Felici ni Offici Nov 8 1852 Geo Fisher Secy

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Los Angeles Nov 11th 1852

On this day before Court Hon. and Hall came Jose
8 Antonio Canillo a witness in behalf of the Claimant
Deposition of - and Francisco Sepulveda, Petition No 457
Antonio Canillo
and was duly sworn his evidence being introduced
by the Court

The U S Associate Law Agent was Present

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In Answer to questions by Counsel for the Claimant the witness testified as follows

My name is
Jose Antonio Canillo my age is fifty seven years
and I reside in Los Angeles

I am acquainted with the
Rancho called San Vicente and have known it ever
since the year 1828 It was then in the possession of
Francisco Sepulveda and he has continued in
the possession to the present time,

The boundary
lines were marked to him by my self in 1828
I was then Alcalde and in consequence of some
disputes between persons occupying land within the
Ejidos, I received an order from the Prothonotary
Chief to go and settle the disputes, I did so and
at that time marked out the boundaries of this
land, they were occupying the land. The vertices are
The boundaries were as follows Beginning at the
house of the Rancho San Vicente and going East
to a large area of woods called Barraza de los
Alamos near to the Rancho Alamos thence South
by passing over some table lands and a very
Laguna called de los Alamos to the lands of the
Rancho Ballenas thence in a direct line to the
sea coast, thence along the coast to the Potrero
de Santa Monica or Topanga thence to the highest
point on the Sierra, thence along the summit of

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the runa to its termination in the Comada at
the Point of beginning embos along the whole of the
Potero de Santa Monica within three bram
is.

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There is a creek called Santa Monica and the
Cañada is on each side of it and terminates near
the Mouth of the creek and near the Coast
The line along the Coast passes beyond the
Mouth of the creek and the tract includes the whole
of the Comada, Since the bramannis were settled
as before stated, the said Spaniards have occupied
the whole of the land, knowing houses, winery and
and cultivating the land extensively and by keeping
stock on it, The Potero de Santa Monica has
always been reported to be a part of the Rancho
of San Vicente

Jose Mto Canillo

Sworn and Subscribed before me
Helena Hall
Clerk

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Geo Fisher
Secretary

Deposition
of Abel Stearns

Los Angeles November 13th 1852

On this day before Clerk Helena Hall came
Abel Stearns, a witness in behalf of the claimant
Francisco Sepulveda, and was duly sworn his
evidence being given in English

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The U S Associate Land Agent was present
In answer to questions by Clerk Helena Hall

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10 the witness testified as follows, My name is Abel Stearns my age is fifty four years and I reside in Los Angeles

A paper is now shown me purporting to be a grant to Francisco Sepulveda dated June 28, 1846,

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The signatures of Pío Pico and José Matías Moreno on said paper I believe to be genuine I am acquainted with these signatures said paper is not annexed and marked H H No 1

Another paper is shown me purporting to be a testimonial of Juicial Possession given in June 1846, The signatures of Leonado Cota In an Dominguez and Manuel Redondo on said paper I believe to be genuine I am acquainted with these signatures,

Said Cota was an acting Alcalde at the time of said Possession said paper is not annexed and marked H H No 2

Abel Stearns

Given and subscribed

Before me
Melania Hall
Clerk

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

Los Angeles Nov 13th 1852

Deposition
of Dolores
Sepulveda

On this day before Court Helena Hall came Dolores Sepulveda a witness in behalf of the Claimants Francisco Sepulveda Petition No 457 and was duly sworn his evidence being interrupted by the Court

The U S Associate Law Agent was present

In answer to questions by Counsel for the Claimants the witness testified as follows

My name is Dolores Sepulveda my age is twenty five years and I reside in Los Angeles

I am a son of Francisco Sepulveda, My Father had a title to the Rancho San Vicente from Governor Alvarado when it read when Felipe Lugo came to my possession, He did not complete the possession and afterwards my father in consequence of a dispute with Machado about a part of the land delivered his title paper to Governor Archuleta and was never able to get it back when Micheltorina was passing through this place on his return to Mexico he was informed of where the title was he said he left it with Dominguez as Alcalde when he went to Monterey, Dominguez on being informed of said he had delivered the Archives to Manuel Requena his successor and he said he delivered them to Vicente Sanchez his successor Application was made to Sanchez who said the title could not be found among the archives My Father has made diligent inquiry for it when we it was expressed there was a chance of finding it but without success, When the Manifesto the Don Juan of Machado formed the title was lost he returned

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the Governor for the land but on a representation
to Governor Pico he refused to grant it to them
I have searched the Archives of the Prefecture in
this town for three days for the title without finding
it

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Dolores Sepulveda
Sworn and Subscribed
By me
Felicia Hall Com

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Sentry

Deposition of
Felipe Lugo

Los Angeles November 15th 1852
On this day before Leon Felicia Hall Com Felipe
Lugo a witness in behalf of the Plaintiff Francisco
Sepulveda Petition No 457 and was duly sworn
his evidence being interpreted by the Sentry
The U S Associate Law Agent was present
In answer to questions by Counsel for the Defendant
the witness testified as follows

My name is Felipe
Lugo my age is forty seven years and I reside in
Los Angeles, I am acquainted with the Rancho
of San Vicente and have known it for over twenty
years Francisco Sepulveda has owned the place
ever since I have known it, I was Alcalde in 1840
and I was authorized to give judicial possession
of lands In 1840 I undertook at the request of
Francisco Sepulveda to give him possession
of the Rancho San Vicente and after most of the
lands had been measured against Machado an
adjoining neighbor objected to my giving him
possession of land claimed by him being the greater
portion of Machado's land upon which I was
- Remain

from the Proceedings and made report to the Governor
 In the lines I had mentioned I had included the Potencia
 of Santa Monica Sepulveda presented the title
 paper at the time and I send it to learn how far
 to measure. It embraced Santa Monica The
 Signature to it was that of Alonzo,
 In answer to questions by the Associate Land Agent
 the witnesses in going to measure possession the
 adjoining neighbors were summoned in writing
 to appear on a certain day on the boundaries and
 general public notice was given The land in dispute
 between San Jacinto and Sepulveda, was occupied by
 Machado he gave the possession Sepulveda occupied the
 Santa Monica

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Felipe Lopez
 Governada Subscrita Represente
 Alonzo Hall Comon
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 Geo Fisher Secretary

Deposition
 of J. J. Warner

Office of the Board of M & C Commissioners &c
 This day before Com Albinus Felch came J J
 Warner a witness in behalf of the claimant Fra-
 nces Sepulveda No 457 who after being duly
 sworn deposed as follows
 Question by Mr Brent Attorney for the claimant
 Question What is your name age and place of residence
 Answer My name is J J Warner my age is forty five
 years and I reside at San Diego in California
 Question When and for how long in 1843
 Answer In the city of Los Angeles in the department
 of Upper California
 Question Are you acquainted with the Rancho of
 San Vicente and Sta Monica
 Answer I am
 Question Look at the documents now presented

to you marked Exhibit No 1 with the initials A F annexed to this deposition was then being to be a plan of the Survey of said Rancho and state whether you recognize the same and what you know of its accuracy

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Answer This plan was made by myself from a Survey and field notes executed by me at the time it bears date same call is upon by the Prefect of the district of Los Angeles Don Manuel Dominguez, to make a Survey of the land embraced within the limits represented on the Plan for the purpose of presenting the same to the Authorities before whom a litigation was pending between the adjacent proprietors respecting their boundaries In compliance with the Prefect order and the proprietors and the adjoining proprietors made a field Survey and in after it is represented in this Plan The notes and Memoranda on the Plan explain the boundaries and limits represented on it as claimed by each of the several proprietors, and were under the supervision of said Prefect, The witnesses of Santa Monica referred to in the note on said Plan were Isidro Reyes and - Prayun both of whom were present at the time of survey

It is terms by Mr Green here Associate Law Agent Question Now any objections made at the time of said Survey by any of the adjoining proprietors?

Answer Maximino Alonzo was present and either objected or notified the Prefect that the second line as represented on the plan entered on his record and that the eighth line run as appears by the Plan passed out of the lands claimed by him and the same as appears by a note on said Plan

No other objections were made at the time to my recollection by any proprietors

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2 Instructions for the Survey made by government a Compass
Mason It was made by a simple Surveyors Compass
belonging to Able Stearns it being the only compass
of the kind which at that time I had ever seen in the country
All of the lines represented on the plan, excepting the
one from station 15, to P. cache which was measured
- transitions were run by the compass and the as measured
with a cord

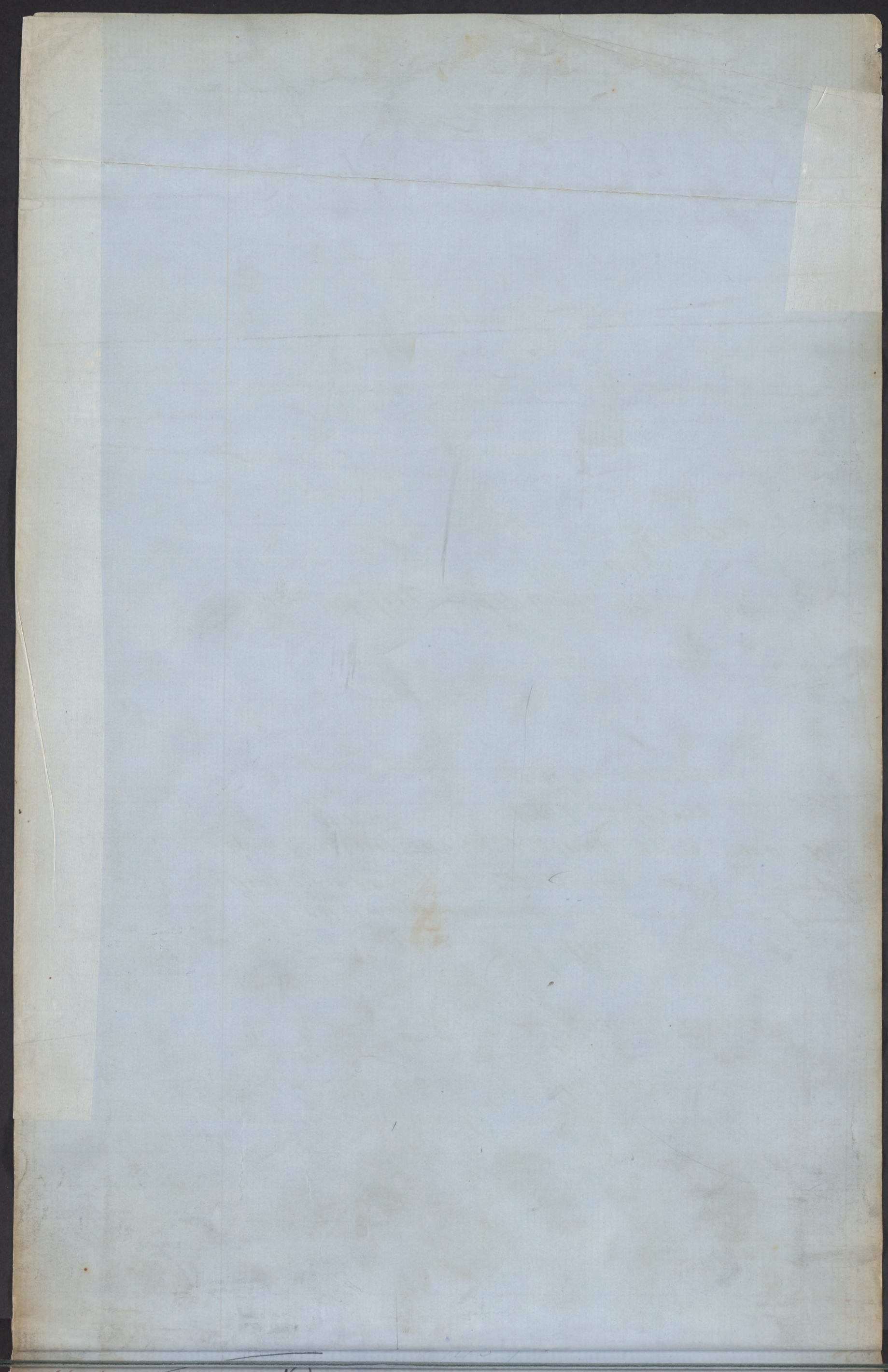
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The dotted line was neither run nor
measured

J J Warner

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me at San Francisco this
twenty seventh day of September 1853
Alphus Fitch
Commissioner

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Geo Fisher,
Secretary



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map & ~~Map~~

Suggestion
of the death of
Francisco
Sepulveda

N^o 457
United States

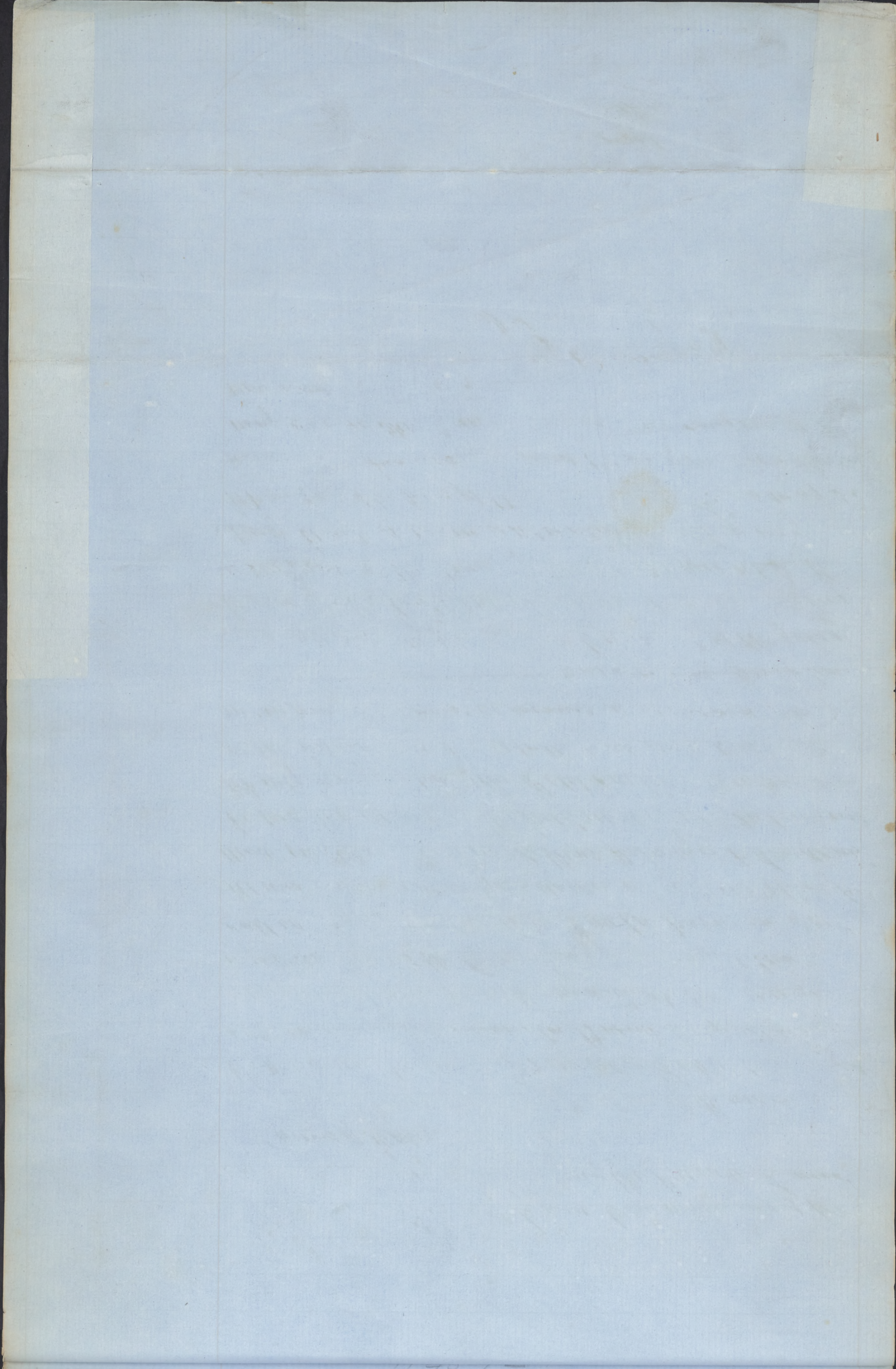
of
Francisco Sepulveda
attorney to Sta Vicente
and Sta Inocencia

Att^y of Law Commission
State of California

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And now comes J Lancaster Agent attorney
of Francisco Sepulveda and suggests to the Hon
Board the death of Francisco Sepulveda
J Lancaster Agent

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To the Hon Board of Land Commissioners for
 Petition for the ascertainment and Settling the Private Land
 Remains in some Affairs of California
 of Ramona

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The Petition of Ramona a
 Sept 26 1853
 of Francisco Sept 26 1853
 by her attorney Lancaster Brent respectfully
 represents to your Hon Board that she deceased
 first and was the claimant to a tract of land
 called San Vicente and San Antonio in said
 claim numbered on your docket as N^o 457 that he
 died in April 1853 and that pursuant to his will
 he made and executed his last will and testament
 whereby he instituted your Petitioner the sole and
 proper heiress of all his estate real and personal
 including the land claimed as aforesaid which
 said will and testament has been duly probated
 and allowed by the Probate Court of Los Angeles
 County in which said County the deceased was
 a resident at the time of his death and where the
 said tract of land is situated and lying
 wherefore she prays that the said claim may be
 proved in her name and that your Hon Board
 may decree the same valid and confirm it to
 her and as in duty &c

By her attorney
 Lancaster Brent

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Geo Foster
 Secretary

Decree of the Board ordering removal in name of Ramona Sepulveda

United States No 457

Francisco Sepulveda

El Comandante de San Vicente and Santa Monica

U S Land Commission in State of California

Now know comes J Lancaster Brent Atty of the Board for the El Comandante in the above matter and suggests to the Hon Board the death of said El Comandante.

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Now then upon comes Ramona Sepulveda widow of Francisco Sepulveda and by J Lancaster Brent her attorney represents that the deceased husband was the El Comandante of the lands described in the Warrants and declarations of witnesses in the above submitted claim that he died in Los Angeles City in April 1853 that previous to his death and small debt executed upon his estate in his will when he said will has been admitted & ordered to be executed by the Probate Court of Los Angeles County that by said will her said husband constituted her his sole and universal heiress whereby she succeeded to all the rights title own interest of her said husband in the same tenet of land and when upon the papers the Hon Board that the said El Comandante may be removed in her name and the Board being satisfied of the correctness of said representations concerning the death of the said Francisco Sepulveda and the Probate of his will orders that the said El Comandante be removed in the name of the said Ramona Sepulveda and that she be allowed to prosecute the same

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Expediente

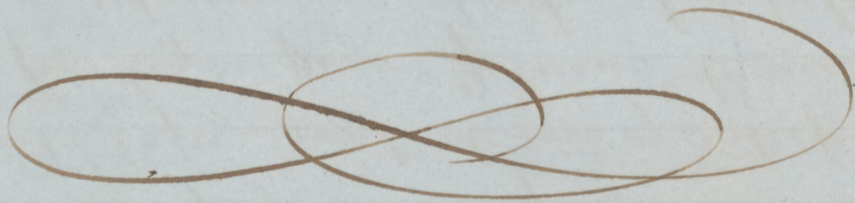
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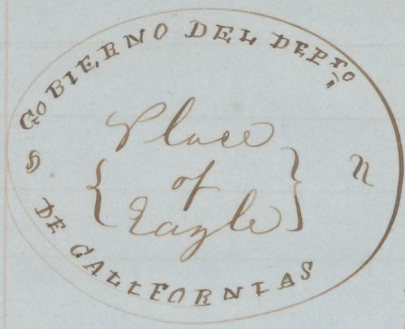
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Expediente promovido por el
Ciudadano Fran^{co} Lepulveda, en
solicitud de un pedazo de terreno
que resulta sobrante en el parage
que cuestiona con D^o Agustin
Machado



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Exmo Sr

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Angeles a' 18
de Mayo de
1845

Vase esta ins-
tancia al Sr Juez Vicente que demuestru el ad-
to de esta Capi-
tal, afin de que perior Gobierno de mi propiedad
haciendo citacion me extendio el titulo que lo
de los colindan-
tes a que se
entreve esta
solicitud, tome
los informes cir-
cunstanciados
con cuanta mas
sea necesario
a la materia
y evacuado que
este suelon al
Gobierno para
resolver.

Vico

Francisco Sepulveda, mejicano
por nacimiento y vecino de
esta demarcacion ante V.E. en
la mejor forma y como mas haya
en derecho compareco y digo; que
desde bastantes años fui poseedor
de la estension del parage de San-
taucia al Sr Juez Vicente que demuestru el ad-
to de esta Capi-
tal, afin de que perior Gobierno de mi propiedad
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cunstanciados
con cuanta mas
sea necesario
a la materia
y evacuado que
este suelon al
Gobierno para
resolver.
juntó dicho y satisfecho el Su-
tal, afin de que perior Gobierno de mi propiedad
haciendo citacion me extendio el titulo que lo
de los colindan-
tes a que se
entreve esta
solicitud, tome
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cunstanciados
con cuanta mas
sea necesario
a la materia
y evacuado que
este suelon al
Gobierno para
resolver.
confirmaba en el año de mil
ochocientos cuarenta, mas el
Juez Dn Felipe Lugo que me
fue a dar la posesion juridi-
ca al is a remedirme el terre-
no atendio a los alegatos de
los Sres Machado Reyes Mar-
ques y Lanes y me quiso de-
jar el pedazo encerrado que
muestru el precitado desmo
y como no conviene suspender
la posesion y nada se con-
cluyo en vez;

Despues a la veinda del
Grál Michestorena promovi
mi reclamo y di el titulo
al Gobierno para que resolviera
y se me dijo que lo habia
pasado a la Prefectura - lo que siento es
que el titulo se estrabio y mi solicitud

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quedó en el aire -

Hoy Sr Excmo que logro la satisfaccion de que V.E. está a la cabeza de los destinos del Departamento - - - - - [3 SDK.]

elevo mi voz sumisamente para que se digné volverme el terreno quitado y se me extienda el título de propiedad en total arreglo al diseño que adjunto por tanto -

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A V.E. suplico se sirva acceder á mi solicitud y me de la justicia que imploro en lo que recibiré gracia - juro no ser de malicia y lo necesario ^{no} sirviéndose admitir la presente en papel común, por falta de sellado -

Auz. Mayo 18 de 1840 -

por mi padre -

Dolores Sepulveda

Auz. Mayo 19 de 1840

Hallándose fuera de esta ciudad el Sr. Juez de ~~ta~~ meta y estar yo inhibido por ser pariente del solicitante pase este al Señor Regidor decano D. Leonardo Cota, el que obrará según sus atribuciones - Así yo José L. Sepulveda Alcalde ^{de} decreto mando y firmo con los de asistencia según ^{dró} en este papel por falta de - - - - - [4 SDK.]

sellado José L. Sepulveda

Asta

Asta

G^o Coronel

Juan de Dios Padilla

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Excmo Sr

Hallándose inhibido los dos Sres Alcaldes para poder practicar la vedura del terreno San Vicente y llamado yo por la ley como -

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Regidor decano; pasó hacer la precitada
reducción, y previa citacion de colindantes
reconoció el terreno, y vi que es la estension
que se halla pintado en el diseño que
tiene y presentó Don Francisco Sepulveda;
pero los Sres. Machados y Talamantes ma-
nifestaron su título y posesion juridica
y dijeron ser suyo un pedazo que metió el
Sr. Sepulveda en su diseño —

Guillermo Reyes y Francisco Marquez
tambien presentaron su título y posesion
juridica y alegaron ser suyo Santa Mo-
nica, tambien Maximino Alanes presentó
el título y posesion de San José Buenos
Ayres, de suerte que le queda al Sr. Se-
pulveda un corto terreno aunque se
incluya la

[S. D. K.]

+ Canchada que pide Tomas Talamantes y debe
ser de Sepulveda —

El terreno que le queda a Don
Francisco Sepulveda está ocupado con mas de
mil reses que son de la propiedad de este
señor; y caballada que se extienden hasta
el Rancho de Maximino Alanes que se halla
verdaderamente valdido, de suerte que no
se le ve ocupacion por parte del propietario

Es lo que puedo informar a V. E.
sobre el particular en cumplimiento de
lo mandado p. la superioridad —

Angeles Mayo 25 de 1848
Leonardo Cota

[S. D. K.]



Como Sr. Gobernador
Francisco Sepulveda recien

Angelillo de esta Ciudad Mexicana por
2 de 1845

Vase al Alcal-
do 1^o de esta
Ciudad p^a que
informe lo que
le parezca justo
tomando al efecto
todo lo que
crea necesario
con advertencia
de que aunque
no existe en el
archivo del go-
bierno el expedi-
ente que presi-
samente ha de
haber formado
cuando se conce-
dio al solicitante
el terreno de
que se refiere, se
encuentra en el
libro de tomas de
razon del año
de 39 la si-
guiente" -

D^{no} Francisco
Sepulveda en 20
de Diciembre de
1839 se le ex-
pidió el título
del parage nom-
brado San Vi-
cente y Sta^a

nacimiento ante la justí-
ficacion de V. E. con el debido
respeto comparezco y digo que
habiendome extraxido el
Titulo de mi Rancho como-
cido con el nombre de San
Vicente el cual me fue
concedido p^a D^{no} Juan B^{ta}
Alvarado, y como quiera q^o
p^a adquirir la posesion por
las autoridades respectivas
se presentasen obstaculos
para impedirla; de aqui
se q^o en la practica de
este negocio resulta el
titulo a que me refiero con-
los demas documentos prac-
ticados sobre la materia
extraxidos o completamen-
te perdidos y como de esto
resulta un notable per-
juicio a mi numerosa
familia ruego en suplicar
a V. E. se digne mandar
reconocer el Libro en donde
existen las concesiones
de terrenos valdies y si se
encuentra la gracia
concedida como es regular
se revocido el titulo ex-
traxido y en su conse-
cuencia corra los tramites
para — — — [7 A.D.K.]
que se me de la posesion

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Monica, con respectiva que en ello reci-
la condicion q.ª biré gracia y justicia —
se sujetará á Dispensandome el papel
lo que se dio — comun por falta del sellado
ponga se com- respectivo
prendiere en Angelis Mayo 2 do
los terminos de 1840 - Aruego de D.º Fran.º
la Ciudad de sepulveda su hijo
los Angeles" — Juan M.º sepulveda
se lo prevendrá }
al interesado }

que es indispensable que acompañe el
diseño del terreno á que se contrae y
expedientado que esté esta solicitud vuelta
á este Gobierno p.º resolver lo conveni-
ente —

Pico

E. S.

Nada tengo que decir a V.º E. en esta
instanciá, en razon a que ya evacué mi
informe general en la V.º adjunta: y
unicamente dire a V.º E. que el diseño lo
tiene en su poder D.º Fran.º sepulveda,
el que prometió presentarlo ala Superioridad
Angelis Mayo 25 de 1840 —
Leonardo Cota

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Angelis junio 8 de 1840
Resultando baldio un pedregal de terreno
en el parage que cuestionan los C.º C.
Francisco sepulveda, Agustin Muehador
Guido Reyes, Francisco Marquez y Maxi-
mo Alaniz, y no refluir de su concesion en

perjuicio de 3^o segun aparece de los informes que se han tomado con arreglo á la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Nov.^o de 1828, usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado á nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por las presentes letras en conceder á Sr. Don Francisco Sepulveda el citado pedazo de terreno sobrante en el sitio en cuestion por los tres arriba mencionados segun como lo acredita el dicho que obra en el expediente promovido en la suscitada cuestion, dejándole en d^o á salvo para que lo haga valer á la instalacion del Superior Tribunal de Justicia. Libresele en consecuencia el titulo respectivo y reserve el expediente para someterlo á la aprobacion de la Exma. Asamblea Departamental. Vio Vico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de California así lo mandó decretó y firmó

Doy fé -

José Matias Moreno
Vico Gnto.

[9 A.D.L.]

Vio Vico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de California

Por cuanto Sr. Francisco Sepulveda ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un pedazo de terreno que resulta sobrante entre el sitio que tienen en cuestion con los Señores Augustin Machado, Pedro Reyes, Fran^{co}

Marquez y Maximo Alaniz; practicadas previamente las averiguaciones concernientes - usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he venido por decreto de este dia en concederle el mencionado pedazo de terreno declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Nov^o de 1828 a reserva de la aprobacion de la E. A. D. y bajo las condiciones siguientes -

1^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las trabancas, caminos y servidumbres; lo disputará libre y esclusivamente - destinandolo al uso y aprovechamiento que mas le convenga -

2^a Solicitará del juez respectivo le dé la posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho, por el cual se demarcarán los linderos con las respectivos ingenieros.

3^a El terreno de que se le hace donacion es el que demuestró el Diseno que obra en el Expediente - El juez que dore la posesion lo hará medir - conforme a ordenanza, y dará cuenta a este Gobierno del numero de sitios

de ganado mayor que contiene - [10 A.D.K.]

4^a Se le deja al interesado su d^o a salvo para que en el tiempo que le convenga pueda hacer valer la accion que afirma tener en el sitio que cuestiona con el Sr. Mashedo y

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demas que se halla contiguo al que hoy
se le concede —

En consecuencia mando que
teniendo el presente titulo por firme
y valido se tome razon de el en el
libro á q^d corresponde y se entregue al in-
terezado para su resguardo y demas fines
Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles, en
papel comun por por haber sellado
á los ocho dias del mes de Junio de 1840

Vio Vico

J. M. M. S. y

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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 Califor-
nia do hereby certify that the ten pre-
ceding and hereunto attached pages of
tracing paper numbered from one to ten
inclusive and each of which is veri-
fied by my initials (S. D. K.) exhibit
true and accurate copies of certain doc-
uments on file and forming part of
the said Archives in this office —
In testimony whereof

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S.S.

I have herunto signed my name officially, and affixed my private seal (not having a seal of office) at the City of San Francisco deal, the 29th day of September 1852
(sig) Saml D King
Sur Genl Deal.

Filed in office October 26th 1853
(sig) Gen. Lister
secy

[Large decorative flourish]

Transcription of
Petition of Gomes
No 1

L S For all this I should be a Mexican
Let this instance by both and a record of this place
be referred to the before Your Excellency in the best
the Judge if this by form and in the manner most due
that he may in law appear and as though since
some years by the several years I have been owner of the
right houses to whom extension of the town of San Vicente
this Petition says as the accused Messrs and
informing the Superior Government being later
on the circumstances of my ownership, it leads to me
with all that may the title which comprises the same
prove necessary in the year one thousand eight hundred
on the subject and and and forty men over the Judge
having done so Don Felipe Lopez, who gave me the
Let this Expediente Judicial possession proceed to
be returned to the measure the present all such to
Government the allegations of Don Machado Rojas
for its Revolution Messrs and all cases and was willing

Pico to leave to me the same stones which may
be seen on the account now being made
and because I did not consent to
suspend the possession and nothing was
concluded then,

After the arrival of Genl. Buitrago I presented
myself and gave the title to the Government that
a motion might be made and I was suspended
to it had been referred to the Rofecture

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What I report is that the title was null and my
Petition remained in the air

To day Most Excellent Sir knowing the satisfaction
that you are at the head of the Director of this Department
I raise my voice submissively that you may be
pleased to substitute to me the laws that exist
from me and then the title may be extended to me

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of ownership, in entire conformity with the annexed
mass. Therefore I solicit your Excellency you will be pleased
to accede to my petition and to grant to me the Justice
32 I implore by which I shall receive your speaking oath
not to proceed through malice and the necessary
Be pleased to address the present on common paper
there being none stamped

Angels May 18th 1846

For my father

Polaris Sepulveda

Angels May 14th 1846

The Judge of 1st Instance
being absent from this city and my self being unable
to act being a relative to the Petitioner, this is referred
to the Superior Proquestate Don Leon and Co. who
will proceed according to his attributions thus I
Jose L Sepulveda I do all that I can and do all that
and signa with the assent and according to law on
this paper for want of stamped

Jose L Sepulveda

assent

assent

Jos Coronel

Juan de Dios Padilla

Procurador

Both all cases being unable to act to investigate the oc-
currence of the tract I am to visit and called upon by law
as Superior Proquestate I proceeded to investigate the
occupancy of said, issued citations to the neighbors
and saw them the extension laid down on the map
and claimed by Don Frs Sepulveda is correct but means
Manchado and Tal am an ts in an igstion thio tates
and you are the possessors and said that it was theirs
although it had been put down on the map by Don
Sepulveda,

Ysidro Reyes and Francisco Valenzuela
presented thio title and juridical possession and alleged
that Santa Monica belonged to them like us did

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Marques Alonzo Muisent a title and possession to San Jose and Buenos Ayres from which results that only a small tract remains to Mr. Sepulveda although including the Leonada which Muisent claims and right to belong to Sepulveda

The tract remaining to Mr.

Sepulveda is occupied by more than one thousand head of cattle which belong to the said Gentleman and horses that extend to the Rancho of Marques Alonzo which is absolute by a court, as no occupation by the Proprietor can be proved

This is what I can

report to your Excellency on the pretensions in compliance with the orders of your Superiority

Angels May 25th 1846

Leonada Oota

Most Excellent Sir Governor

For as Sepulveda a resident of this city a Mexican by birth before the Justice of your Excellency with the most due respect appears and says, The title to my Rancho known as San Mateo having been null and void which was granted to me by Don Juan's Alonzo and when as obstacles presented themselves to impede the acquisition of possession by the respective authorities and proceeding in this business it results that the title to which I refer with other documents on the subject are mislaid or lost entirely and whereas great injury results therefrom to my numerous family I come to solicit your Excellency if you will be so good the book in which the grants of said land books exist to be examined and if they can be found which is likely, the said title will be satisfied and in consequence take the steps that the respective possession may be given to me by which I shall receive grace and Justice

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Angels May 20 1840
 Signed for Don Fco Sepulveda
 his son Juan Maria Sepulveda

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Angels May 20 1840

Referred to the 1st Decree of this City that he may report what he may consider just taking all the necessary precautions with the caveat that although the Expediente which necessarily ought to have been issued when the land in question was granted to the Petitioner does not exist in the archives of the Government the following is found in the Book of Record for the year 39

"Don Fco Sepulveda had the title to the tract called San Vicente cerca Santa Monica issued to him on the 20th December 1839, with the condition that he should be subject to the disposition and readjusting of the limits of the City of Los Angeles

The Party interested be notified that it is indispensable that he should accompany the map of the ground in question and comment upon the Petition shall be returned to this Government for convenient resolution

Pico

Most Excellent Sirs

I have nothing to say to you Excellency in this instance as I have already given my general report in the annexed and I have only to say to you Excellency that the map is in possession of Don Fco Sepulveda who promised to present the same to the Superior City

Angels May 25th 1840

Leon and Ota

Angels June 8th 1846

A piece of land of the tract mentioned by the Licenses Fco Sepulveda, Agustin Machado y Seda Reyes Fco Manzanera and Amador Alvarado being vacant

the grant of which not amounting to the purchase of a third person as appears by the reports made in accordance with the Law of 18th August 1824 and Regulation of 21st November 1828, using the faculties conferred on me in the name of the Mexican Nation I have come to grant to Don Francisco Lopez by and by the present letters the price of land in question being a surplus of the tract claimed by the above mentioned according to the express of the Mapoteca in this respect, promoted by the claimant in question leaving his rights unimpeded that he may claim the same in session of the Supr Tribunal of Justice Let therefore the title be issued in virtue to present the same to the approval of the most Excellent Departmental Assembly.

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Pio Pico Constitution al Governor of the Department of the Californias has so ordered and signed I certify

Jos Antonio Alvarez

Secretary ad int

Pio Pico Constitution al Governor of the Department of the Californias

Whereas Don Teo Lopez has

has claimed for his own benefit and that of his family a tract of land which is a surplus of the land which Don Agustin Van Chado Ysidro Rojas Teo Manuquin and Maximo Alvarez claim the necessary steps having been taken using the faculties conferred on me in the name of the Mexican Nation I have come to grant to Don Teo Lopez by and by the present letters, in conformity with the Law of the 18th of August 1824 and Regulation of the 21st November 1828 receiving the approval of the most Excellent the Departmental Assembly and under the following conditions

36 1st He may enclose the same in those boundaries to the cross roads, high ramp and rights of way he shall enjoy the same fully and exclusively reserving the same to the use and benefit that may be found therein

2d He shall reserve the respective Prize to give him the judicial possession in virtue of this Patent who shall possess the boundaries with the necessary Land marks

3d The time granted is the same the map shows which is signed to in the Expediente. The Prize who gives possession shall cause the same to be measured according to measure and shall report to this Government the number of seats for large cattle it contains

4th The rights of the Party interested shall remain unimpaired in order that he may at a suitable time make valid the claims he appears to possess to the seat which he disputes with Sr Maclean and others, which appears the land which is this day granted to him

I therefore order that this title being held as firm and valid a record be taken of the same in the appropriate book and delivered to the party interested for his security and further uses

Given at Los Angeles in
Common Paper for want of Stamp on 18th June
1846

Pio Pico
J. M. S. M.

J. M.

Filed in Office October 26th 1853

Geo Fisher

Secretary

Expediente }
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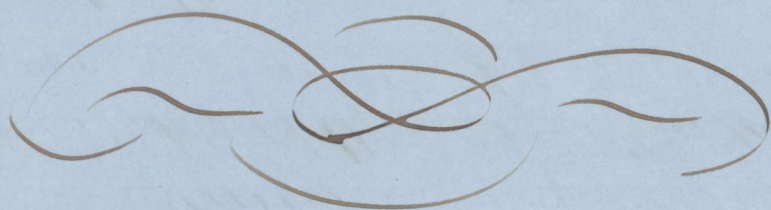
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Expediente promovido por
 los C. C. Francisco Marques
 e Isidro Reyes ^{=alu=} remando el
 parage de Sta Monica



Exmo Señor

(2 A.D.K.)

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3 de 1843

Ynf^o el S.Prefecto del
Segundo Dis-
tritoMichelt^o

Francisco Marquez e Ysidro Reyes
vecinos de esta Ciudad ante
V.E. con el debido respeto y
conforme a' D^{no} hacen presente:
que habiendo obtenido en pro-
piedad del Superior Gobierno Depar-
tamental, el paraje llamado Sta
Monica desde el año de 1839; y
q^{do} hasta la fha poseen con sus
bienes de campo, casas &c. les fué
quitado, á fin de dicho año el título
respectivo p^{or} la Prefectura de este
Distrito de orden superior, preve-

niendoseles no seguir estableciendo ningunos
bienes raras ni otros adelantos, en dho sitio
p^{or} haber representado D^{no} Francisco Sepulveda
pertenerle á el el citado paraje, obedecieron
esta disposicion haciendo entrega de aquel
despacho, y pasado mucho tiempo representa-
ron sobre el — — — — — [3 A.D.K.]

particular haciendo presente los perjuicios que
seles seguian con aquella paralización, y se les
contestó que hasta la bajada del Sr. Gobernador
antecesor de V.E. á hacer el aneglo de terrenos
en esta parte del Departamento se resolveria, lo
cual no se verificó; en tal virtud suplican á V.E.
se sirva levantar dha suspension haciendo seles
devuelva el expresado título, y les permita el
libre uso y continuacion de sus trabajos como
que es el unico haber con q^{do} cuenta para
la manutencion de sus numerosas familias;

asegurando a V.E. con toda sinceridad, q^d el pa-
 rage de Sta Monica nunca ha pertenecido al
 Sr Sepulveda en menos lo ha poseido con
 ninguna clase de bienes, como lo probaran á
 su tiempo si fuere necesario, y p^o no causar
 a V.E. si harian una breve indicacion de este
 negocio en apoyo de la razon q^d les asiste, y es
 la siguiente - Desde el año de 1827 les fué
 concedido provisionalmente el repetido sitio de

[4 A.D.K.]

Sta Monica a los Sres Alvarado y Antonio
 Maehado, todos de esta misma vecindad,
 quienes lo ocuparon hasta el de 1838 -
 que lo cedieron en favor de los q^d represen-
 taron, p^o haber mejorado ellos de terrenos p^o
 poner sus bienes y sin q^d el Sr Sepulveda
 les promoviese cuestion ni reclamo alguno
 en todo aquel tiempo, como lo ha hecho con-
 forme lo visó concedido en propiedad a los q^d
 se quejan, sin mas razon ni otro fundamento
 q^d el de perjudicarlos, pues no se debe creer
 otra cosa en virtud de no tener concesion de
 ningun caracter ni haber poseido el sitio
 de Sta Monica, como lo tiene con el de pro-
 visional del de Sr Vicente q^d ha ocupado,

Por lo espuesto Exmo Sr -

A V.E. rendidamente pedimos aseda a esta
 solicitud, decretandolo de conformidad; lo p^o
 lo menos nos admitta probar nuestros d^{os} y
 q^d el Sr Sepulveda justifique la accion
 con q^d ha procurado privarnos aquella con-
 cesion, toman -

[5 A.D.K.]

do en consideracion V.E. los grandes gastos
 q^d hemos hecho en dicho posesion juridica
 y demas q^d ha sido necesario, asi como los

perjuicios que se nos han seguido, y estar
seguendo con permanecer mas tiempo en el
estado de incertidumbre en q^l nos hallamos;
de cuya gracia recibiremos merced y justicia
q^l imploramos y esperamos alcanzar, de la
acreditada justificacion de V. E. Juramos
no ser de malicia, y lo necesario ~~no~~
dignandose admitirnos en este papel comun
p^o no haber del sellado respectivo

Angeles Abril 5 de 1843
(No sabemos firmar)

Exmo Sr -

L. S.

Los interesados que reclaman
el paraje de Sto Monica, de
que — — — — — [6. J. D. K.]
tienen expedido titulo, con fha 19 de Junio
de 1839 el que existe en esta Secret^a en
el archivo que me entregó mi antecesor, fue
recogido de orden sup.^a y desde aquella fha
no ha tenido esta Prefectura antecedente de
ningun reclamo, sin embargo cuestionan este
mismo paraje los interesados y Dn Fran^{co} Se-
pulveda. En el titulo de los primeros expresa
el paraje conocido con la boca de Sto Monica
p^o, y en el del segundo, San Vicente y Sto
Monica, y este esta expedido posteriormente
con fha 20 de Dic^{re} del mismo año; y como
documentos expedidos por el Superior Gob^{no} V. E.
con su acreditada rectitud graduará mejor
esta equibocacion en que parece se encuen-
tran ambos litigantes, y disponer lo que

fuere de su sup^o agrado, para lo cual acom-
pano devolviendo el titulo expedido [7 J.D.K.]
a favor de Marques y Reyes

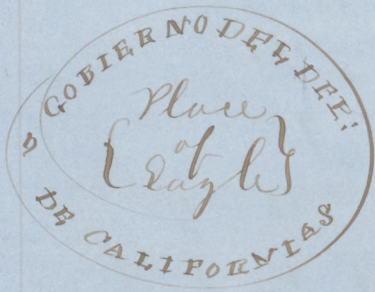
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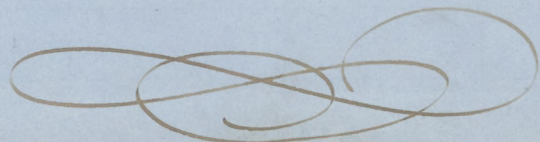
Citense a la Secretaria p^o que
comparecan ante este Gob^o el
Jueves diez y ocho a las cuatro de la tarde
con sus titulos respectivos, los Ciudadanos Mar-
ques, Reyes y Sepulveda

Michetta

[8 J.D.K.]

Año de 1843

Expediente promovido por el
C^o Francisco Sepulveda en
reclamo de la posesion del
parage de S. Vicente y
Sta Thome



Este Sr. [9 J.D.K.]

Ang^o Marzo 14
de 1843

Dirase informar
al Sr. Prefecto del
2^o Distrito D. P.
Arquello tomados
los q^o juzgare con-
venientes, y lo
creyere necesario
al efecto

Michetta

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De conformidad
con el Sup^o Decreto
que antecede informe
circunstanciadamente
el juez 2^o de Paz
de esta Ciudad
los causales q^o
han motivado
p^o no haber dado
la posesion juri-
dica del terreno
concedido al q^o
representa, y
suelto el Exped^o
a esta Prefectura
p^o los demas fines

Arviello

Francisco Sepulveda vecino
de esta Ciudad ante la
justificacion de V. Q. con el
debido respeto hace presente
que en 20 de Diciembre
de 1839 le fue concedido
por el Superior Gobierno
de este Departamento la
propiedad del Rancho de
San Vicente, segun consta
por el Titulo que respe-
tosamente acompaño á
V. Q.; pero los jueces
subalternos de esta Ciudad
han desatendido aquella
suprema resolucion, y
amas de no haberlo dado
al que representó la
posesion debida del citado
Rancho segun previene
el Reglamento se le ha
ocupado una considerable
parte de sus terrenos por
otros particulares q^o no
teniendo las cualidades
que se requieren segun
derecho, son ámas perju-
diciales a los bienes del
que habla, como podrá
probarlo en caso necesario;
por todo lo expuesto

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A V. E. suplica se digno disponer se le dé al
suplicante la posesion fiel y legalmente se-
gun demuestro el docu - - - - [10 A.D.K.]
mento citado que á V. E. adjunta -

A V. E. pide rendidamente se digno
prover, como pide en lo que recibirá merced
y gracia -

Angeles Marzo 12 de 1843 -

Nosé firmar

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• Sr. Prefecto

Quisiera haber cumplido con el superior
decreto de V. S. fecha 20 del presente; pero
no teniendo este juzgado ninguna noticia
sobre el asunto de la posesion de don
Francisco Sepulveda se tomó informe verbal
del señor don Tiburcio Capin Prefecto en
aquel tiempo - - - - [11 A.D.K.]

y dijo que luego que fuese avisado el pasaria
á la Prefectura para dar con mas propi-
edad su informe -

Y con respecto al Juez que fué á dar
la posesion aparece ser el señor don Felipe
Lugo, al mismo que pase aviso para que
compareciese ante V. S. y evacuase su informe
respectivo - Es lo que puedo decir en el
particular, y satisfaciendo al citado superior
Decreto -

Ang. Marzo 23. 1843 -

A. P. Cornell

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Angeles Marzo 28 de 1843

Pase esta instancia al Sr. Don
Tiburcio Capin pⁿ q^d como espresa el info q^d
antecede, informe del contenido de la presente

solicitud, y vuelva el expediente a esta
Prefectura para los demas fines

Aroviello

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[12 P.D.K.]

Sr Prefecto

Obequiendo los deseos de esa Prefectura sobre q^o informe acerca del contenido de este expediente dice: que hallandose a mi cargo la Prefectura de este 2^o Distrito a principio del año de 1840 me presento' el vecino D^o Frando Sepulveda un titulo expedido p^o el Sup^o Gobierno del Departamento concediendole en propiedad el parage llamado S^o Vicente del cual se tomo' la razon respectiva conforme en dicho titulo se prevenia, y luego paso' el mismo agraciado a pedir la posesion juridica al juez t^o en aquella ver. D^o Felipe Lugo, quien paso' luego a aquel parage, y al comenzar las medidas se le presentaron los demas vecinos colindantes a S^o Vicente reclamando parte considerable de sus sitios q^o el Sr Sepulveda comprendia en lo que queria se le midiese presentando al efecto un titulo los Sres Illachado, y viendo el Juez q^o efectivamente estava comprendidos en el titulo de Illachados la parte q^o Sepulveda queria se le midiese a S^o Vicente trato' de habermelos p^o obsequiar ambas partes, pero Sepulveda no quiso acceder, diciendo que si no se le daba todo lo q^o pedia no queria nada — — — — — [13 P.D.K.] y se retiró, en vista de esto el Juez paso' a darme parte de lo ocurrido, tanto en lo verbal como de oficio, cuya nota debe

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existir en el archivo de esta Prefectura, y
 yo entonces procurando aclarar, aquel tropiezo
 hice venir el citado título de ella, y la po-
 sición dada á estos y de mas antecedente
 que creí necesarios para ilustrar la materia
 y con todo se formó expediente que pasé al
 Sr. Gobernador p^o su conocimiento, de donde
 me fue devuelto con orden de correr traslado
 á las partes p^o una sola vez, como lo
 verifico; pero Don Francisco Sepulveda no
 quiso admitir ni contestar dicho traslado
 apesar de varias veces q^l se lo intimó la
 Prefectura concediéndole distintos plazos
 p^o q^l lo verificase, y lo que hizo fue, irse
 como fugado de esta p^o Monterey sin pasa-
 porte ni permiso desatendiendo las Disposici-
 ones de la misma Prefectura; la q^l sabedora
 de aquel procedimiento puso requisitoria
 á Sr. Don Bartolomé p^o conducto del Juez p^o
 de esta Ciudad, previniendo su regreso,
 á fin de hacerse repetir; pero todo fue
 infructoso p^o haber pasado p^o ^{paquel} algún punto
 antes de que llegara dho requisitoria, segun
 la contestación de aquella autoridad, y
 suponiendo yo entonces que el referido Sr.
 Sepulveda se habría ido á presentar al
 gobierno pasé á esta su - - - [14 LDK.]
 peroridad una comunicación circunstan-
 ciada de lo q^l pasaba p^o su conocimiento
 y resolución, manifestándole la falta de
 respeto de Sepulveda y acompañándole el
 expediente citado y antes de tomar con-
 tención de esto ó alguno otro resultado recibí
 la admisión de mi renuncia y entregué la
 Prefectura á V. S. p^o lo que no volví á saber

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mas sobre el particular, ni ver á Don Fran^{co} Sepulveda en esta C. hasta despues de entregado el mando —

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Es cuanto puedo, decir á V.S. en el asunto en obsequio de la verdad, y cumplimiento al decreto que antecede, no debiendo omitir p^o lo que á mi toca hacer referencia de (a la parte de la representacion q^o obra p^o cabeza, en q^o espone el Sr Sepulveda q^o los jueces de esta C. han desatendido aquella suprema resolucion tal exposicion carece absolutamente de la verdad y legalidad, con q^o el Sr Sepulveda devia representar y si no está en posesion de sus terrenos, no es p^o desatencion de las autoridades de aquel tiempo a las superiores determinaciones, sino p^o su inobediencia y desacato —

Aug^o Ab^l 10 de 1843 —

Jeburcio Tapia

I. S.

Exmo Sr

mandados practicar los informes correspondientes — — (15 de 43)

a fin de venir en conocimiento de lo q^o alega el Sr Sepulveda por no haberle dado posesion juridica del terreno que tiene concedido, y como esta Prefectura ignora hasta que via^o la antecedente instancia esta paralización, — fue necesario ocurrir á mi antecesor para este efecto, asi que por el informe que antecede se viene en conocimiento de los obstáculos que aquella vez se ofrecieron á dar esta posesion; y como tambien se refiere á un expediente que se formó á este efecto y que deberá

estar en el Archivo de la Secretaria del Gob^{no}
esta Prefectura es de parecer, si asi fuese de la
aprobacion de V. E. se llamo este antecedente
para la debida aclaracion de este asunto
para que la superioridad se entere a satisfac-
cion y resolverse lo conveniente. Lo cuanto
puedo informar a V. E. para que con mejor
acuerdo determine lo que fuere de su superior
agrado. —

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An = _____ [16 J.D.K.]
— giles Mayo 2 de 1843 —

J. Arriollo

José de Arriollo
Srno —

Le S.

Aug^o Mayo 12 de 1843

Unase este expediente al promovido
p^o Marques y Reyes sobre Santa Monica.
p^o presentas ambos al Gob^{no} el Jueves
proximo en que compareceran con sus
titulos p^o obrar en justicia con presencia
de los antecedentes —

Michetta

[17 J.D.K.]

Sr Suez de 1^o Just^o de esta Ciudad

Francisco Sepulveda vecino de esta
Ciudad ante V. comparece y dice con el mas
debido respeto el que se sirva disponer el
darme posesion de los terrenos que prebena
el Excmo Sr Gobernador, en el titulo que
abien tubo el darne, el cual le adjunto
a V. para su inteligencia, pues dicho
titulo ya esta tomada razon en el libro

de asuntos de esta Prefectura —
 A. D. — suplico se sirva hacer como llevo
 pedido pues en ello recibire justicia y gracia
 pero no ser de maticia y en lo necesario
 etc. —

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Aug. 10. de En. de 1840 —

Fran. Sepulveda y lo hizo a mi ruego
 y encargo el Ciudadano Agustín [18 A.D.K.]
 Valverde — Aruego del interesado,
 Agustín Valverde

[19 A.D.K.]

Exmo. Sr.
 Entrado de la Superior orden
 de V. E. fha 10. del corriente
 mes, relativa a' prevenirme pase
 en persona, acompañado de un hombre in-
 teligente a' remedio y levantar
 un plano exacto de los parages
 Sr. Vicente y Sta. Monica p.^a
 por el, podia allanar la
 cuestion habida entre los Ci-
 dadanos Fran. Sepulveda —
 Fran. Marquez e' Isidro Reyes,
 sobre propiedad de dthos terrenos,
 digo a' V. E. en debida contestacion que pro-
 cedo a' tomar las providencias p.^a emprender
 mi marcha a' fin de obsequiar aquella
 superior disposicion. —

Dada ocasion me proporciono la
 de reproducir a' V. E. las sinceridades de mi
 aprecio y respeto — Dios —

[20 A.D.K.]

y Libertad Angeles Mayo 22 de 1843
 Manuel Dominguez —

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Here follows a sketch or
rough map marked } (21 S.D.C.)

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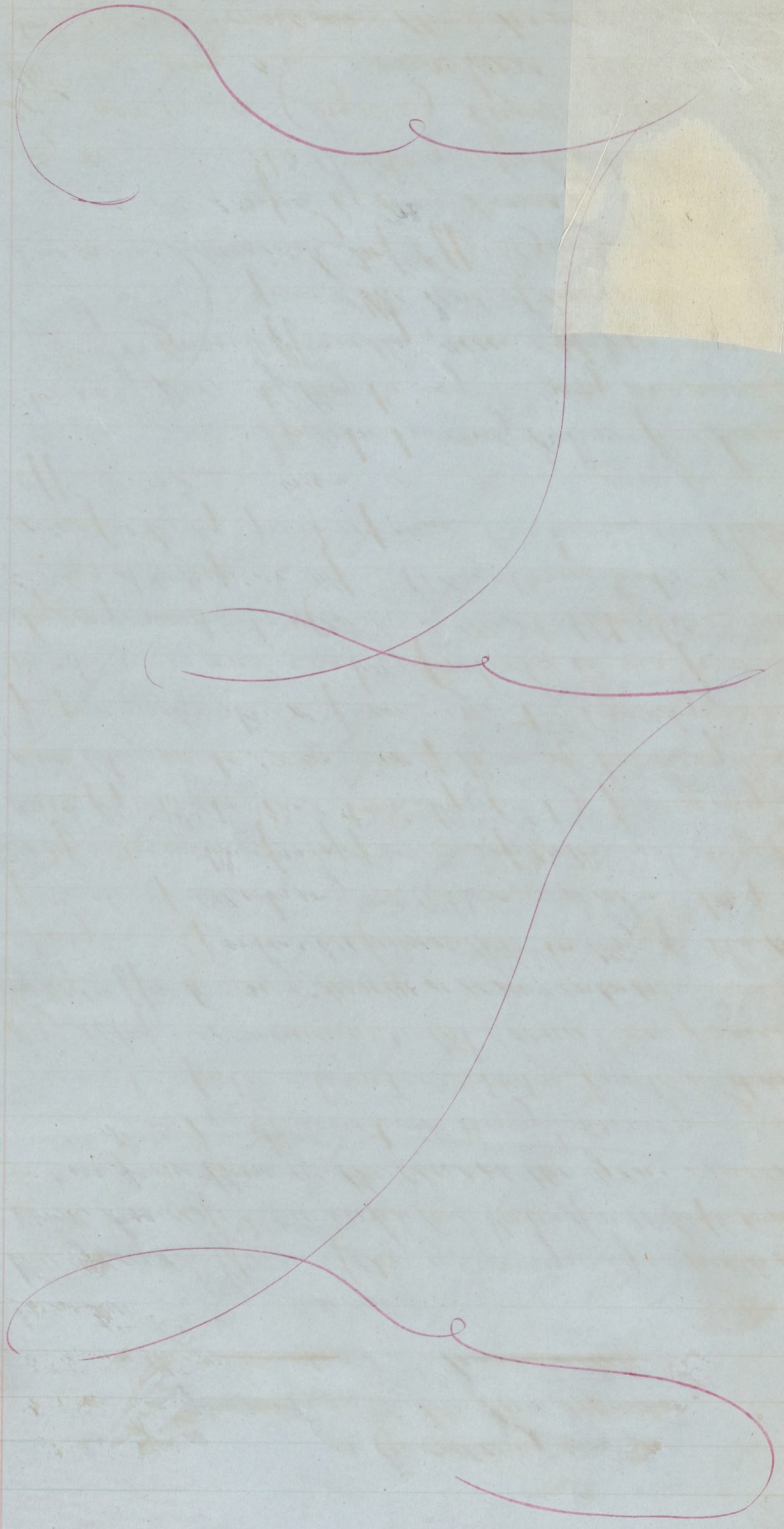
I, Samuel D. King, Surveyor
General of the United States for the State
of California and as such now having in
my office and under my control and
charge a portion of the Archives of the
former Spanish and Mexican Territory or
Department of Upper California - do hereby
certify that the twenty^{one} (21) preceding
and herunto annexed pages of tracing
paper numbered from one to twenty one
inclusive, and each of which is verified
by my initials (S.D.K.) exhibit true and
accurate copies of certain documents on file
and forming part of said Archives in this
office

(L.S.)

In testimony whereof I have
herunto signed my name
officially, and affixed my
private seal (not having a
seal of office) at the city
of San Francisco Cal. this
15th day of October 1852
(Signed) Samuel D. King
Surveyor Genl Cal

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher Secy



Most Excellent Sir

Translation
of Expediente
No 2

For on this 17th day of May and 1834 Reyes Pineda
of this city before your Excellency with due respect
and in conformity with the Law of the 17th of August
obtained the ownership of the town called Sta. Monica
from the Superior Departmental Government since
the year 1834 which they till now possess with three
stock houses & the superlative title for which was
taken from them at the close of the year 1834 and
by the Prefecture of this district by Superior order giving
them notice not to continue buying stock or to make
any other improvements on the same, Don Francisco
Cabrera having made a representation that the
said town and premises belonged to him they obeyed this
disposition allowing us the said patents: After a
long period they made a representation showing the
damages they received to them by this prohibition
and they were responded to that by the time that the
Governor, the Precursor of your Excellency would
come down to regulate laws in this part of the
Department it would be settled, which was not
realized so therefore they solicit your Excellency to be
pleased to raise this suspension by returning to them
the title in question even granting them the free
use and continuation of their labor this being
the only property they count on for the subsistence
of their extensive families assuring your Excellency
with all due civility that the town of Santa Monica
has never belonged to Don Francisco neither has he
occupied the same by any kind of stock as
they will prove in due time if such should be neces-
sary and in order not to weary your Excellency
they will only give a brief sketch of this transaction
for the sake of the right they have which is as
follows.

The town in question Sta. Monica was discovered

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granted in the year 1827 to Marcos Alvarado and Antonio In addition all of this vicinity who occupy the same up to 1838 when they ceded it to the Petitioner they having usurped the lands for placing the stock for them for Sepulveda's interfering in presenting any claim during all that time as he has done as soon as he saw the ownership granted to the Comisarios without just reason or other foundation than that of improving them he cannot conceive to have any right as he possesses no grant of any description nor has he possessed the land of Sta Monica as he has that of San Vicente provisionally which he has occupied

We therefore humbly request your Excellency to accede to this Petition and to ^{deere} decrees conformity therewith, or at least to ^{permit} permit us to prove our rights and that Mr Sepulveda may justify the mode with which he acquired them and your Excellency taking in consideration the heavy expense we have incurred for the maps, provisions, possession and other requisites, as also the injury we have sustained and are now sustaining by remaining still longer in the state of uncertainty we are now in by which we are not able to receive money and justice which we suppose we are hoping to obtain the well known justification of your Excellency, we make oath not to proceed through Mexico and the Messico &c. to present to admit the present on common paper for want of the appropriate Stamp

Mexico April 6th 1843

(We do not know how to sign)

L. G. Mexico 30 May 1843

Let the Paper of the Second District report
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Most Excellent Sir

The Parties in question claiming the title of Sta
 Monica, for which a title was issued to them on
 the 14th June 1839 which now exists in this
 Court my's Office, in the Archives delivered to me
 by my predecessor was withdrawn by Super Order
 and since then no claim has been entered in respect to this
 Property; although this same title is in litigation
 between the Parties mentioned and Don Fco Sepulveda
 In the title of the former is expressed the terms known
 as Boca de Sta Monica and in that of the latter
 San Vicente y Sta Monica and this was issued
 later under the date of 20th December of the same
 year and in documents issued by the Superior
 Government Your Excellency with your well known
 prudence will be more able to compare the errors
 under which it appears both litigants to labor
 and dispose whatever may be your Superior will
 for which purpose I respectfully accompany the
 title issued in favor of Don Manuel Reyes
 Angeles May 1st 1843

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J Aguillo

Angeles May 12th 1843

Let the Courtary notify the litigants Manuel
 Reyes and Sepulveda to appear before this Gov
 ernment on Wednesday the 18th at 4 o'clock PM
 with their respective titles

Micho Torres

Most Excellent Sir

For an case Sepulveda a resident of this City
 before the Justification of Your Excellency with
 due respect presents that on the 20th Dec
 1839 the ownership of the Ranch of San Vicente
 was granted to him by the Superior Govern
 as is proven by the title which he respectfully
 accompanies to Your Excellency but the subaltern

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Judges of this City have decided that the
said Resolution was based upon the Petitioner
has not received the full and any possession of the
appraised Ranch according to the provisions of
the Regulation, a considerable portion of his
lands has been occupied by other individuals
who do not possess the requisites required by law
and we believe the cause of injury to the stock
of the complainant which he can prove if such
should be required

In consideration of what I have
expressed to your Excellency, he requests you
will be pleased to cause the true and legal procedure
to be given to the Petitioner according to the provisions
I mention to your Excellency
He humbly solicits your Excellency that you will
be pleased to comply with his petition by which
he will receive mercy and grace

(I do not know how to sign)

Angels March 14th 1843

Let the Prefect of the second
district Du S. Arguilla make the necessary report
informing himself on the points that he may deem
convenient and judges necessary
Michel Toran

Angels March 20th 1843

In our name with the foregoing Superior Decree
let the second Justice of the Peace of this City, make
a circumstantial report giving the reasons
which caused him not to have given the pro-
prietary possession of the tract, granted to the Pe-
titioner and let the experiments be set on foot this
prospect for further cases

Myself

Mr. Prefect

I should have been willing to comply with the

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Superior as one of your Excellency's duties 20th
instants but when they were in Mexico in this
town on the subject of possession of Don Francisco
Lepulveda I informed myself with Don Francisco
Tapia, the Papist at that time, who said that
immediately after he should be a novice he would
go to the Papist to receive his support with more
propriety

With respect to the Judges, who proceeded to give pos-
- session it appears to be Sr Don Felipe Lopez whom
I believe notified to appear before you that he might
advise his report This is what I have to state on the
particulars and complying with the above said Super-
- ior Decree

Mexico March 23 1843

A. F. Gomez

Mexico March 28th 1843

Let this Instance be referred to Sr Francisco
Tapia, that in accordance with the foregoing report
he may report on the contents of the foregoing Peti-
- tion and let the Expediente be returned to the Papist
for further use

Mexico

Mexico

Complying with the desires of the Papist
to report on the contents of this Expediente please
say that being in charge of the Papisture of this
20 District in the commencement of the year 1840
myself Sr Don Francisco Lepulveda presented
a title issued by the Superior Government of the Des-
- patch granting to him the ownership of the tract
called San Vicente of which the respective land
was entered in accordance with the stipulation
in said title and immediately afterwards the
grantee appeared to the Sr Judge Sr Don Felipe
Lopez for the Judicial possession who immediately

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proceeded to the before mentioned business and
 commencing to make the measurements the neigh-
 bors of San Vicente presented themselves claiming
 a considerable portion of the lands which Don
 56 Sepulveda comprised in that which he desired
 to be measured out to Don Don Machado Men-
 ding for that purpose his title and the Judge
 ruling that the portion which Sepulveda wished
 to be measured with San Vicente was actually
 comprised in the title of the Machados proposed
 that both parties seemed agreed the difference
 but Sepulveda would not consent saying that
 if not the whole he asked for would be given
 to him, he would receive nothing in consequence
 of which the Judge withdrew and advised me
 of what had taken place verbally as well as
 officially which note ought to exist in that
 Republic and I then for the purpose of clearing
 up this difficulty ordered the said Title of Mach-
 hados the possession given to the same and other
 incidents which I considered necessary for the
 purpose of throwing light on the subject to be
 brought before me with which an Expediente
 was formed which passed to the Governor for
 his information from whence it was returned
 to me with the order to issue a term copy of the
 same to the parties for one single time which was
 executed but Don Don Sepulveda would
 not admit or even reply to the terms copy although
 he was several times intimated to do so by the Per-
 57 fecting printing him distinct terms that he might
 verify the same. What he did was to go to
 Montevideo like a fugitive without a passport
 or permission of the same Republic disregarding
 the dispositions of the same and being informed
 of this proceeding I made the requisite report

to Grant a Barrain through the 1st Judge of
 this City or during that he should return for the purpose
 of influencing respect which however had no satis-
 - factory result as he had passed through that
 place before the order reached concerning to the reply
 of the Authorities in that place and supposing then
 that the said Mr Deputacion had left for the
 purpose of returning himself to the Government
 I transmitted a communication to that Supremity
 giving a circumstantial account of what had
 passed for his intelligence and resolution prom-
 - ising to him the want of respect of Deputacion
 and accompanying to him the Expediente signed
 to read before receiving a reply or any other result
 I received the admission of my resignation and
 returned the Pipetone to Your Honor which was
 the cause of my not giving any further knowledge
 on the Particulars nor seeing Sr Fco Deputacion
 in this City but after the delivery of my Power
 This is all I have to relate to Your Honor on the
 subject in question in honor of truth and in
 compliance with the foregoing all care not omi-
 - tting any thing that Supreme should be made
 on my part besides the representation of Sr De-
 - putacion at the head in which he expresses that the
 Judges of this City had assayed under that Supreme
 resolution which exposition is devoid of all truth
 and legality in stead of which one ought to dis-
 - sents that the reason of his not being in pos-
 - session of his Lands does not proceed from the
 - disregard of the Authorities in those times
 for Superior Determinations but from his own
 disobedience and obstinacy

Angels April 1st 1747

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Most Excellent Sir

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Having ordered the respective reports to be made for the purpose of gaining intelligence on the allegations of Don Ygnacio for not having given to him the juridical possession of the lands granted to him and as this subject was before being the foregoing measure of the cause of this Paralizacion it was necessary to refer to my Mediator for that purpose, thus the foregoing report accounting for the obstacles which at that time opposed to the giving of the possession above said and as he likewise refers to an Expediente which was formed on the subject which ought to exist in the Archives of the Court and Office of the Government this Paper is of Opinion if such should be approved by your Excellency that the same be referred for the purpose of throwing light on this matter in order that the Government may be satisfactorily informed and resolves when it may deem convenient

This is all I have to refer to your Excellency for the better determination of what may be your Superior Will

Mexico May 11th 1813

J. Miquelle

Jose D. Miquelle

Secretary

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Mexico May 12th 1813

Let this Expediente be conveyed to the Court promoted by Munguiz and Rojas on Sta Monica in order that both may be presented to the Government on Thursday next when they shall appear with their titles that Justice may be done with the presence of the former. Wickett

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The Judge of the Instance of this City
 Francisco Sepulveda a resident of this City before
 you appears and says with the most due respect
 that you may be pleased to give me the possession
 of the tracts which the Most Excellent Governor
 has promised for in the title which he deemed
 proper to give to me which I am very for your intelli-
 -gence the same title having already been recorded
 in the book of real estate of this Province
 I solicit you to be pleased to comply with my
 Petition by which I shall receive grace and justice
 in which I do not to proceed through malice and
 the necessary &c &c

Angelas 16th Janry 1840

Francisco Sepulveda signed for himself
 as his attorney Augustin Valverde
 For the party interested
 Augustin Valverde

Most Excellent Sir

In compliance with the Superior order of Your
 Excellency of the 16th Inst in reference to the same
 I proceeded in person accompanied by an intelligent
 man for the purpose of measuring and determining
 the exact mass of the tracts of San Mateo and
 Santa Monica, humbly trying to arrange the
 dispute which took place between the citizens Fran-
 -cisco Sepulveda, Francisco Marquez and Pedro
 Rojas regarding the ownership of said tracts on
 which subject I state to Your Excellency in due copy
 that I have made the necessary arrangements
 for this purpose in compliance with the Superior
 Disposition

I profit of this opportunity to tender to
 Your Excellency the assurance of my esteem
 and respect.

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Secretary

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promovido por los C^{nos} Francisco
Marques e Isidro Reyes en pre-
tension del parage nombrado Boca
de Santa Monica

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Por Geto Sup^{te} Político

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Francisco Marquez e Guido
 Montereys Reyes, ambos de esta veindad con el
 12 de ellas mas deudo respeto y á nuestro de-
 go de 1839 cho conuenga, nos presentamos di-
 Informe ciendo. Que habiendosinos concedido
 el Señor Pu provincialmente por este Utre a-
 fecto del yuntamiento el sitio llamado
 segundo Dis comunmente la Boca de Santa
 trito sobre Monca, que dista de esta ciudad
 el contenido como nueve leguas al Noroeste,
 en esta ~~crugas dmsiones~~ y linderos de
 instancia ~~marcaré en el diaño~~ que á su
 tiempo ofusco presentar, y siendo
 efectivo de q' esto clare de concessi-
 ones aun no pueden ser perma-
 nentes á causa de ser terreno de

Moarudo

propios, aunq' no hace falta á esta comuni-
 dad y estar antes baldios hace como veinte y ocho
 años, seguramente p' la dificultad q' presenta
 de poderlo cultivar y sin perjuicio para
 n. considerable cantidad de bienes - et V. S. supli-
 catramenti pedimos se nos conceda el título
 de propiedad respectivo q' nos es tan nec-
 sario, por tener ya en él todos los prepara-
 tivos correspondientes para habitarlo y cul-
 tivarlo aunq' sea con algun trabajo, p' ser
 asi de necesidad, sugetándonos en todo á

[Note
 By sup^r Genl
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 show holes in the
 original]

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las reglas establecidas con respecto á las
 referidas concesiones - Sirviendose admitimos
 la presente en papel comun p' no haber

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en el lugar del sello correspondiente
Angeles y Julio 10 de 1838
No sabemos firmar

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Angeles Abil 17 de 1839 -

Devuelvan esta instancia a los
interesados p^o q^o acompañado el diseño
del terreno que mencionan pueda entenderse
el informe que se previene en el superior de to
marginal que antecede -

L. Cosme de Peña

Angeles Mayo 22 de 1839

Pase al Yltre Ayuntamiento de
esta Ciudad p^o que informe, en terminos de
estilo, con respecto a las personas y terrenos q^o
se mencionan -

L. Cosme D Peña

Here follows a sketch or rough
map marked [L. D. K.]

Angeles Mayo 25 de 1839 [5. D. K.]

Dada cuenta al Yltre Ayuntamiento
de esta Ciudad en sesion de hoy con el presente
expediente, acordó pasara a la Comision de
terrenos baldios para que produzca el informe
que se pide -

Fibuncio Tapia

Presd^o

Narciso Botello

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Yltre Ayuntamiento
La Comision de terrenos baldios ha
reconocido el sitio q^o se refiere en el presente

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expediente, y cré q^e las personas que se citan en el presente expediente segun el decreto del Sr. Prefecto de este Distrito son de buenas partes y de buen el terreno por lo presente la comision no haya embarazo p^o q^e S. E. S. pueda concederlo y este es el informe q^e dá la Comision á virtud del Decreto del Sr. Prefecto. — Angeles y Junio 8 de 1839 —
Juanuario Abila Juan de. Vezar —

[6 A.D.R.]

Angeles Junio 8 de 1839 —

Dado cuenta al Il^lre Ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad en sesion de hoy el informe que antecede, fue aprobado p^o d^{ha} Il^lre Corporacion, acordando se remita este expediente original al Sr. Prefecto del Distrito p^o los fines que convenga —

Antonio Machado

Pte int^o

Narciso Botello

Pro —

Angeles Julio 8 de 1839 —

En esta f^{ha} se pasó este exped^{te} al Sr. Prefecto int^o de este Distrito en 3 f^o utiles inclues el decreto conforme el auto anterior —

Juanuario Abila

Pte int^o

Narciso Botello

Pro

[7 A.D.R.]

Angeles Julio 9 de 1839 —

En vista de los informes que anteceden seria de parecer que era de acceder á esta solicitud, pero como se han presentado

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ante esta Prefectura otra instancia en pre-
tension del mismo terreno alegando el derecho
de posesion la q^{da} se halla á la fha en
manos del Ayuntamiento de esta ciudad p^{ra}
su informe, lo aviso á V. E. p^{ra} su superior
conocimiento

Antonio Machado

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Monterey 19 de Julio de 1839

Vista la peticion con que dá
principio este expediente el informe del Sr
Prefecto del segundo Distrito el dictamen
del Y. Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de los
angeles, y la aprobacion de él por el
Ayuntamiento se les concede á los C^{nos} -
Francisco Marquez e Ignacio Reyes, el paraje
nombrado Boca de Sta. Monica, en uso de
las facultades que me conceden las leyes -
estendiase la concesion respectiva y tomase
razon en el Libro - - - - - [8 ADK]
correspondte. El Sr D^{no} Manuel Jimeno
Casarm primer vocal propietario de la
Exma Junta del Departamento de las Cali-
fornias, en ejercicio del Gobierno del mismo
asi lo mandó, decretó, y firmó de que
doy fe -

Monterey Dectre 20 de 1839 -

Agreguese este expediente al promo-
vido p^{ra} D^{no} Francisco Sepulveda por el cual
ha justificado tener en su favor el derecho
de ocupacion en el mencionado terreno y p^{ra}
cuya causa se ha dispuesto que los
interesados se despojen de la concesion
anteroedente -

Mourado

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

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto signed my name
and affixed my private
seal (not having a seal
of Office) at the City of
San Francisco this 22nd
day of October 1852 -

(Signed) Saml D King
Surveyor Genl Cal

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher
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The Superior Patricial Chief Magistrate
Francisco Manzanera and Pedro Rojas both of this
vicinity with the most due respect and in the most
translation legal manner present themselves saying

of ✓ that the seat generally called Boca de Santa
Ordo to San Juan Inmota at the distance of about 4 leagues from
The Grant this city in a northwesterly direction the size and
made to limits of which I shall lay out on the map which
Manzanera & Rojas in due time I offer to present and so finally saying

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that grants of this class, although they cannot
be permanent for the season that it is known that
has a prospect although this community is
not in want of it, and it has been so for about
twenty eight years annually for the season that it
is difficult to estimate the same and that it is not
adapted for a considerable quantity of stock we
humbly petition Your Excellency to grant to us
the appropriate title of ownership which we are
so much in want of having made all the proper
preparations to inherit and cultivate the same
although it will cost some work but it is nec-
essary submitting to the established rules respec-
ting the grants in question

Be pleased to admit this on common paper
there being none of the appropriate stamped
in this place

Angels 10th July 1838

We do not know how to sign

From July 12th March 1839

Let the Paper of the second District report on the
contents of this Instance

Alvando

68 Angels April 17th 1839

Let this Instance be returned to the parties in-
terested that they may annex the deeds they mention
the report may then be made according to the law

prezomij marginal Decree

L Cosme D Peña

Angeles May 22d 1839

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Let it pass to the most
Illustris Ayuntamiento of this City that it may
report in customary terms on the prisons and
ground in question

L Cosme D Peña

Angeles May 25th 1839

Referred to the Illustris Ayuntamiento of this
City in session of this day this Expediente resolved
that the same be referred to the Comissionados named
Lemus in order that the report requested may be pro-
duced

Fernan de Tapia

President

Manuel Botello

Secretary

Illustris Ayuntamiento

The Comissionados over and over have seen again
the transaction in the present Expediente accord-
ing to the decree of the Popul of this District

and of your conduct and merit the least in question

The Comissionados therefore find no obstacle to return
with the grant of the same by your most Excellent
Board and this is the report of the Comissionados in
conformance with the decree of the Popul

Angeles 5th June 1839

Juan de Ayala

Juan Maria Ulla

Angeles June 8th 1839

Referred to the Illustris Ayuntamiento of this
City in today's session the foregoing report which
was approved by said Illustris Body and it was
resolved that this original Expediente be remitted
to the Popul of the District for the use that he may

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Mum comment

Antonio Machado

Presidente ad interim

Francis Botello Semtary

Angels July 8 1839

On this day this expediente was transmitted to the Prefet ad interim of this District on 3 pages including the map in conformity with the foregoing act.

Francis Ubeda

Presidente ad interim

Francis Botello

Semtary

Angels July 9th 1839

In view of the foregoing reports it appears that this Petition ought to be granted but whereas another Instance has been presented to this Prefecture claiming the same tract and alleging the right of possession which according to the laws of the Ayuntamiento of this City for its information which I mention to your Excellency for your Government

Antonio Machado

Monting 19th July 1839

Given the Petition with which this expediente originates the Report of the Prefet of the Second District the decision of the Illustris Ayuntamiento of this City of Los Angeles and the approval of the same by the Ayuntamiento granted to the Citizens Pedro Mayorga and Ignacio Reyes the tract called, Boca de Sta Monica being the facultas confirmed on me by the Carrs

Let the appropriate be said and Recorded in the appropriate Book For Don Manuel Jimenez was a Senior Member of the Departmental Board of the Californias by reason of the Govern-
ment

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of the same has si ordina de cura and signis
which I copy

71 Monday December 20th 1839

Let this Expediente
be annexed to the one promoted by Don Francisco
Gipulveda by which he justifies the right of
his occupation of the town in question. Whence
it has been ordered that the parties interested be
disposed of the foregoing point

Alvarado

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Gentry

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Document
"H. H. N^o 1"
ann^d to the
deposition of
Abel Stearns

(Sig) H. H. N^o 1^o
Pro Vico Gobernador Constitucional del
Departamento de las Californias



Por cuanto D. Francisco Sepulveda ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un pedazo de terreno que resulta sobrante entre el sitio que tiene en cuestion con los señores Agustín Meachado, Pedro Reyes, Francisco Marquez y Maximo Alanis: practicadas previamente las averiguaciones concernientes, usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado a nombre de la Nación Mexicana, he venido por decreto de este día en concederle el mencionado pedazo de terreno, declarandole la propiedad de él por las presentes letras de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828, á reserva de la aprobación de la Exma Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes

1^a Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las travesías caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutará libre y esclusivamente destinandolo al uso y aprovechamiento que mas le convenga

2^a Solicitara del Juez respectivo le dé la posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho, por el cual se demarcarán los linderos con las respectivas mojeneras

3^a El terreno de que se le hace donacion es el que demuestra el diseño que obra en el expediente. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hará medir conforme á ordenanza

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y dará cuenta a este Gobierno del numero de sitios de ganado mayor que contiene —

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Lo^{to} se le deja al interesado su derecho a salvo para que en el tiempo que le convenga pueda hacer valer la acción que afirma tener en el sitio que cuestiona con el Sr. Machado y demas, que se halla contiguo al que hoy se le concede. —

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En consecuencia mando que teniendo el presente título por firme y válido, se tome razón de él en el libro a que corresponde, y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en papel comun, por no haber sellado, a los ocho dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis. —

(Signed) Pio Pico

(Signed) José Matias Moreno
Sr. Jefe

Queda tomada razón de este superior despacho en el libro respectivo.

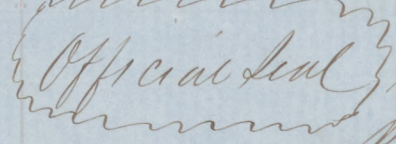
(Signed) Moreno

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Pio Pico Constitutional Governor of the Department
of California
of A

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Whereas D Francisco Sepulveda has
retained for his own personal benefit
and that of his family for a piece of land which
results as surplus between the tract which he has
in dispute with the General Augustin M. de la Cruz
Francisco Regis Francisco Maymiz and Maximill
-an's having previously made all the inquiries ^{re la} re la
-two thousand seven hundred and twenty four
in the name of the Mexican Nation, I have by a decree
of this day conceded him the said tract of land
declaring to him the ownership thereof by these letters
in conformity with the laws of the 18th August 1824
and the Regulations of the 21st November 1828 subject
to the approbation of the Hon Departmental Assem-
-bly and under the following conditions

1st He shall ^{force} force it with no prejudice to the paths
roads and servitudes he in any way and
exclusively destining it to the use and profits which
may suit him

2nd He shall obtain from the proper Judge the
judicial possession in virtue of this decree by whom
shall be marked the limits with the respective land
marks thereof

3d The land of which is made ^{is} is shown
by the map annexed to the Expediente, the Judge
who may give possession will cause it to be measured
according to the ordinance and will report to this
Government the number of leagues which it may
contain

4th The rights of the interested party is reserved in
such that in the time that may suit him he may
make effective the title which he alleges he possesses

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to the town of Landa which he is contesting with the
Sinn Manguay and others which is adjacent to
them which is connected to any

In consequence a return of

I can mean that the persons title being held as
firm and valid be recorded in the proper books
and be allowed to the instructed Party for his secu-
rity and other purposes

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Given in the City of Los Angeles
on Common Paper for want of Stamp on this 8th
June 1846

Pio Pico

Jose Matias Herrera

Antonio Pooten

Recorded the foregoing decree in the Proper books
Herrera

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Secretary

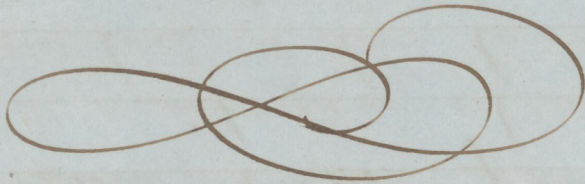
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Abel Stearns
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Hilary Hall

Posesion
del Rancho de
San Vicente

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Año de

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En la Ciudad de los Angeles del Departamento de California a los veinte y seis dias del mes de junio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis; a cuenta de la solicitud verbal que hizo Don Francisco Sepulveda para que se le diese posesion juridica del rancho conocido por el nombre de San Vicente, concedido por el E. Sr. Gobernador segun lo demuestra el titulo que presento en el acto: pasese por mi y testigos de asistencia al mencionado sitio y procedase a dar la indicada posesion, previa citacion de colindantes y con total arreglo al titulo que es de fecha ocho de junio del presente año. Asi yo Leonardo Cota Regidor decano y Juez 1º interino decreté y mandé con los de asistencia segun dno —

No hay papel sellado — Leonardo Cota — Antonio Coronel — Basilio Valdez —

En segundo pasei oficio a los señores colindantes, manifestandoles que iba a remedar el terreno de San Vicente y poner en el en posesion a Don Francisco Sepulveda por lo que se les prevenia estubiese en sus linderos: de lo que quedaron entendidos, y se pone por diligencia que autorize y firmé segun derecho — Leonardo Cota — asistencia — Antonio Coronel — Basilio Valdez — Acto continuo y hallandose en el mencionado San Vicente, nombré dos oficiales

cordeleros, que lo fueron Francisco Marquez y Deciderio Valencuela, los que por no saber escribir se omiten sus firmas, cuyos oficiales aceptaron bajo del juramento respectivo ofreciendo desempeñar fiel y legalmente su encargo - Lo que se pone por diligencia - = Leonardo Cota - asistencia - Antonio J. Coronel - asistencia Basilio Valdez = En la misma fecha y habiendose en los terrenos de San Vicente ante mi los testigos de asistencia y los oficiales cordeleros, hice medir un cordel constante de cien varas, al que le mandé atar á sus extremos unos sarcos de madera, y despues de las formalidades de estilo y previa observacion y calculo, por mi disposicion se tiró el cordel desde un crestón de piedra mojonera de Marquez y Gido Reyes, rumbo N. 45.º E. y se contaron cinco mil setecientas varas que remataron en el primer baranco tambien mojonera de los dichos individuos, donde comparecio Fran.º Marquez y fue conforme: De este punto se tiró la cuerda O. 25.º $\frac{1}{2}$ N. y se contaron dos mil quinientas varas que concluyeron en el segundo baranco mojonera de los señores Machados y Salamantes los que concurrieron sin manifestar objecion alguna - De este punto se tiró la cuerda rumbo N. 45.º E. y se contaron siete mil setecientas varas que concluyeron en una piedra mojonera de los referidos Machados Salamantes y Maximo Alaniz - De aqui se tiró la cuerda O. 10.º N. y se contaron cinco mil cuatrocientas cincuenta varas que remataron

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en un encino donde está una piedra
 y se halla inmediata al camino que va
 para San Fernando y al entrar la cañada
 llamada del encino mojonera también
 del referido Alanis, donde comparecio como
 interesado Deciderio Valenzuela llevando
 los papeles y fue conformes. De este
 punto nos fuimos introduciendo dentro de
 una sierra rumbo N. 2.º O. y siendo
 incapaz tirar la cuerda se calculo por
 hombres peritos practicas y segun las líneas
 paralelas mas despegadas resultaron diez
 mil varas hasta donde está una agüita
 en la referida cañada del encino. Desde
 punto se formó el mismo curculo al O. 10.
 N. y resultaron cinco mil varas. De este
 punto se forma el mismo calculo con
 direccion a donde se dio principio á las
 medidas por dentro de la cañada de la
 Iglesia desde donde hay agua, y resultaron
 diez mil varas que remataron donde
 concluye la cañada: con lo que se con-
 cluyo el acto y se le dio posesion al Señor
 Don Francisco Sepulveda a nombre de
 la Nación Mexicana, lo que se pone por
 diligencia que autorize y firmé con los
 de asistencia segun derecho = Leonardo Cota
 asse. Antonio J. Cornel = asse. Bacilio Valdez =
 Desele testimonio á la parte para
 en resguardo y constancia. Así yo
 el Juez que subscribi decreté mandé y
 firmé con los de asistencia segun derecho =
 Leonardo Cota = Antonio J. Cornel
 Bacilio Valdez = En la fecha se dio el

testimonio respectivo ~ rubrica ~

Concuerda con su original del que se
sacó corregió y confrontó en estas tres fojas
de papel comun por falta de sellado fecha
ut supra ~

(Signed) Leonardo Cota

asso

asso

(Signed) Juan Domínguez (Signed) Ollaredo Redondo

Sited in office November 5th 1852

(Signed) Geo. "Tister
Secy

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Translation verbal Petition made by D Francisco Sepulveda of le

City of Los Angeles in the Department of California
 on the 26th June 1846 in accordance with the
 that Judicial Possession might be given him
 of the Rancho known by the name of San Vicente
 conceded to him by His Excellency the Governor as
 is evidenced by the title to him which he presents
 in this Proceeding. It is ordered that with my
 assisting witnesses pass to the said tract of
 land and proceed to give the said possession
 having first given citation to the Cohortantes
 (neighbours) and with entire conformity to the
 title which is dated 6th June of this year
 Thus I Leonardo Cota Jefe de Negocios and
 Mr Justice of the Peace pro tem de civil and criminal
 and with my assisting witnesses according to
 Law Thus is no Stronger Paper

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Leonardo Cota

aps

aps

Antonio Corone

Basilio Balder

In continuation I passed notice to the Cohortantes
 informing them that I was going to measure the
 land of San Vicente and to the D Francisco
 Sepulveda in possession of it in order that on
 this notice they might be present on the lines
 which they own or hold which is recorded and
 which I authorized and signed according to Law

Leonardo Cota

aps

aps

Antonio F Corone

Basilio Balder

Continuing the act and finding myself
 still in the land of San Vicente I named two official
 land bearers to wit Francisco Manzanera and
 Disiderio Valenzuela whose signatures are
 omitted they not knowing how to write who
 accepted their appointment under the Paper

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oath offering to exchange faithfully & legally
the tract which is Recorded

Leonard Cota

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Antonio Ferrer

Basilio Baldry

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On the same date being on the lands of Don
Vicente used bearing before me my assisting
notaries and the official end being I caused
to be measured a cord of a hundred varas, to which
I caused to be tied at its ends wooden stakes
used after the formalities proper in this kind
made a previous observation and calculation
for my guidance the cord was drawn from
the top of a pile of stone the former marks
of Marquy and Pedro Rojas in a direction of
North to East and then some counted 5700
varas which ended in the first parva also
a boundary of the said individuals when ap-
peared Francisco Marquy and he was satisfied
from this place the cord was drawn
and then some counted 2500 varas which ended
in the second parva a boundary north of the
said Merchants and Talomentes who were
present without manifesting any objection
From this point the cord was drawn and then
some counted 7700 varas which ended at a
stone about any mark of the said Merchants
& Talomentes Maximilian Alariz From thence
the cord was drawn and then some counted
2450 varas which ended at an Oak where
there is a stone and which is near to the road
going to San Fernando and at the mouth
of the Cañada del Encino the former marks
of the said Alariz when appeared us an interested
Party Don don Valenzuela bringing the title
papers and he was satisfied from this point

We went within the mountain in the direction
of _____ and it being impossible to draw the
cord it was calculated by skillful practical exper-
ts and according to the parallel lines now separ-
ated from the mountain and the result was
10,000 varas when there is a little water in the
said Cañada del Cerro from this point
they formed the same calculation and there re-
mained 5000 varas in the direction of N 10° N
From this point they formed the same calculation
in the direction of the beginning point of the measur-
ment within the Cañada de la Iglesia when
there is some water 10,000 varas which ended when
the Cañada stopped with which concluded the
all our possession was given to D Francisco
Lepubbea in the name of the Mexican Nation
which is recorded which I have authorized & signed
with my assisting witnesses according to Law
Leonardo Cota

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ap
Antonio F Coronel Basilio Buldoy
Let a testimonial be given to the party for his
security and proof

Thus I the Judge who sees cases have
decreed command and signed with those
assisting me according to Law
Leonardo Cota

ap
Antonio F Coronel Basilio Buldoy
In the same date was given the said testimonial
Rubric

83 It agrees with its original form which it is drawn
corrected and compared in these three pages
of common paper for some of stamped in the
of the mentioned date
Signed Leonardo Cota

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ap des
Juan Domon Domingo Mim also Redon

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Exhibit }
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El Exmo Sr Gobernador ha dispuesto: que por la Prefectura del cargo de V.S. se obsequiara la disposicion de S. E. que con esta fecha se decretó relation al parage de Sta. Monica el que deve restituirse a' D.^o Francisco Sepulveda por haber justificado suficientemente el derecho de ocupacion con q^o lo ha poseido. Que al mismo tiempo haga entender V.S. esta determinacion á los individuos Marques y Reyes á quienes se les expidió un titulo de concesion del mencionado parage de Santa Monica, por

Quedo cum-
plido con lo
dispuesto
en 8 de En.^o
del 1840
Con D.^o en idem

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el mismo Gob.^{no} quien fue sorprendido por informes capciosos del distinguido Ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad quien devia tener conocimiento de este negocio para no haber obscurecido al Gob.^{no} - Que V.S. devera recoger á Marques y Reyes el titulo mencionado, el que no puede surtir los efectos á que se contrage por que en derecho antes habra otro poseedor.

Y en cumplimiento de dha disposicion de S. E. lo comunico á V.S. para su observancia.

Dios y Libertad Monterrey Diciembre
22 de 1839

Mau. Jimeno

Sr Prefecto int.^o del segundo
Distrito

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8 de 1840 -
 e fha 20 de Diciembre de 1839 -
 Concedo a don Francisco Sepulveda -
 por el Exmo S. Gov^r de este Rey-
 nado, el parage llamado Sta
 propiedad situada al o
 te de esta Ciudad.

Japin
 Narciso Botello
 nro

State of California }
 County of Los Angeles }

I Wilson W. Jones Clerk of the
 County of Los Angeles and State of California, do
 certify that the within and foregoing two doc-
 uments marked A & B are true and correct
 copies of, or transcripts of two documents re-
 maining in the archives of the County clerk's
 office of said County and State, and in my
 custody -



In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand as clerk
 of said County and affixed the
 seal of County Court on this
 10th day of November
 A D 1852 -

(Signed) Wilson W. Jones Clerk
 for H. B. Myles Deputy

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(Sig) Geo. Fisher
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Translation
of Mex of
Restoration

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The Most Excellent Gov. Governor has ordered
 that the departure of his Excellency under decree
 of this day relative to the town of Santa Fe de
 This disposition he compared with the one the people
 was complied with of the Property of which you
 with on the 8th Nov is in charge which is to be
 January 1840 title the same to Don Francisco
 Comas in don Gualberto who has sufficiently
 justified the right of occupation under
 which he has possessed at the same
 time you will make this disposition
 known to the viceroys Reyes
 and Marquez whom agree for
 the appraisal of Santa Fe de
 was issued by the said Government

misguided by the capricious Reports of the distinguished
 My sentiments of their city who ought to have
 been informed on the matter in order to their rights
 on the same before the Government of our Honor
 shall be known with the title appraisal
 from Marquez and Reyes which cannot
 carry over the effects for which it was dictated
 as previous there were existed another lawful
 owner of the same

And in order to comply with said disposition
 of his Excellency I communicate the same to you
 for its observance

God and Liberty Montevideo December 22
 1839

Manuel Jimenez
 In Paper of
 Second District

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8th 1840

date 21th December 1839

Granted to Mr Francis Syp

nt by the most Excellent

Mr Governor of this Departm

ent the town called Mr

Property situated towards

of this City

Jasper

Marcus Botello

Secretary

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Geo Foster

Secretary

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Exhibit }
"d" }

Señor Pref.º D.º
Manuel Do-
minguez

Deseario este Gobierno
averiguar de alguna
manera a los Ciu-
dadanos Fran.º Sepulveda Francisco

Marquez e' Gidro Reyes en la propie-
dad del terreno q' entre ambos cuestionan
en el parage nombrado San Vicente y
Santa Monica, he dispuesto q' V. S. -
asociado de un hombre inteligente e
imparcial pase en persona el Lunes 22
del corriente a los Ranchos expresados
a levantar un plano exacto q' aclare
lo perteneciente a cada individuo con-
forme los limites q' hoy tengan y es-
presando los que demarquen los titulos
respectivos q' al efecto llevarán los in-
teresados citando al mismo tiempo los
demas colindantes inmediatos para que
estos - - - - - [2] - -

presencien las mediciones correspondientes
ademas de dos q' nombrarian los litigantes
mencionados - Dios y Libertad Angeles
Mayo 16. 1843. -

Office of Surveyor General
of the United States for
California

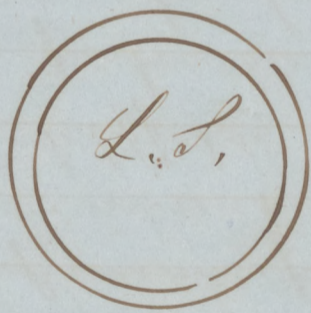
I, John C. Heays, Surveyor General
of the United States for the State of
California, and as such, having in my

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John

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Office and in my charge and custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California, by virtue of the power vested in me by law - do hereby certify, that the two preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper, numbered from one to two inclusive, exhibit a true and accurate copy of Extracts from a certain unbound book, purporting to be a collection of Official Correspondence; said book now being on file and forming part of the said Archives in this office -



In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused my seal of office to be affixed, at the City of San Francisco this Fourteenth day of October A.D. 1853 -

(Signed) John C. Hays
U. S. Surveyor General
for California

Extract from the 2nd section of the Act of Congress "providing for the Survey of Public Lands in California, and

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for other purposes?"

Approved, March 3rd 1853 -

"The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to cause an official seal to be prepared for the Office of the said Surveyor General, (California) and any copy or extract from the plats, field notes and other records and documents on file in his Office, when attested as such by the said seal and the signature of the Surveyor General, shall, in all judicial matters, have the same force and effect as the original?"

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher
Secy

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Translation
of Governor's
Order to make
Survey

Señor Rafael Destado }
Manuel Dominguez } This Government according
to the title in some manner

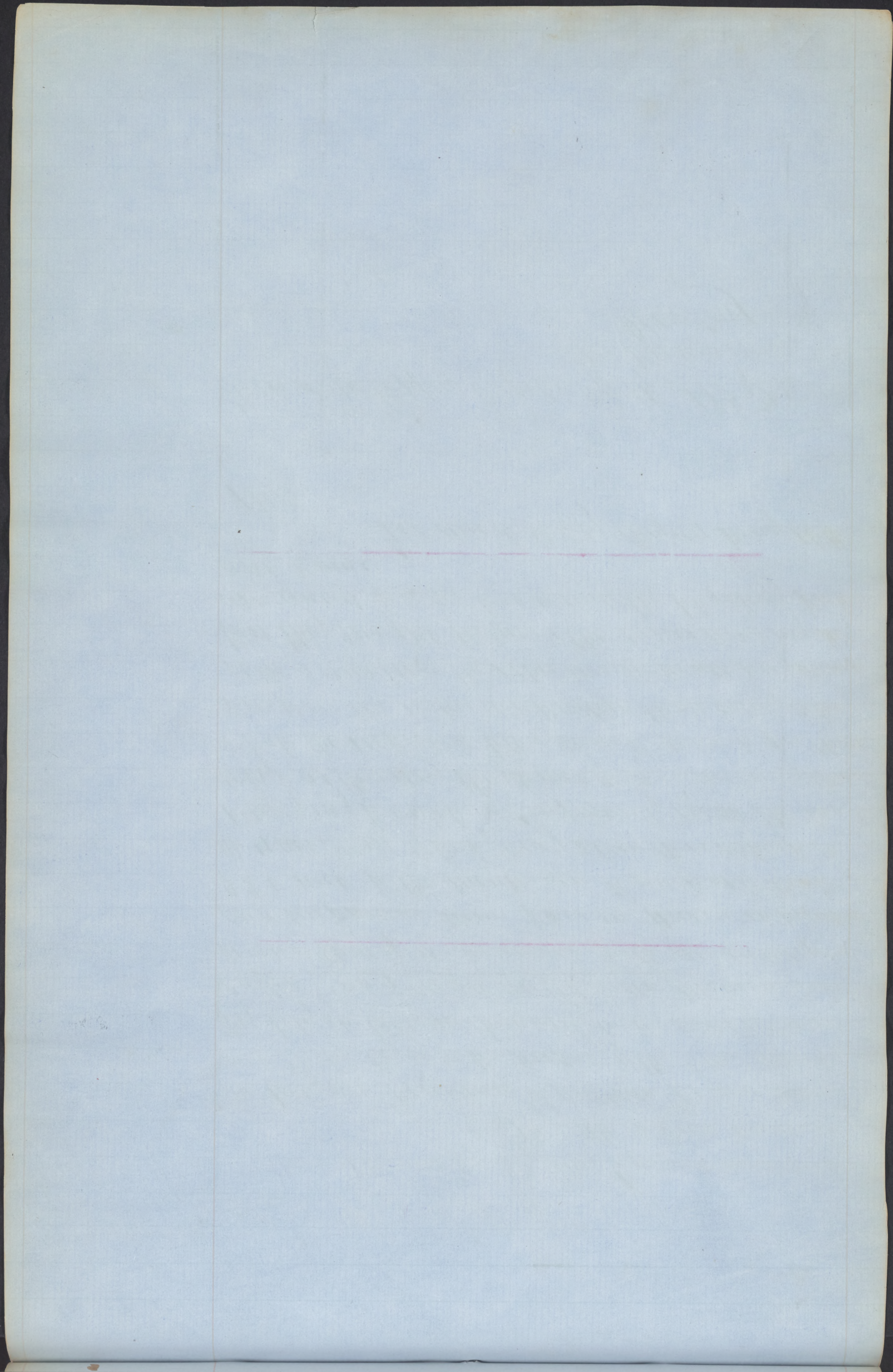
the litigants Francisco Sepulveda Francisco Ramirez
and Pedro Reyes in the property of the Land which
they litigate between themselves in the tract of land
called San Vicente and Santa Cecilia have
decided that you, associated with an intelligent
and impartial Man Parson Puse in Madrid
22d run to the mentioned Ranchos to make
an exact map which may show them what is
belonging to each in conformity with the limits
which at this day they have and expressing those
which the respective titles show which for that
purpose the interested parties shall accompany
at the same time the other immediate neighbors
that they might witness the corresponding me-
asurement besides two which the litigating parties
will name

God and Liberty Mexico Aug 16th

1843

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Geo Fisher
Survey



Extract
from the
Register of
Land Titles

Indice de los terrenos adjudicados
y personas a quienes se les ha
concedido

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San Vicente
y Santa
Monica

C. de a Don Fran. Sepulveda 180

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En este indice hay el numero
de 233 expedientes; pero p.
equivocacion se puso en la
numeracion del 329 al 340 -
habiendose seguido en la
misma

Manuel Jimenez

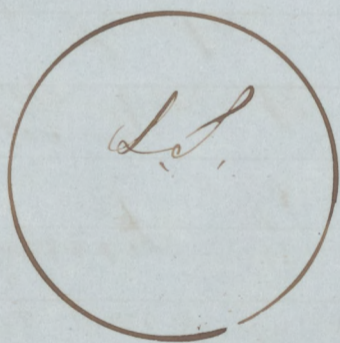
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I, John C. Hays Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California, and as such, having in my office and in my charge and custody a portion of the Archives of the former Spanish and Mexican Territory or Department of Upper California, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby certify, that the three preceding and hereunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from one to Three inclusive exhibit a true and accurate copy of Extracts from a certain document purporting to be an Index of Land Titles, said document now being on file and forming part of the said Archives in this office.



In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto signed my
name, officially and caused
my seal of office to be
affixed, at the City of
San Francisco, this Twenty
sixth day of October A.D.
1853

(Signed) John C. Hays
U. S. Surveyor General
for California

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of Congress providing for the Survey

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of Public Lands in California, and for
other purposes" —

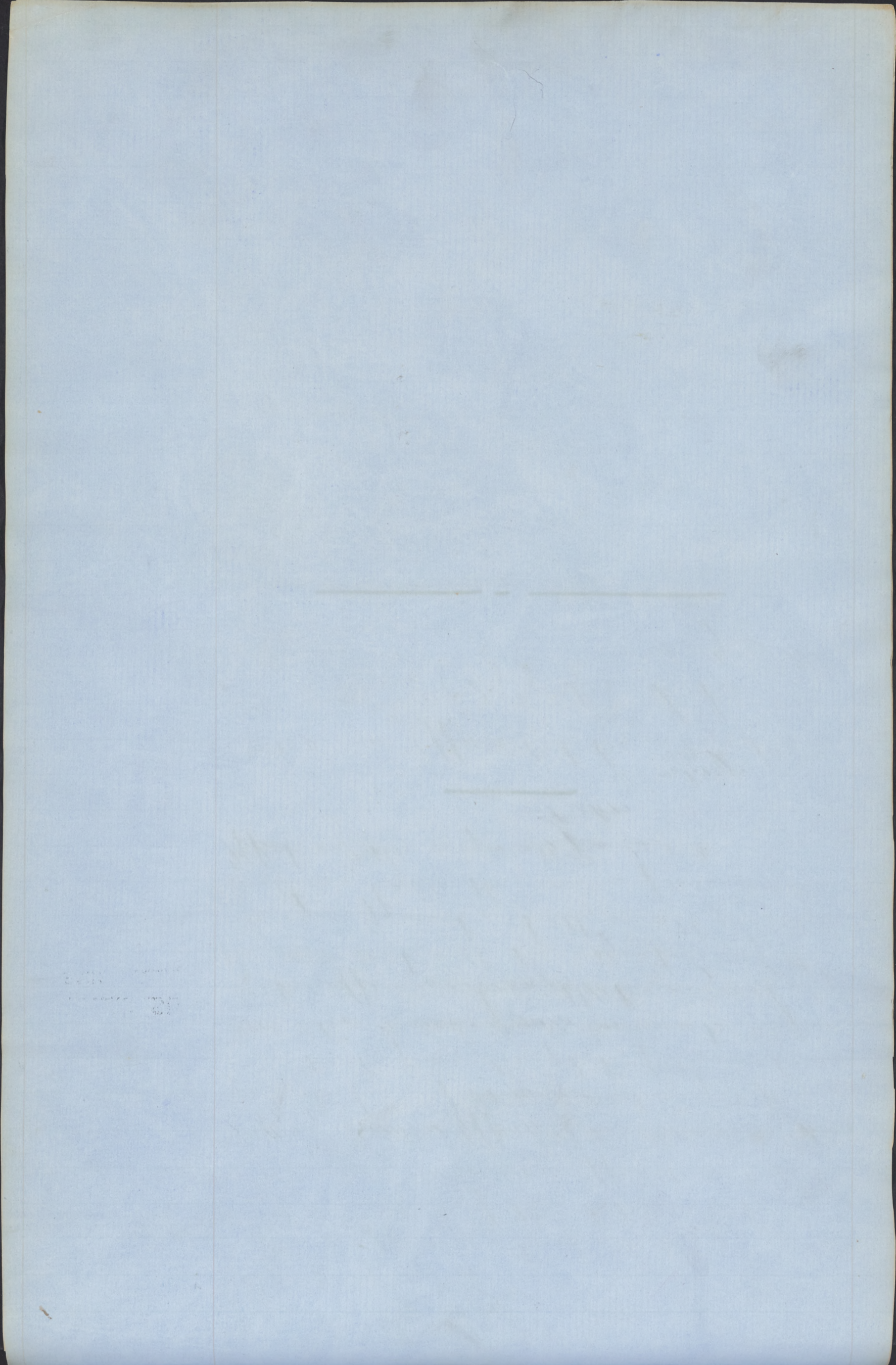
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and other records and documents on file
in his office, when attested as such by
the said seal and the signature of the
Surveyor General, shall, in all judicial
matters, have the same force and
effect as the original" —

Cited in office October 27th 1853

(Sig) Geo. Fisher
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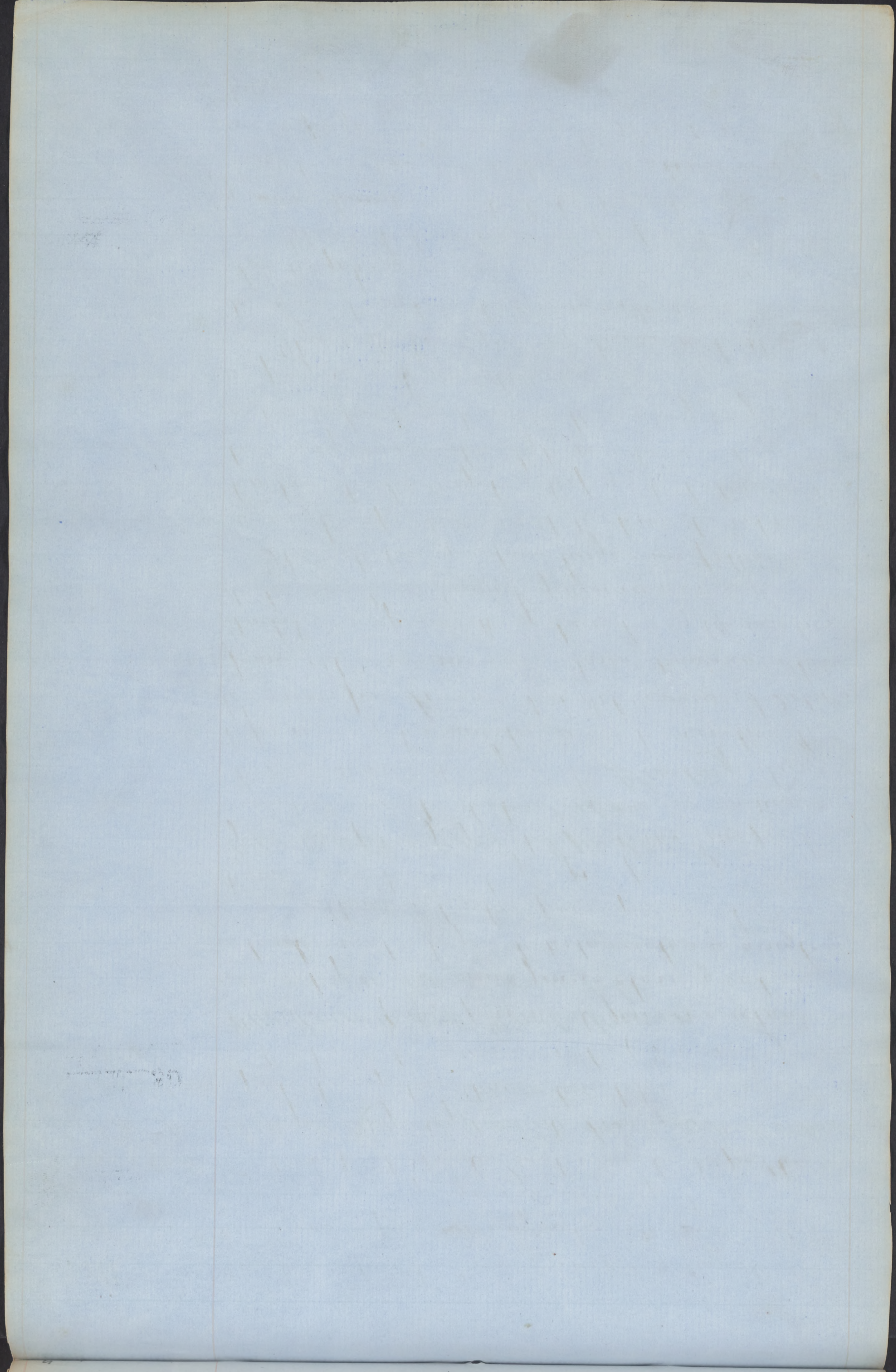


For more list
of Extract from Index of Lands granted and Persons to whom
Registered of Land
Titles

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Don Vicente and Santa Rosalia }
Francisco Sepulveda in 186 } Citizen

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Secretary



Will

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En el nombre de Dios, principio y fin de todas las cosas, sepan todos cuantos esta carta testamento vieren q^l yo Francisco Sepulveda natural de la Villa de Sinaloa, en la Republica de Mexico, hijo legitimo de Francisco Harver Sepulveda, y de Maria Candelaria Arredondo, naturales de la misma villa (D. E. P. D.) hallandome enfermo pero no de gravedad, estando como estoy en mi sano juicio claro y cabal entendimiento, hago este testamento con arreglo a mi ultima voluntad para que en el caso de mi muerte, se tenga por firme y validero y se cumpla y ejecute en todas sus partes. —

Primamente declaro ser casado con Ramon Teodoro Terrano de cuyo matrimonio tengo diez hijos vivos, y dos muertos, siendo los nombres de los vivos, José Fernando, José del Carmen, J Dolores, Juan, M^{ra} Encarnacion, Maria Ramona, Maria Ysabel, Concepcion A. y Vicenta, y los nombres de los muertos Manuel y Ascension. —

Yten declaro que tan luego como fallezca, se me dé sepultura en el Panteon de esta Ciudad de Los Angeles despues de haberme hecho las exequias en la Iglesia, las cuales dejo a la voluntad de mis albaceas y cuyos gastos se pagaran de mis bienes. —

Yten declaro que soy dueño del Rancho de San Vicente situado en este condado de Los Angeles.

Yten declaro tener en propiedad tres casas y una huerta en el dicho Rancho de San Vicente, estas casas dos no costan mas de una pieza habitacion y la otra tiene dos piezas y un tras corral. —

Yten

declaro dejar un pedo de reces como de quinientos en numero mas o' menos las cuales estan marcadas con el ferro y señal de mi propiedad —

Item declaro dejar igualmente como cincuenta Borregos mas o' menos, las que tengo en el Rancho de D. Agustin Meachado, y Bajo de su ciudad —

Item declaro dejar una casa y muebles en la Ciudad de los Angeles, situado a' una esquina de la plaza principal y en la cual habito —

Item declaro tengo heredados desde algun tiempo antes a' mis hijos e hijas siguientes - José, Fernando, José del Carmen, Juan Maria, Abelmanuel, Encarnacion, y Maria Isabel —

Item declaro que Francisco Yoneda me debe ciento quince pesos que le presté en dinero —

Item declaro que D. Pedro Dominguez me debe diez oveas pardas que ha de entregarme en todo el presente año —

Item declaro que mi yerno D. Juan Gallardo me debe doce oveas pardas que ha de entregarme en este año y diez mas honras —

Item declaro que Chaves me debe veinte y tres pesos que le presté en dinero —

Item declaro que Manuel Valencia me debe nueve pesos cuatro reales, que le presté en dinero —

Item declaro que Anto Sanchez me debe seis pesos que le presté en dinero —

Item declaro que Tomas Urquides me debe seis pesos que le presté en dinero —

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Yten declaro que Mariano Vallensuela me debe tres pesos que le preste en dinero

Yten declaro que Juan Poltermo me debe tres vacas mancas —

Yten declaro que Joaquin Sepulveda me debe cincuenta pesos en dinero —

Yten declaro que debo a Juan Warner onse pesos que me prestó en dinero —

Para cobrar y pagar lo que me deben y ejecutar (lo que me deben) y todas mis ultimas disposiciones por tener toda confianza en mi esposa, mi hijo mayor José y mi hijo Dolores los nombro por mis albaceas

Yten declaro que es mi voluntad relevar a mis dichos albaceas de la fianza que la ley de este estado de California exige a los albaceas que por una clausula expresa del testamento que no estuviesen relevados a ellas, es mi voluntad que sin dar ninguna clase de guarantias entre mi esposa Ramona Serrano y mis hijos José el mayor y Dolores a cumplir y ejecutar mi testamento —

Y despues de cobrados y pagados todos mis deudas reunido la masa de mis bienes los dejo a mi esposa Ramona Serrano como mi unica y universal heredera, sin que nadie tenga que inquietarle ni molestarle para nada, sin dejarle por mi parte otra obligacion que el que entregue a mi hijo Dolores ciento cincuenta vacas por que es mi voluntad darcelas como herencia y al mismo tiempo le confiero a mi dicha esposa todo mi derecho y facultades para que herede a mis hijas Ramona, Vicenta, Asencion, y Concepcion con la cantidad que le convenga

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en moneda ó ganado - y por el presente
testamento revoco y anulo todos y cualesquiera
otros testamentos codicilos, y ultimas volun-
tades que hubiese hecho antes de ahora
los cuales quiero que no valgan y solo si
tenga este testamento por firme y valdero,
como el testimonio mas autentico de mi
ultima voluntad -

En cuyo testimonio por nosaber
firmar pongo la señal de la Cruz con mi
propria mano al pie de mi nombre en
esta Ciudad de Los Angeles Estado de Cali-
fornia a los dieciocho dias del mes de
Abril de mil ochocientos cincuenta y tres

Francisco ^{su} Sepulveda
Cruz

Testigo

Manuel Ryo

José O. Guerrero

Testigo

José del C. Lugo

Testigo

José Dominguez

Testigo

Cristoval Aguilar

Testigo

Fran. Ballester

Witness August 13th 1853

W. W. Jones clk

State of California }
Los Angeles County } ss

In probate Court

The Court being satisfied upon the proof
taken in open Court of the due and legal
notice of the time of such taking, that the
foregoing instrument was duly executed

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by Francisco Sepulveda dec'd, as his last will and testament that at the time of its execution he was of sound mind and not under restraint =

Orders that it be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of Francisco Sepulveda dec'd, & be carried into execution accordingly =

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name as Probate Judge of said Court =

Thus done and signed in open court this 25th August 1853 =

Augustin Olvera
Probate Judge

Attest my private seal there being as yet no separate seal of said Court =

(Seal. Wilson W. Jones clk)

In Probate Court on the 25th August 1853. the following depositions in the matter of the Probate of the will of Francisco Sepulveda deceased, were taken in open session =

Vicente Guerrero being duly sworn says that he knew Francisco Sepulveda, who is dead: - that witness was called to witness a will which the same Sepulveda was about to make a will, that after witness arrived the will was read aloud and the said Sepulveda said that it was his will and signed it with the sign of the cross - Witness also signed it in presence of the testator and the other witnesses =

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The said testator was in the full possession of his faculties, & was sane - The will filed on the 13th August 1853 and now exhibited to witnes, is the same that was read - The cross there was placed by the testator and witness' name was placed there by himself, in the presence of the testator, as was also the name of the other witnesses by themselves, at the same time in presence of the Testator who died several day after he made the will. The testator was under no restraint at the time of the execution of the will. The will was executed in the house of the deceased in the City of Los Angeles -

Jose' Vicente Guerrero

Jesus Dominguez being duly sworn deposes and says that he knew Francisco Sepulveda dec^d that he was present when he made his will - that the will was produced to the witness (being the will filed by the clerk of this Court August 13th 1853) is the same instrument which the deceased executed - That it was read aloud to the deceased in presence of witness and the other witnesses and deceased said it was his will and he signed it with the sign of the cross, as he could not write - That the testator signed it in the presence of the affiant and the subscribing witnesses and that witness and the others also signed it at the same time in presence and view of the testator - The testator lived several days after the execution of the testament, at the time of its execution he was sane

and of sound mind and under no restraint
whatever, but acted freely and voluntarily.
The will was executed in this City of Los
Angeles —

Jesus Dominguez

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I certify that the foregoing two depositions
of Vicente Guerrero & Jesus Dominguez were
sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th
August 1853 in open Court after an open
and public examination therein —

Agustin Olvera
P. J.

State of California
County of Los Angeles } S. In Probate Court
The Court being satisfied upon the
proof taken that the annexed will of
Francisco Sepulveda was duly executed, and
that the testator at the time of its execution
was of sound mind and not under restraint
orders that it be admitted to Probate as
the last will and testament of Francisco
Sepulveda dec'd and be carried into execution

Thus done and signed in open
Court this 25th August 1853 —

Agustin Olvera
Probate Judge

Attest my private seal there being as yet
no separate seal of the said Court — provided

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(Seal) Wilson W. Jones. Clk

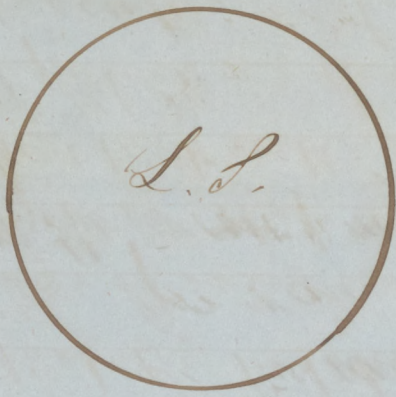
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Los Angeles County } S. J.

J. John W. Shore County

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Clerk of the County of Los Angeles and State of California, and Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing six pages contain a true copy of the original will of Francisco Sepulveda deceased together with the testimony & probate thereof now on file in my office, and is the whole of said original will & testament testimony and probate



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed the seal of the County Court, there being as yet no seal of the Probate Court provided this 24th day of October 1853

(Signed) John W. Shore Co. Clk & Clerk of Probate Court

Filed in office October 18th 1853

(Signed) Geo. Fisher
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Translation
of Will

In the name of God the beginning and end of all things
 let all to whom this will shall come know I Francisco
 Sepulveda Mayor of the City of Guadalupe in the
 Mexican Republic legitimate son of Francisco
 Jami Sepulveda and Maria Concha and her sons
 natives of the same place (L E T) find myself
 well sick but not seriously being as I am in my
 full clear mind just judgment and understanding
 I make this testament in conformity to my will
 in order that in the case of my death it may be held
 firm and valid and may be performed and
 executed in all its parts. Firstly I declare that
 I am married with Remona Teodora Lorrans
 from which matrimony I have ten children
 alive and two dead and the name of the living
 are Jose Ferrnando Jose del Carmen 2 Dolores
 Jesus Maria Encarnacion Maria Ramona
 Mencia Gabriel Concepcion and Vicenta and the
 names of the dead Manuel and Ascension
 Item I declare that as soon as I die let me be buried
 in the graveyard of this City of Los Angeles after
 have celebrated for me the funeral services
 in the Church, which I leave at the will of my
 executors and the expenses of which will be
 paid by my property

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Item I declare that I am owner of the Rancho
 of San Vicente situated in this County of Los
 Angeles

Item I declare that I own three houses and one
 garden in the said Rancho of San Vicente
 of three houses two only have one room and
 the other has two and one a court yard

Item I declare that I have a stock of cattle
 of 300 in number more or less which are
 marked with the brand and mark of my
 property. Item I declare that I have about

fifty sheep minor less which I have in the
 Rancho of Augustin Machado and under his
 care, Item I declare that I have a house and
 furniture in the City of Los Angeles situated
 on one corner of the Plaza and which
 I possess

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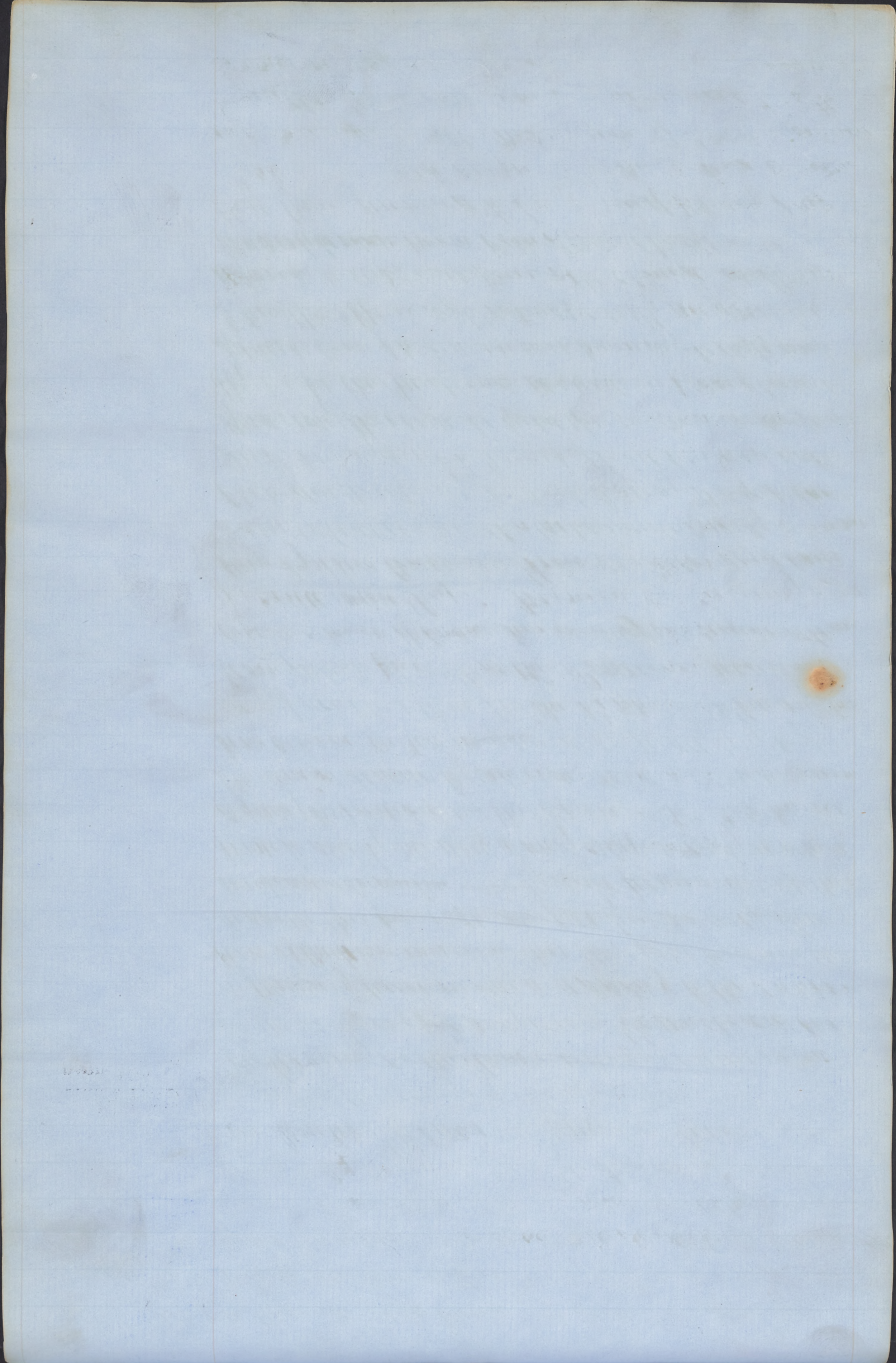
Item I declare that I have advanced in
 assistance some time ago to my following sons and
 daughters Jose Fernando, Jose del Carmen
 Jesus Maria Manuel Encarnacion and Maria
 Isabel, Item I declare that Francisco Johnson
 owes me \$115, which I lent him in money
 Item I declare that Pedro Dominguez owes
 me ten cows with calves, which he is to de-
 liver in the course of this year Item I declare
 that my son in Law Juan Gall was owes me
 twelve cows with three calves which he has to
 deliver to me in this year and ten more cows
 when Item I declare that Charles owes me \$23
 which I lent him in money Item I declare that
 Manuel Valencia owes me \$75 which I lent
 him in money, Item I declare that Antonio Lan-
 chor owes me \$6 which I lent him in money Item
 I declare that Tomas Weymder owes me \$6, which
 I lent him in money Item I declare that Maximilian
 Kuhnzeula owes me \$3, which I lent him in money
 Item I declare that Juan Patterson owes me
 three gentle cows, Item I declare that Joaquin
 Sepulveda owes me \$50 in money, Item I declare
 that Jose Juan Manera \$11 - which he lent me
 in money, To receive and pay who me and collect
 for debts from those who owe me and to comply
 with my last dispositions in virtue of having
 full confidence in my wife in my eldest son
 I do and my son Dolores I name them for
 my executors Item I declare that it is my will

to relieve my son Executors from the Securities
 which the Law of this State of California require
 from Executors who are not all called by an ex-
 press clause of the will it is my will that without
 giving any kind of guarantee my wife Remona
 and my daughter Lore and Dolores may enter
 upon the discharge & execution of my will
 And having collected and paid all my debts
 the mass of my property being unencumbered I leave it to
 my wife Remona her and as my only and
 universal heiress without anyone having the
 right to assign or molest her for any thing
 with leaving her on my part any other objection
 than to deliver to my son Dolores one hundred
 and fifty cows for such is my will to give them
 to him as his inheritance and at the same
 time I confer on my said wife all my rights
 and faculties that she may give to whom to my
 daughter Ramona Concepcion Ventura &
 Ascension in the amount which may suit her
 in Cattle or money
 And by this will I revoke and annul all
 and what so ever other testaments codicils or
 last dispositions which I may have made
 previously which I wish shall have no value
 and only this will be held firm and valid as
 the most authentic declaration of my last will
 In testimony whereof not having been to write
 I put the Sign of the Cross with my own hand
 at the foot of my name in the city of Los Angeles
 State of California 18th April 1853

Francis ^{his} Ygnacio
 Cross

Witnesses &c &c

Filed in Office Oct 18th 1853 Geo Fisher Jry



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Remona Sepulveda
Opinion of the widow and sole heiress
Dona of Francisco Sepulveda
Deceased
of
The United States

}
}
} Rancho San Vicente
} and Santa Monica
} 4 Square Leagues
} more or less

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The claim in this case was first presented in the name of Francisco Sepulveda but it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Commission that the said Francisco had departed this life after the filing of said claim and that Remona the present claimant was his widow and by his will a duly certified copy of which is filed as evidence in the cause is his sole heiress the said claim by an order of this Commission was revived in her name

The Petition on file in this case shows first that the Petitioner claims a certain tract of land known by the name of San Vicente and Santa Monica containing about four square leagues, secondly that said land is claimed by virtue of a grant made by Governor Alvarado on the 24th of December 1539 to the said Francisco Sepulveda, Thirdly that in the year 1840 the original grantee petitioned the proper officer for the judicial possession of said tract of land that said possession was probably given when the officer was interrupted by an adverse claim to a small piece of the land and that the same was never completed but that from that time even up to the time of filing said Petition the said original grantee had continued in the peaceable possession of said premises Fourthly that said grantee having lost his title papers he applied for and obtained a grant from

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Grant was made by Pio Pico bearing date the 8th day of June 1846 for a part of said tract. It is further represented and shown in said Petition that on the 20th of December 1839 and for many years previous to that time the boundaries of said tract of land were well defined and known and that the same was according to said boundaries possessed by the said original grantee.

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In support of the allegations and comments made in the said Petition the following documentary proofs

1st The original grant duly proved to be genuine made by Pio Pico which bears date the 8th day of June AD 1846

2d The record of Judicial Possession made in conformity with the grant issued on the 8th of June as aforesaid which bears date the 26th day of June AD 1846

3d A properly certified true copy of the Expediente made in the above grant taken from the United States Surveyor General's Office for this State

The foregoing documents constitute all the documentary proofs connected with the grant issued by Pio Pico on the 8th of June 1846

In support of the alleged grant made in the year 1839 and the rights which the party claims under it the following documents have been placed on file to wit

1 A duly certified true copy of an Expediente containing the proceedings in an application

made by Francisco Mangum and Pedro Nyles in the year 1839 for the Rancho called Rancho de Santa Monica

2 A true copy of an Expediente containing a portion of the litigated proceedings had before

Guerra Michatzena in the year 1843 between Francisco Manquez and Pedro Reyes and Francisco Sepulveda in regard to a part of the premises in question

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3, A certified true copy of which purports to be an order of the Government directed to Manuel Dominguez Senior Prefect authorizing him to proceed to the Rancho Santa Vicente and Santa Monica for the purpose of having an exact map of each Rancho showing what belonged to each in conformity with the titles which the parties at that time had in their possession. This order is not signed either by the Governor or any other person and bears date the 16th of May 1843

4, A map made by J. J. Warner in obedience to the foregoing order and which bears date May 1843.

5 Two copies of documents the first of which bears date the 2^d of December 1839 and purports to be an order of substitution of the premises in dispute between Francisco Manquez Pedro Reyes and Francisco Sepulveda, this order is signed by Jimeno and unites the Prefect of the Second District to whom it is addressed, to withdraw the title which had been previously issued to Manquez and Reyes for the place called Morica. The second document bears date as follows 8th 1840

date
29th December 1839 and is in the following words
Granted by Francisco Sepulveda by the Most Excellent
Sen Governor of this Department the tract called
In property situated townships of this city
signed Pablo Antonio Artillo Secretary

The foregoing documents are certified by the Clerk of the County of Los Angeles of this State to be true and correct copies of two documents remaining

in the Archives of the County Clerk's office of
that County

6 A certified copy taken from the Arch-
ives on file in the United States Surveyor General's
office for this State of what appears to be an
inventory of titles and which is in the following words
San Vicente and Santa Monica Cession Fran-
cisco Sepulveda N^o 186

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The party has also placed on file a duly proved
and certified copy of the will made by Francisco
Sepulveda the original grantee

In addition to the fore-
going documentary proofs or al testimony of
witnesses has been introduced. It is proved by the
deposition of Felipe Lugo, that he knew the Rancho
San Vicente for over twenty years and that Fran-
cisco Sepulveda had occupied it ever since he knew
it. He further states that in 1840 he was deputed
and authorized to give judicial possession
of lands, that he did in the same year proceed
to give the said Sepulveda possession of the place
called San Vicente and after most of the lines
were run one Agustin Negrete & raised objections
on the ground that the measurement embraced
the greatest portion of his lands, upon which he
suspended further proceedings

It is further proved by the deposition of Maximino
Valenzuela that he knew the Rancho San Vicente
and Santa Monica for the last twenty eight
years during all that time Francisco Sepulveda
had continued to occupy them, that when he
first knew the Coma Sepulveda had a house
on it in which he lived that he cultivated the
said land stock on it and that it has been
occupied in the same way ever since. He then
describes what he always understood to be the

formed views of the Rancho without stating what Rancho, meaning no doubt the one upon which the improvements had been made by Sepulveda upon which he lived.

Dolores Sepulveda a son of the original grantee testifies as to the existence of the title issued by Governor Alonzo to his father and states that when Felipe Luz came to give possession he made the title read that afternoon as his father dictated the title papers to Governor Micheltorena and was never able to get them back. He further states that he has searched in different places for said title but has been unable to find it.

This is the substance of the deposition of Dolores at least of that part which is deemed to be material. The deposition of J. W. Warner relates entirely to the map made by him in 1843 and to which reference has before been made.

The foregoing documentary and oral proofs contain all the evidence adduced in the cause and the question now presented for consideration is the extent of the equitable interests which the testimony shows the claimant in this case is entitled to have protected into a complete legal title.

I propose in the first place to consider the limits of the grant issued by Governor Pico on the 8th of June 1846.

It is recited in this grant that Francisco Sepulveda had asked for a piece of land which he putted as assumptions between the town which he had in dispute with Augustin Muchacho Pedro Reyes, Francisco Manquay and Mariano Alanis and that after having made the necessary investigations the said land was conceded.

The 30 condition annexed to the grant is in the following words "The land of which donation is made within

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which is shown by the map annexed to the Expediente
The Judge who may give the possession will cause it
to be measured according to ordinance and will report
to this Government the number of leagues which it
may contain

The 14th condition reads as follows The right of the
interested party is secured in order that in the time
that may elapse he may make effective
the title which he alleges he possesses to the tract
of land which he is contending with the Señor
Marquy and others which is adjacents to that
which is conceded to doxy

The map referred to in the 30
condition as containing a description of the land
granted is not found in the traced copy of the
Expediente which the party has placed on file as evi-
dence in the cause and without which the grant con-
tains no description of the land granted either
by name or otherwise If the map referred to was
before us and shown true and correct by which the
land granted was derived from other lands of a
like character the grant in question would be
one of facts and bounds but in the absence of
said map the only description of the lands granted
is to be found in the record of Judicial possession
by sequence to this record of Judicial measurement
a description of the land granted by Governor Pica
on the 8th of June 1746 may be found It is true
that the description and the bounds there
given are not of the most satisfactory character
yet I think the nature objects referred to might on
the ground be traced out and the limits ascer-
tained and defined by a practical surveyor

The proof shows a sufficient compliance with the
conditions of the law to entitle the party to a con-
firmation of them — portion of the claim embraced

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in the grant of the 8th of June 1846 and described
in the series of Judicial Measurements made on
the 26th of June of the same year

+ In regard to the claim

it is not mean the prior grant alleged to have been
made on the 20th of December 1839 to Francisco
Sepulveda by Governor Alvarado. We are not able
to arrive at the same conclusion

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The proof in regard to the grant both documentary
and oral I think clearly establishes the fact that
a grant of some kind was made in the year 1839
to Francisco Sepulveda but the extent of that
grant or its contents have not been shown. It is
known clearly shown by documents on file that
no possession was ever given to Francisco Sepul-
veda under the grant on account of opposing
claims. It is also shown that as late as 1843
during Governor Pico's administration
the question of boundary between Francisco Sepulveda
and the opposing claimants Menzies & Hayes
had not been settled and it also appears that in 1846
when Sepulveda applied to Governor Pico for a
new grant for that portion of his old grant which
was not in controversy, the same question in
regard to boundary was still pending and
undetermined and was positively refused to
by Governor Pico in his grant. The position which
the question under consideration occupies makes
it unnecessary to enter into an investigation
of the question of boundary between Francisco
Sepulveda and the adverse claimants Men-
zies and Hayes. Because if the Petitioners claim
for confirmation depended upon the alleged
grant of 1839 it could not be maintained for
the reason that the contents of that grant con-
tain its conditions generally and boundaries

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has not been legally established by proof and the map made by J. J. Wimmer in 1843 does not in the judgment of this Commission supply such a deficiency. Wm. H. States in his deposition that he was called upon by the Prefect of the District of Los Angeles to make a survey of the land embraced within the limits as represented on the plan to which reference has been made for the purpose of presenting the same to the authorities before whom a litigation was pending between the different Proprietors respecting the boundaries. He then states that in company with the Proprietors and the adjoining Proprietors he made a field survey and drafted it as represented on the plan referred to. That the notes and memoranda on the plan explain the boundaries and limits represented on it, as Commanded by each of the several Proprietors and Formed under the supervision of the Prefect.

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He also states that the documents of Santa Monica referred to in the note on said plan were Pedro Reyes and Manzanera both of whom were present. This deposition in my judgment fully and satisfactorily explains the nature and object of the survey made by José Wimmer.

It was made in the first place in obedience to an order from Governor Micheltorena before whom the question of boundary was then pending between Sepulveda who claimed the Rancho called San Vicente and Manzanera Reyes who claimed the Rancho called Santa Monica and the map which the Governor requested to be made and which was made by José Wimmer was intended to inform the Governor as to the extent & true condition of the boundaries.

of the respective claims of these two contending Parties was not intended as a judicial Survey made for the purpose of settling the lands embraced in the grant which had been made to Sepulveda in 1839. The witness distinctly states that the boundaries and lines as represented on his map were made as claimed by each of the Proprietors, that is by Mangum and Noyes on one side and by Francisco Sepulveda on the other side. It does not appear that the Grant of 1839 was referred to on the occasion or that the witness ever saw it at that time or at any other time. Neither was it necessary that the Survey referred to should be made in conformity with that grant. The object which the Governor had in view was to ascertain the points of conflict between the Parties litigant as they claimed them to exist and knowing ascertained the extent of those respective claims he could then understandingly make a decision.

If the Grant of 1839 was in the possession of Somner when he made the Survey in question why did he not state that fact and it clearly involved upon the claimants' course to prove it if true. Besides if Somner had this grant before him when the Survey was made he would have been a very proper person to point out its contents. But on the contrary his whole evidence goes to show that he made the Survey in conformity with the claims of the Parties as they were pointed out to him on the ground. For these reasons we cannot receive this map as evidence of the boundaries described in the last grant.

It is a well established principle of evidence that when the best evidence which the nature of the case will admit of cannot be produced the next best which the law prescribes is in the place

of the party to produce must be resorted to
In the like manner examination the grant itself
is the best evidence, and the next best would be
a properly certified copy from the book of titles
where the land purchases accounts issued by
the Mexican Government or Californians have
been recorded, until the contrary is shown.

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No transcript or copy taken from this book
has been produced, and no evidence that search
had been made in this book of titles and
that no such record could be found has been
adduced. The presumption of law therefore
that there is better security of evidence of the
contents of the missing grant than the party
has placed on file in this case is more probable
and an inferior degree of testimony is in-
admissible.

But in truth no direct testimony of any kind in
regard to the contents of the grant of 1837 has been
produced. The witness Dolores who swears he
heard a read does not pretend to speak of its
contents and surely he would have been a very
proper person to give its contents if he had been
interrogated to that point.

After a complete examination of the very voluminous
documentary proofs filed in this case I am
entirely satisfied that the most liberal equity
could not demand more than has been put
to the party in this opinion. The reports of all the
officers to whom the subject in the many different
stages it was made to assume were clearly against
the Justice of Sepulveda's claim and notwithstanding
Governor Alvarado made an order directing that
the grant under which the adverse claimants
to Sepulveda claimed should be withdrawn
unopposed. It is difficult at this distance

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of time, and with the whole record appears
to procure the Justice of their Decision

The Reports to the Governor condemn in the
most strong Language the Conduct and the
Course pursued by Sepulveda and show that
he obstinately declined any fair and reasonable
Propositions for a settlement of the verdugous
-top of boundary that was offered to him but
remained determined to have all without regard
to the Just rights of others

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Every view which I
have been able to take of this case I am
satisfied that neither in Law nor Equity is
the Government entitled to more than is imbrac-
-ed in the grant of the 8th of June 1846 and a
Decree confirming the Petitioners claims to
that extent will abundantly be entered

The Decision in this case is made without
regard to the merits of any other claim for the
same land or any part of it

It is also proved by the deposition of Jose Antonio
Cavillo that he had known the Rancho San
Vicente ever since the year 1828, that it was
then in the possession of Francisco Sepulveda
and that he had continued in its possession
from that time up to the date of his deposition

He further states that he marked the boundaries
lines of said Rancho in the year 1828 and
that he was ordered by the Potencio Chief to
mark the boundaries as a reward on account
of difficulties which had arisen

He then describes particularly the boundaries
marked out by him on this occasion, that Sepul-
-veda occupied the land so marked out by him
by encircling the same and running stock on
it, and that the Parties at Santa Monica

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had always been represented to be a part of the
Rancho San Vicente

The homestead designated
by this witness it will be remembered was some
ten years before the party claimed to have
a grant of the Land

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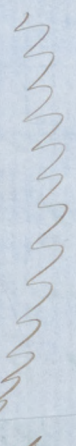
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Decree of Roman Sepulchral
Confirmation valid and sole basis
of Francis Sepulchral
Decree

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

The areas of which
confirmation is hereby made are known by
the name of "San Vicente" and are the same
upon which the said Petitioner now resides
the same being bounded and described as
follows to wit, commencing at the top of a
pile of stones which is the boundary mark
of Francis Marquez and Pedro Reyes and
running in a direction North to East the
distance of three thousand seven hundred
yards to the first corner which is also
a boundary of the said Marquez and Reyes
thence running the distance of two thousand
five hundred yards to the second corner
which is a boundary line of the said Ma-
chado and Tolamantes thence running
seven thousand seven hundred yards to a stone
a boundary mark of the said Machado
and Tolamantes and Mercedes Montes
thence running five thousand four hundred
and fifty yards to an oak tree where there is
a stone which is near the road going to San
Fernando and at the mouth of the Comana all

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Encino which is also a boundary mark of the
said Mines thence running within the mountain
the distance of ten thons and runs to a place in
the Laguna de Encino where there is a little
water thence running in the direction of N 10°
N five thons and thence running the
distance of ten thons and runs in the direction
of the beginning point within the Laguna
de la Iglesia where there is some water
Reference for further description to be had to the
original grant made to the heirs of Mariano
Munoz both of which documents are
on file as evidence in the Cause

Alphons Fitch
Thompson Comptroller
R. Aug Thompson
Commissioner

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Gen. Fisher
San Francisco

And it appearing to the satisfaction of this
Board that the cause here by adjudicated is, held
- also in the Southern District of California it
is hereby ordered that two transcripts of the pro-
- ceedings in this case and of the papers and
evidence upon which the same are found due be
made out and duly certified by the Secretary one of which
transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme
Court District Court for the Southern 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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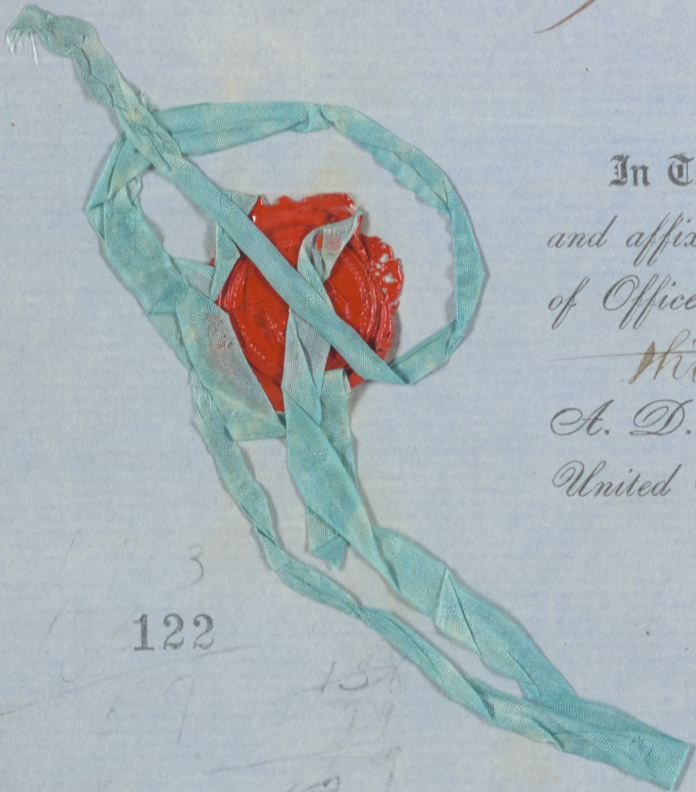
I, *George Fisher* Secretary to the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing *One hundred & Seventeen* pages, numbered from 1 to *117*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this Office, in Case No. *457* on the Docket of the said Board, wherein *Francisco Sepulveda* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of "*San Vicente*" & *Santa Monica*

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at San Francisco, California, this *thirtieth* day of *October* A. D. 185*1*, and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy=*ninth*.

Geo. Fisher

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Southern District of California.

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"San Acente and Santa Monica"

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Filed, November *th* 1854.

J. S. Jarvis
Clerk.

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ESPEDIENTE NO.1.

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(1846)

Espediente promovido por el Ciudadano Fran-co Sepulveda en
solicitud de un pedazo de terreno que resulta sobrante en el
paraje que cuestiona con D-n Agustin

Machado

(No.568.

This is a ^{True} copy
of all the Spanish
in the case No. 143
together with
part of the English
~~one~~ ^{original}
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Exmo Sor

Gobierno Del Depto
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Francisco Sepulveda mejicano por nacimiento y vecino de esta demarcacion ante V.E. en la mejor forma y como mas haya en derecho comparezco y digo, que desde bastantes años fui poseedor de la eskencion del parage de San Vicente que demuestra el adjunto diseño y satisfecho el Superior Gobierno de mi propiedad me estendi^o el titulo que lo conformaba en el ano de mil ochocientos cuarenta, mas ^e el juez Dn. Felipe Lugo que me fue ^adar la posesion juridica al ir a remidirme el terreno atendio a los alegatos de los Sres Machado, Reyes, Marques ^{Alanis} y Lunes y me quiso ^{dejar} de jar el pedazo encerrado que muescra el precitado deseño y como no convine, suspendio la posesion y nada se concluyo, en vez;

Despues a la venida del Gral Micheltorena promovian reclamo y ⁱ de el titulo al Gobierno para que resolviese y se me dijo que lo habra pasado a la Prefectura - loque siento esque el titulo se ^{estrabio} esreabio y mi solicitud quedo en ~~el aire~~ el aire.

Hoy Sor Exmo que logro la satisfacion de que V.E. esta a la Cabeza de los destinos del Departamento, elevo mi voz (3 S.D.K. sumisamente para que se digne volverme el terreno quitado y se me ^e estienda el titulo de propiedad con total arreglo al ~~diseño~~ diseño que adjunto, por tanto A.V.E. suplico se ⁱ sarva acceder ami solicitud y me de la justicia que imploro en lo que recibire gracia juro no ser de malicia y lo necesario, etc; sirviendose admitir la presente en papel comun por falta de sellado.

Ang-s ~~Maga~~ Mayo 18 de 1846

por mi padre, Dolores Sepulveda.

Angeles a 18 de Mayo de 1846

Pase esta inastancia al Sor Juez lo de esta Capit al,

a fin de que haciendo citacion de los ^{colindantes} colindantes a que se contrae
esta solicitud, tome los informes circunstanciados con cuanto mas
sea necesario a la materia y evacuado que este vuelva al
Gobierno para resolver.

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Angs Mayo 19 de 1846

Hallandose fuera de esta ciudad el S. Juez de 1^a instancia y ^{vido} estar yo inhihibido por ser pariente del solicitante pase este al Señor Regidor decano D. ~~F~~ Leonardo Cota, el ^{que} obrara segun sus atribucinos. Asi yo Jose L. Sepulveda Alcalde 2^o decreto mando y firmo con los de asistencia segun ^{derecho} ~~dro~~ en este papel por falta de sellado.

Jose L. Sepulveda

Ast^a
Yg^o Coronel

Juan de Dios Padilla

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Exmo Sor

Hallandose ⁱⁿ ~~in~~hibidos los dos S^{res} Alcaldes para poder practicar la ~~a~~ veduria del terreno San Vicente y llamado yo por la ley como Regidor decano; pase hacer la precitada veduria, y prebia citacion de colindantes ~~xxxxxx~~ reconocí el terreno, y vi que es la estencion que se halla pintado en el diseño que tiene y presento Don Francisco Sepulveda; pero los sres, Machardos y Talamantes, manifesta-
ron su ^{ulo} ~~titulo~~ y posesion Juridica y dijeron ser suyo un pedazo que metio el Sor Sepulveda en su diseño.

Ysidro Reyes y Francisco Marquez tambien presentaron su titulo y posesion juridica y alegaron ser suyo Santa Monica, tambien Meximo Alanes presento el titulo y po~~s~~esion de San Jose Bueno Ayres, de suerte que le queda al Sor Sepulveda un corto terreno aunque se incluuya la Cañada que pide Tomas Talamantes y deve ser de Sepulveda.

El terreno que le queda a Don Fran^{co} Sepulveda esta ^{trads} ocuocadi ~~xxx~~ con mas de mil reces que son de la propiedad de este senor; y caballada que se estienden hasta el Rancho de Maximo

^{valdies}
A ^{N:} ~~Al~~ que se halla verdaderamente ~~vakdué~~, de suerte que no se le
ve ocupacion por parte del propietario.

Eslo que puedo informar a V.E. sobre el particular en
cumplimiento de lo mandado por la superioridad.

Angeles Mayo 25 de 1846

Leonardo Cota

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El Gobierno Del Dep.to

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Exmo Senior Gobernador

Francisco Sepulveda, vecino

de esta Ciudad Mejicano por nacimiento ante la Justificacion de
V.E. con el debido respeto comparezco y digo que habiendose me
extraviado el Titulo de ^{de} mi Rancho conocido con el nombre de
San Vicente el cual me fue concedido por Don Juan Bautista
Alvarado, y como quiera que para adquirir la posesion por las
autoridades respectivas se presentasen obstaculos para impedirla;
de ⁱ aque se que en la practica de este negocio resulte ^{ta} el titulo
a que me refiero con los demas documentos practicados sobre la
materia extraviados o completamente perdidos y como de esto
resulta un notable perjuicio a mi numerosa familia vengo en
suplicar a V.E. digne mandar reconocer el Libro en donde ecsisten
las concesiones de terrenos valdies y si se encuentra la gracia
concedida como es regular, se revalide el titulo extraviado y en
su consecuencia corra los tramites para que se me de la posesion
respectiva que en ello recibire gracia y justicia

Dispensando me el papel comun por falta del Sellado
respectivo.

Angeles Mayo 2 de 1840. A ruego de Don Francisco
Sepulveda su hijo

Juan Maria Sepulveda

Angeles Mayo 2 de 1846

Pase al Alcalde ~~10~~ primero de esta ciudad para que informe lo que

le parezca ^ojustia tomando al efecto todos ⁿloque crea necesarios, con advertencia de que aunque no existe en el archivo del Gobierno el expediente que presisamente ha de haber formado, cuando se concedio al solicitante el terreno a que se refiere, se encuentra en el libro de tomas de razon del ano de 39 la siguiente. Don Francisco Sepulveda en 20 de Diciembre de 1839 se le expidio el titulo del parage nombrado San Vicente y Santa Monica, con la condicion que se sugetara a lo que se disponga se comprendiere en los terminos de la Ciudad de los Angeles. Se le prevendra al interesado que es indispensable que acompaÑe el diseÑo del terreno a que se contrae y expedientado que este, esta solicitud, vuelva a este Gobierno para resolver lo conveniente.

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E.S.

Nada tengo que desir a V.E. en esta instancia, en razon a que ya evacue mi informe general en la Va adjunta; y unicamente dire a V.E. que el diseÑo lo tiene en su poder Don Francisco Sepulveda, el que prometio presentar a la Superioridad,

Angeles Mayo 25 de 1846

Leonardo Cota

Angeles Junio 8 de 1846

Resultando baldio un pedazo de terreno en el parage que cuestionan los ciudadanos Francisco Sepulveda, Agustin Machado Ysidro Reyes, Francisco Marquez y Maximo Alanéz, yo no refluir de su concesion en perjuicio de 3^o segun aparece de los informes de qui se han tomado con arreglo a la ley de 18 de Agosto/1826, y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre/1828, usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado a nombre de la Nacion Mejicana he venido por las presentes letras en conceder a Don Francieso Sepulveda el citado ~~pedazo~~ pedazo de terreno sobrante en el sitio en cuestion, por los Senores arriba mencionados, segun como lo acredita el diseÑo

lo hara medir conf^orme a ordenanza, y dara cuenta a este Gobierno del numero ~~das~~ de sitios de ganado mayor que contiene.

4. Se le deja al interesado su derecho a sa^lvo para que en el ~~ti~~^{ti}m^opo que le convenga pueda hacer valer la accion que a forma tener en el sitio que cuestiona con el Senor Machado y demas que se halla contiguo al que hoy se le concede.

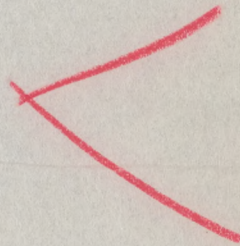
En consecuencia mando, que teniendose el presente titulo por ~~forma~~ firme y valedero, se tome razon de el en el libro ~~agora~~ a que corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles, en papel comun por ^{no} haber sellado a los ocho dias del mes de Junio de 1846.

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EXPEDIENTE NO." 2.

Año de 1843

Expediente promovido por los C.C. Francisco Marques
e Ysidro Reyes reclamandō el parage de Santa Monica.

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Exmo Señor.

Francisco Marquez ^e el Ysidro Reyes, vecinos de esta Ciudad ante V.E. con el debido respeto y conforme a Derecho hacen presente; que habiendo obtenido en propiedad del Superior Gobierno Departmental el parage llamado ~~San~~ Santa Monica, desde el año de 1839; y que hasta la fecha poseen con sus bienes de campo, casas etc-les fue quitado, a fin de dicho año el titulo respectivo por ~~R~~ la Prefectura de este Distrito de orden Superior, preveniendoseles no seguir estableciendo ningunos bienes raíces ni otros adelantos en dicho sitio por haber representado Don Francisco Sepulveda pertenecerle á el ^{el} citado parage, obedecieron esta disposicion haciendo entrega de aquel despacho, y pasado mucho tiempo representaron sobre el particular haciendo ~~presente~~ presente los perjuicios que se les seguian con Aquella paralisacion, y se les contesto que hasta la baj^oda del Señor Gobernador, antecesor de V.E. a hacer el ~~arreglo~~ arreglo de terrenos en esta parte del departamento se resolveria, lo cual no se verifico; en tal virtud suplican a V.E. se sirva levantar dicha suspension haciendo seles devuelva el espresado titulo, y les permita el libre uso y continuacion de sus trabajos como que es el unico haber con que cuenta para la mantencion de sus numerosa familias; asegurando a V E con toda sinceridad, que el parage de ^s Santa Monica nunca ha pertene^{ido}ido al señor Sepulveda en mdnox lohz poxdico con ninguna clase de brenes, como lo probaran a su tiempo si fuere necesario, y por no ⁿ cansar a V. E. se haran una breve indicacion de este negocio en apoyo de la razon que les asiste, y es la s^guiente: Desde el año de 1827 les fue concedido provisionalmente el repetido sitio de Santa Monica a los Señores Alvarados y antonio Machado, Todos de esta misma ve^cindad, quienes lo ocuparon hasta el de 1838, que lo dedieron en favor de los que represen^{tan}tan,

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por haber mejorado ellos de terrenos para poner sus bienes y sin que el S^{or} Sepulveda les promoviese cuestion ni reclamo alguno en todo aquel tiempo, como lo ha hecho con forme lo vio concedido en propiedad a los que se quejan, sin mas razon ni otro fundamento que el de perjudicarlos pues no se debe creer otra cosa en virtud de tener concesion de ningun caracter ni haber poseido el sitio de Santa Monica como lo tiene con el de provisional del de San Vicente que ha ocupado. Por lo espuesto Emo Sor. A.V.E. rendidamente pedimos aseda a esta solicitud ^d decretandolo de conformidad; o por lo menos nos admita probar nuestros derechos y que el Sor Sepulveda justifique la accion ^q con que ha procurado privarnos ^a aquella concesion, tomando (5 S.D.K.) en consideracion V.E. los ^d grander gastos que hemos hecho en diseño posesion juridica y ^d demas, que ha sido necesario, asi como los perjuicios que se nos ^{han} seguido, y estan ^{seguiendo} con permanecer mas tiempo en el estado de incertidumbre en que ^m ^{nos} hallar^mos; de cuya gracia recibiremos merced y Justicia que imploramos y esperamos alcanzar de ^{la} acreditada justificacion de V.E. Juramos no ser de malicia y lo necesario, etc., ^d agnandose admitirnos en este papel comun por no haber del sellado respectivo.

Angeles Abril 8 de 1843.

(No sabemos firmar)

Angeles Mayo 3 de 1843. ~~Y informese al S^{enor} Prefecto del segundo Distrito.~~ Micheltoarena

Exmo Sor.

(L.S.) Los interesados que ~~XXXX~~ recl^aman el parage de Santa Monica de que (S.D.K.6) tienen espedido titulo, con fecha 19 de Junio de 1839 el que ecsiste en esta Secretaria en el archivo que me en^cprego mi antecesor, fue recogido de orden superior y desde aqu^ella ~~x~~ fecha no ha tenido ~~XXXXXXXX~~ esta Prefectura antecedeⁿte de ningun reclamo, sin embargo cuestioman este mismo parage los interesados y Don Francisco Sepulveda. ~~XXXXXX~~ En el titulo de los primeros espresa el parage ~~xxx~~ conocido con la boca de Santa Monica, etc., y en el del segundo, ~~XXXXXX~~ San Vicente, y Santa Monica, y este esta expedido posteriormente con fecha 20 de Diciembre del mismo ano; y como Documentos expedidos por el Superior Gobierno V.E. con ~~en~~ su acreditada rectitud graduara mejor este equibocacion en que parece se encuentran ambos litigantes, y disponer loque fuere de su Superior agrade, para loqual acompaño devidamente el titulo espedido (7 S.D.K.) a favor de Marques y Reyes.

Angeles, Mayo 1 de 1843

S. Ar^uviello.

Jose R. Ar^uquello. Secretario

Angeles Mayo 3 de.1843. Ynformese el Senor Prefecto del Segundo Distrito. Michelt~~XXXXXXXX~~ orena

Gobierno Del Dep.
Place of Eagle
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Angeles, Mayo 12 de, 1843

Citense por la Secretaria para que comparescan ante este Gobierno el jueves diez ^y ocho a las cuatro de la~~xxx~~ tarde con sus titulo respectivos los Ciudadanos Marques, Reyes y Sepulveda.

Micheltorena

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Año de 1843

Expediente promovido por el Ciudadano Francisco Sepulveda en reclamo de la posesion del parage de Santa Vicente. Y Santa Monica.

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Esmo Sor.

Francisco Sepulveda vecino de esta Ciudad ante la justificacion de V.E. con el debido respeto hace presente que en 20 de Diciembre de 1839 le fue concedido por el superior Gobierno de esto Departamento la propiedad del Rancho de San Vicente segun consta por el Titulo que respetuosamente acompaña a V.E. pero los Jueces subalternos de esta Ciudad han desatendido aquella Suprema resolucion, y amas de no haberle dado al que representa la posesion debida del citado Rancho, segun previene el Reglamento se le ha ocupado una considerable parte de sus terrenos por otros particulares, que no ~~ten~~ teniendo las cualidades que se requieren segun derecho, son ~~anz~~ a mas perjudiciales a los bienes del que habla, como podra probarlo en caso necesario; por todo lo espuesto. A.V.E. suplica se digne disponer se le de al suplicante la posesion fiel y legalmente segun demuestra el documento (10 S.D.K.) citado que a V.E. adjunta. A.V.E. pide rendidamente se digne proveer como pide en lo que recibira merced y gracia.

Angesi, ^{les} Marzo 14 de 1843.

No se firmar

Angeles Marzo 14 de 1843. Sirvase informar el Senor Prefecto del segundo Distrito D^oS. Arguello tomados los ^{informes} que juzgare convenientes, y lo creyere necesario al efecto.

Micheltorena

Angeles Marzo 20 de 1843

De conformidad con el Superior Decreto que antecede informe

circumstanciadamente el Juez segundo de Paz de esta ciudad los causales que han^m motivado por haber ^dtado la posesion juridica del ~~st~~ terreno concidido^e al que representa, y ~~xxx~~ vuelba el Expediente a esta Prefectura para los demas fines.

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SEÑOR PREFECTO.

Quisiera haber cumplido con el superior decreto de V.S. fecha 20 del presente; pero no ^{teniendo} ~~temiendo~~ este Juzgado ninguna noticia sobre el asunto de la posesion de Don Francisco Sepulveda se tome informe verbal del Senor Don Tiburcio Tapia Prefecto ^e en aquel tiempo ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ (11 S.D.K.) y dijo que luego que fuese avisado el pasaria a la Prefectura para dar con mas propiedad su informe.

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Y con respecto al Juez que fue a dar la posesion a parece ser el Senor Don Felipe Lugo, al mismo que pase aviso para que compareciese ante V.S. y evacuase su informe respectivo.- Es lo que puedo decir en el particular, y satisfaciendo al citado superior Decreto.

Angeles Marzo 23 1843

A.P. Coronel

Angeles, Marzo 28 de 1843.

Pase esta instancia al Senor Don Tiburcio Tapia para que como espresa el informe que antecede informe del contenido de la presente solicitud, y vuelva el expediente a esta Prefectura para los demas fines.

Arouello.

Sor. Prefecto

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Obsequiando los deseos de esa Prefectura sobre ^{que} informe acerca del contenido de este expediente digo que hallandose a mi cargo la Prefectura de este ~~San Vicente~~ segundo Distrito a principio del año de 1840 me presento el vecino Don Francisco Sepulveda un titulo espedido por el superior Gobierno del Departamento concediendole en propiedad el parage llamado San ~~San~~ Vicente del cual se tomo la razon respectiva conforme en dicho titulo se ^{re} prevenia, y luego paso el mismo agraciado a pedér la posesion juridica al juez primerio en aquella ver Don Felipe Lugo, quien paso luego a aquel parage, y al comensar las medidas se le presentaron los demas vecinos colindantes a San Vicente reclamando parte considerable de sus ~~sus~~ sitios que ~~el~~ el Senior Sepulveda comprendia en lo que ^{era} que se le ~~se~~ midiese, presentando al efecto su titulo los Senores Machado y viendo el Juez que efectivamente estaba comprendido en el titulo de Machados la parte que Sepulveda queria se le midiese a San Vicente, trato de haberiros para obsequiar ambas partes, pero Sepulveda ~~no~~ no quiso acceder diciendo que si no se le daba todo lo que pedia no queria nada (13 S.D.K.) y se retiro, en vista de esto el Juez paso a darme parte de lo ocurrido, tanto en lo verbal como de oficio, cuya nota ^{deve} ~~de~~ existir en el Archivo de esta Prefectura, y yo entonces procurando aclarar aquel ~~propio~~ tropiezo, hice venir el citado titulo de Machados la posesion dada a estos y demas antecedente que crei necesarios para ~~esta~~ ilustrar la materia y con todo se formo expediente, que pase al Senor ~~Gobernador~~ Gobernador para su conyimiento, dedonde me fue devuelto con orden de correr trastado a las partes para una sola vez, como ^{lo} ~~to~~ verifique; pero Don Francisco Sepulveda no quiso admitir ^{las} ~~ni~~ constentar dicho trastado a pesar de varias veces que lo intimo la Prefectura, concediendole ~~de~~ distintos plasos para que lo verificase, y lo que hizo fue, irse como fugado de esta para Monterey sin ^o ~~pa~~ porte ni permiso, desatendiendo las Disposiciones de la misma Prefectura, la que sabedora de aquel procedimiento

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puso requisitoria a Santa Barbara ~~paraxxxx~~ por conducto del Juez primero de esta Ciudad, ~~paraxxxxxxxxx~~ previniendo su regreso, a fin de hacerse respetar, pero todo fue infructoso por haber pasado por aquel ^{punto} antes de que llegia ^{ase} dicha requisitoria, segun la contestacion de aquella ~~ante~~ autoridad, y suponiendo yo entonces que el repetido Senor Sepulveda se habria ido a presentar al Gobierno pase a ^{esta} Superioridad (14 S.D.K.) una comunicacion circunstanciada de lo que ~~parax~~ pasaba, para su conocimiento y resolucion, manifestandole la falta de respeto, de Sepulveda y acompanandole el expediente citado y antes de tomar contes ^{tacon} ~~tacion~~ de esto ó ~~z~~ alguno otro resultado recebi la admision de mi renuncia y entregue la Prefectura a V.S. por lo que no volvi a saber mas sobre el particular ni ver a Don Francisco Sepulveda en esta Ciudad, hasta despues de entregado el mando.

Es cuanto puedo, decir a V.S. en el asunto en obsequio de la verdad, y cumplimiento al decreto que antecede, no debiendo omitir por lo que a mi toca hacer referencia de (a la parte de la representacion que obra por ~~x~~ cabeza, en que espone el Señor Sepulveda que los Jueces de esta Ciudad han desatendido aquella suprema resolucion) tal esposicion carece absolutamente de la verdad y legalidad, conque el Señor Sepulveda devia representar y sino esta en posesion de sus terrenos, no es por ~~dis~~desatencion de las ~~autoridades~~ autoridades de aquel tiempo a los Superiores determinaciones, sino por su inobediencia y desacato

Angeles Abril 1st de 1843.

(L.S.)

Tiburcio Tapia

Exmo Sor

Mandados practicar los ~~ix~~ informes correspondientes (15 S.D.K.) a fin de ^{venir} ~~en~~ conocimiento de lo que alega el Señor Sepulveda, por no haberle dado posesion juridica del terreno que ~~tiene~~ concedido, y como esta Prefectura ignorav^a hasta que vio la antecedente instancia esta paralizacion, fue necesario ocurrir

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a mi antecesor para este efecto, asi ~~ya~~ que el informe que antecede se viene en conocimiento de los obstaculos que aquella vez se ofrecieron a dar esta posesion; y como tambien se refiere a ~~mi~~ un Expediente que se formo a este efecto y que debiera estar en el Archivo de la Secretaria del Gobierno esta Prefectura es de parecer, si asi fuese de la aprovacion de V.E. se llame este antecedente para la debida aclaracion de este asunto para que la superioridad se entere ~~asatisfacion~~ y ~~xxxxxxxx~~ resolbese lo conveniente. Es cuanto puedo informar a V.E. para que con mejor acierto determine lo que ~~se~~ fuere de su superior agrado. (16 S.D.K.)

Angeles, Mayo 2 de 1843.

S. Arouello.

(L.S.)

Jose de Arguello, Secretario.

Angeles, Mayo 12 de 1843.

Unase este expediente al promovido por Marques y Reyes, sobre Santa Monica para presentar ^{al} ambos ~~el~~ Gobierno el Jueves proximo en que compareceran con sustitulos para obrar en justicia con presencia de los antecedentes.

Micheltorena.

(17 S.D.K.)

Senor Juez, de primera Ynstancia ~~xxxxxx~~ de esta ciudad Francisco Sepulveda vecino de esta ciudad ante V comparece y ~~dice~~ dice con el mas debido respeto el que se sirva disponer el darme posesion de los terrenos que prebiene el Exmo Sor Gobernardo en el titulo que apien tubo el darme, el cual le adjunto a V. para su inteligencia, pues dicho titulo ya esta tomado razon en el ~~xxxx~~ libro de asientos de esta Prefectura. A.V. Suplica se sirva hacer como lleba pedido pues en ello recibire Justicia y gracia Juro no ser de malicia y en lo ~~me~~ necesario, etc

Angeles 16 de Encro de 1840

Francisco Sepulveda y lo hizo a mi ~~xxxxxx~~ ruego y encargo el Ciudadano Agustin (18 S.D.K.) Valverde.

Aruego del interesado

Agustin Valverde

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Exmo Señor.

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Enterado de la Superior ⁿorden de V.E. fecha 16 del corriente mes, relativa a prevenirme, pase en persona, acompañado de un hombre inteligente a remedir y levantar un plano exacto de los parages San Vicente y Santa Monica la para por ~~el~~ poder allamar la cuestion habida entre los Ciudadanos Francisco Sepulveda Francisco Marquez, e ~~E~~ Ysidro Reyes sobre propiedad de dichos terrenos digo a V.E. en debida ~~contestacion~~ ⁿcontestacion que procedo a tomar las providencias para emprender mi marcha a fin de obsequiar aquella superior ⁿdisposicion.

Esta ocasion me proporciona la de reproducir a V.E. las sinceridades de mi aprecio y respeto. Dios.

(20 S.D.K.)

y Libertad Angeles Mayo 22 de 1843.

Manueñ Dominguez.

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EXPEDIENTE

promovido por los Ciudadanos Francisco Marques e Ysidro Reyes en pretencion del parage nombrado Boca de Santa Monica.

No. 330

(2 S.D.K.)

Senor Gefe superior Politico

Francisco Marquez^e Ysidro Reyes

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ambos de esta vecindad con el mas debido respeto y a nuestro derecho conve~~ng~~^{ng} nos presentamos diciendo. Que habiendosenos concedido provicionalmente por este Ylustre ayuntamiento el sitio llamado comunmente la Boca de Santa Monica, que dista de esta ciudad como nueve leguas al Nor~~oeste~~^{este} cuyas dimensiones y linderos ^{se demarcara} de marse en el disño que a su t^uempo ofresco presentar, y siendo efectivo de que ~~existen~~ esta clase ^{de} con~~cesiones~~cesiones aun no pueden ser permanentes a causa de ser terreno de propios aunque hace falta a esta comunidad y estar antes baldio hace como veinte y ocho anos, seguramente por la dificultad que presenta de poderlo cultivar y sin parguicio para^s..... si*.....rable cantidad de bienes A.V.E. suplicatoriamente pedimos se nos conceda el titulo de propiedad respectivo que nos ^{es} tan nece^{sario}sario por tener ya en el todos los preparatibos correspondientes para habitarlo y cultivarlo aunque sea con algun trabajo, por ser asi de necesidad, sugetandonos en todo a (3 S.D.K.)

las reglas establecidas con respecto a las referidas concesiones. Sirviendose admitirnos la presente en papel comun por no haber en el lugar del sello correspondiente.

Angeles y Julio 10 de 1838

No sabemos firmar

(Note by surveyor General. The dotted lines show holes in the original).

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Monterey 12 de Marzo de 1839.

Informe el Senor Prefecto del segundo Distrito sobre el contenido en esta instancia.

Alvarado.

Angeles Abril 17 de 1839.

^{DEVUELVA}
~~Devulda~~ esta instancia a los interesados para que acompañando el diseño del terreno que ~~xxxx~~ mencionan pueda estenderse el informe que se previene en el Superior decreto marginal que antecede.

L. Cosme de Pena.

Angeles Mayo 22 de 1839.

Pase ^{al} de Ylustre Ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad para que informe en terminos de estilo con respecto a las ~~prize~~ personas y terreno que se mencionan.

L. Cosmo D. Pena.

There follows a ^{Sketh} ~~sketch~~ on rough map marked (4 S.D.K.)

Angeles Mayo 25 de 1839 (5 S.D.K.)

Dada cuenta al Ylustre ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad en sesion de hoy con el presente expediente, acordó pasara a la comision de ~~text~~ terreno baldios para que produzca el informe que se pide.

Tiburcio Tapia
Presidente

Narciso Botello
Secretario

Ylustre Ayuntamiento

La Comision de terrenos baldios ha reconocido el sitio que refiere en el presente expediente y cre que las personas que se citan en el presente expediente segun el decreto del Señor Prefecto de este Distrito ^{son} ~~sea~~ de buenas partes y de bien el terreno por la presente la comision no haya embarazo para que S.E.S. pueda concederlo y este es el informe que da la comision a virtud^d del Decreto del ~~Sor.~~ Prefecto Angeles y Junio 8 de 1839.

Januario Abila

Juan C. Vejar

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Angeles, ~~XXXXX~~ Junio 8 de 1839.

Dada cuenta al Ylustre Ayuntamiento de esta ciudad en sesion de hoy el informe que antecede fue aprobado por dicha Ylustre corporacion acordando se remita este expediente original al Señor Prefecto del Distrito para los fines que convenga.

Antonio Machado.

Presidente interino.

Narciso Botello.

Secretario.

Angeles Julio 8 de 1839.

En esta fecha se paso este expediente al ~~lor~~ Señor Prefecto interino de este Distrito en tres fojas utiles incluso el diseño conforme el ^{auto} ~~auto~~ anterior.

Januario Abila

Presidente interino

Narciso Botello

Secretario.

Angeles Julio 9 de 1839.

En vista de los informes que anteceden seria de parecer que era de acceder a esta solicitud, pero como se ha presentado ante esta Prefectura otra instancia enpretencion del mismo terreno alegando el derecho de posesion, la que se halla a la fecha en

manos del Ayuntamiento de esta ciudad para su informe lo aviso a V.E. para su superior conocimiento.

Antonio Machado.

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MONTEREY
Monetery 19 de Julio de 1839.

Vista la^s ~~peticion~~ ^a con que de principio este expediente el informe del Senior Prefecto del segundo Distrito, el dictamen del Ylustre Ayumentamiento de la Ciudad de los angeles y la ~~aprobacion~~ de el, por el Ayuntamiento; se les concede a los Ciudadanos Francisco ~~San~~ Merquez e Ygnacio Reyes el parage nombrado Boca de Santa Monica en uso de las facultades~~XIII~~ que me conceden las leyes, estendiendose la concesion respecti~~va~~ ^{va} y tomese razon en el Libro (8 S.D.K.) correspondiente. El Senor Don Manuel Jimeno Casarin primer vocal propietario de la Exma junta del Departamento de las Californias, en ~~g~~ ^{ejercicio} ~~ejercicio~~ del Gobierno del mismo, asi lo mando, decreto y ~~fa~~ firmo de que doy fe.

Monterey Diciembre 20 de 1839.

Agreguese este expediente al promovido por Don Francisco Sepulveda por el cual ha justificado tener en su favor el derecho del ^{la} ocupacion en el mencionado terreno y ~~por~~ cuya causa se ha dispuesto que los interesados se despojen de la concesion antecedente

Alvarado

(Sgd) H.H.No.1.

DOCUMENT H.H.NO.1. annexed to the deposition of
Abel Stearns.

Pi^o Pico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las
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Gobierno Del Depto.
Place of Eagle
De Californias.

Por quanto D.Francisco Sepulveda

ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia un pedazo^z de terreno que resulta sob^zrante entre el sitio que ~~haya~~ ^{tiene} en cuestioⁿ con los Señores Agustin Machado, Ysidro Reyes, Francisco Marquez y Maximo Alanis; practicadas previamente las averiguaciones concernientes usando de las facultades con que me hallo autorizado, a nombre de la Nacion Mejicana he venido por decreto de este dia enconcederle el mencionado pedazo de terreno, declarandole la propiedad de el, por las presentes letras de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 a reserva de la aprobacion de la Exmo Asamblea Departmental y bajo condiciones siguientes.

1 Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las ~~travicias~~ caminos y servidumbres; lo disfrutara libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso y aprovechamiento que mas le convenga.

2 Solicitara del Juez respectivo le de la posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho, por el cual se demarcaran los linderos con las respectivas majoneras.

3. El terreno da que se le hace donacion es el que demuestra el diseño que obra en el expediente. El Juez que diere la posesion lo hara medir confirme a ^{ordinanza} y dara cuenta a este Gobierno del numero de sitios ^{de} ganado mayor que contiene.

4. Se le deja al interesado su derecho a salvo para que en el tiempo que le convenga ~~sea~~ pueda hacer valer la accion que

afirma tener en el sitio que cuestiona con el Senor Machado y demas que se halló ~~contiguo~~ contiguo al que hoy se le concede.

En consecuencia mando que teniendose el presente titulo por firme y valedero, se tome razon de el en el libro á que corresponde, y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles in papel comun por no haber sellado a los ~~ocho~~ ^{dias} ocho ~~de~~ del mes de Junio ~~de~~ de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis.

(Signed) Pio Pico.

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(Signed) Jose Matias Moreno.

Secretario Ynterino

Queda tomada razon de este superior despacho en el libro respectivo.

(Signed) Moreno.

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Secretary.

DOCUMENT "H.H.No.2. annexed to the Deposition
of Abel Stearns, before Commissioner
Hiland Hall.

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Ano de 1846.

(sig) H.H. No.2.

En la Ciudad de los Angeles, del Departamento de Californias a los veinte y seis dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis; anuente a la solicitud verbal que hizo Don Francisco Sepulveda para que se le diese posesion juridica del rancho conocido por el nombre de San Vicente, concedido por el E. Senor Gobernador segun lo ^Mdemuestra el titulo que presento en el acto; pases ~~por~~ ^{por}mi y testigos de asistencia al mencionado sitio y procedi^{se} a dar la indicada posesion, previa citacion de colindantes y con total arreglo al titulo que es de fecha ocho de Junio del presente año. Asi yo Leonardo Cota Regidor decano y Juez primero interino, decrete y mande, con los de asistencia segun derecho.

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No hay papel sellado - Leonardo Cota - Antonio Coronel - Basilio Valdez.

En seguida pase oficio a los Senores colindantes, manifestandoles que iba a remedir el terreno de San Vicenta y poner en el, en posesion a Don Francisco Sepulveda por lo que se les prevenia estubiesen en sus linderos; de lo que ^{quedaron} quedaron entendidos, y se pone por diligencia que eutorize y firme segun derecho Leonardo Cota - Asistencia Antonio F. Coronel - Basilio Valdez - Acto continuo y hallandose ^M en el mencionado San Vicente, nombre dos oficiales ~~cordeleros~~ cordeleros, que lo fueron Francisco Marquez, Deciderio Valenzuela, los que por no saber escribir se omiten sus firmas, cuyos oficiales aceptaron bajo del juramento respectivo afreciendo desempeñar fiel y legalmente su encargo - Lo que se pone por diligencia - Leonardo Cota asistencia Antonio F. Coronel Asistencia Basilio Valdez.

En la misma ^M fecha y hayandose en los terrenos de San Vicente ante mi, los testigos, ~~xxxx~~ de asistencia y los oficiales cordeleros hize medir un cordel constante de cien bvaras, al que le mande atar a sus extremos unos saucos de madera, y despues de las formalidades de estilo, previa observacion y calculo por mi disposicion se

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tiró el cordel desde un crestón de piedra, mojonera de Marques y Ysidro Reyes, rumbo N.4° E. y se contaron cinco mil setecientas varas que remataron en el primer ~~z~~ barranco también mojonera de los dichos individuos, ^d donde compareció Francisco Marquez, y fue conforme; De este punto se tiro la cuerda 0.21½° N. y se contaron dos ~~mil~~ mil quinientas varas que concluyeron en el segundo barranco, mojonera de los ~~Señores~~ Señores Machadoa y Talamantes los que concurrieron sin manifestar objec^sion alguna. De este punto se tiro la cuerda rumbo N. 45° E. y se contaron siete mil mil setecientas varas que concluyeron en una piedra ~~en~~ mojonera de los refidos Machados Talamantes y Macsimo Alanis. De aqui se tiro la cuerda 0.10° N. y se contaron ~~en~~ cinco mil cuatrocientas cincuenta varas que remataron en un encino donde esta una piedra y se halla inmediata al camino que va para San Fernando y al entrar la canada llamada del encino, mojonera también del referido Alanis^s, donde compareció como interesado Deciderio Valenzuela llevando los papeles y fue conformes. De este punto nos fuimos introduciendo dentro de una sierra rumbo ~~x~~ N 2° O y siendo incapaz tirar la cuerda se calculo por hombres peritos practicos y segun las líneas paralelas mas despegadas resultaron diez mil varas hasta donde esta una aguita en la referida canada del encino. De este punto se formo el mismo calculo al 0 10° N y resultaron cinco mil varas. De este punto se forma el mismo calculo con direccion a donde se dio principio a las medidas por dentro de la Canada de la Yglesia, desde donde hay agua, y resultaron diez mil varas que remataron donde concluye la Canada; con ~~lo~~ lo que se concluyo el acto y se le dio posesion al Senor Don Franciso Sepulveda a nombre de la Nacion Mejicana lo que se pone por deligencia que autorize y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho-- Leonardo Cota asistencia Antonio I. Coronel, asistencia Bacilio Valdez.

Desele testimonio a la parte para su resguardo y constancia. Asi yo el Juez que subscribí ² decrete mande ^y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho Leonardon Cota -- Antonio F. Coronel

Bacilio Valdez. En la fecha se dio el testimonio respectivo.
r^ubrica.

Concuenda con su original del que se saco corregio y confronto
en estas tre fojas de papel comun por falta desellado fecha ut.
supra.

(signed) Leonardo Cota

Asistencia

(Signed) Juan Dominguez.

Asistencia

Olloredo Redondo.

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(Signed) Geo. Fisher. Secretary.

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El Exmo Sor Gobernador ha dispuesto; que por la Prefectura del cargo de V.S. se obsequiara la disposicion de S.E. que con esta fecha se decreto relativa al parage de Santa Monica el que deve restituirse a Don Francisco Sepulveda por haber justificado suficientemente el derecho de ocupacion conque lo ha poseido. Que al mismo tiempo haga entender V.S. esta determinacion a los individuos Marques y Reyes a quienes se les expidio un titulo de concesion del mencionado parage de Santa Monica por el mismo Gobierno quien fue sorprendido por informes Capciosos del estinguido Ayuntamiento de esta Cindad quien devia tener conocimiento de este negocio para no haber obscurecidolo al Gobierno Que V.S. devera recoger a Marquez y Reyes el titulo mencionado, el que no puedensu^{te}tir los efectos a que se contraye por que en derecho antes habia otro poseedor.

Y en cumplimiento de dicha Disposicion de S.E. ^{to} comunico a V.S. para su observancia.

Dios y Libertad Monterey Diciembre 22 de 1839.

Manuel Jimeno.

Sr. Prefecto interino del segundo. Distrito

Quedo cumplido como dispuesto en 8 de Enero de 1840

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(e fha 20 de Diciembre de 1839)
(Concedio a Sor Francisco Sepulv-)
(pr el Exmo S.Gobr. de este de-)
(tamento, el parage llamado Sta-)
(propiedad situado alo)
(te de esta Ciudad)
(Tapia)
(Narciso Botello. Secretario)

torn

Senor Prefecto Don)
 Manuel Dominguez)

Deseando este Gobierno avenir de alguna manera a los Ciudadanos Francisco Sepulveda Francisco Marquez e Ysidro Ysidro Reyes, en la propiedad del terreno que entre ambos cuestionan en el parage nombrado San Vicente y Santa Monica, he dispuesto que V.S. asociado de un hombre inteligente e imparcial pase en persona el Lunes 22 del corriente a los Ranchos espresados a levantar un plano esacto que aclare lo perteneciente a cada individuo ^{CONFORME} ~~con forme~~ los limites que hoy tengan y espresando los que demarquen los titulos respectivos que al efecto llevaran los interesados citando al mismo ~~xxix~~ tiempo los demas colindantes inmediatos para que estos (2) presencien las mediciones correspondientes ademas de dos que nombraran los litigantes mencionados - Dios y Libertad Angeles Mayo 16 1843.

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y personas a quienes se les ha
concedido

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Santa Monica	:	:	:	ulveda
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En este indice hay el numero de 433
espediente^s; pero por equivocacion
se puso en la numeracion del 329 al 340
habiendo seguido en la misma

Manuel Jimeno

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En el nombre de Dios, principio y fin de todas las cosas sepan todos cuantos esta carta testamento ^{ria} vieren que yo Francisco Sepulveda natural de la Villa de Sinaloa en la Republica de Mejico, hijo legitimo de Francisco Havier Sepulveda, y de Maria Candelaria Arredondo naturales de la ^{misma} villa (Q.E.P.D) ^{hablandome} ^m he llandome enferno pero no de gravedad, estando, como estoy en mi sano juicio claro y cabal entendimiento, hago este testamento con arreglo a mi ultima voluntad para que en el caso de mi ~~mi~~ muerte se tenga por ^forme y ^Yaledero y se cumpla y ejecute en todas sus partes.

Primeramente declaro ser casado con Ramona Teodora Serrano de ^a cuyo matrimonio tengo diez hijos vivos y ^{dos} ~~dos~~ muertos, siendo los nombres de los vivos Jose Fernando, Jose del Carmen, I Dolores, Juan, Maria Encarnacion, Maria Ramona, Maria Ysbel, Concepcion M. y Vicenta, y los nombres de los muertos Manuel y Ascencion.

Yten, declaro que tan luego como ^o fallesca se me de sepultura en el ~~Panteon~~ Panteon de esta Ciudad de Los Angeles despues de ^z haberme hecho las exequias en la Yglesia, las cuales deajo a la voluntad de mis albaceas y cuyos ^{gast}os se pagaran de mis bienes.

Yten declaro que soy dueño del Rancho de San Vicente situado en este condado de Los Angeles.

Yten. declaro tener en propiedad tres casas y una huerta en el dicho Rancho de San Vicente, estas casas dos no ^N costan mas de una pieza ^{de} habitacion y la otra tiene dos piezas y un tras corral declaro dejar un pie de reces como de quinientos en numero mas o menos las cuales estan ^{marcadas} ~~mar~~ cadas con el ~~XXXX~~ fierro y señal de mi propiedad.

Yten declaro dejar igualmente como cincuenta Borregas mas o menos las que tengo en el Rancho de Don Agustin Machado, y Bajo de su ^{cuidad} ~~cuidad~~

Yten, declaro dejar una casa y muebles en la Ciudad de los Angeles, situado a una esquina de la plaza principal y en la cual habito.

Yten, declaro tengo heredados desde algun tiempo antes a mis hijos e hijas siguientes. Jose Fernando, Jose del Carmen, Juan Maria, Mamuel Encarnacion, y Maria Ysbel.

Yten, declaro que Francisco Yonson me debe ciento quince ^{que} pesos/le preste en dinero.

Yten, declaro que Don Pedro Dominquez me debe diez vacas paridas pandas que ha de entregar en todo, el presente año.

Yten, declaro que me yerne Don Juan Gallardo me debe doce vacas paridas que ha de entregarme en este año y dies mas horas.

Yten, declaro que chaves me debe veinte y tres pesos que le preste en dinero.

Yten, declaro que Manuel Valencia me debe nueve pesos cuatro reales, que le preste en ^{new} dinero.

Yten, declaro que Antonio Sanchez me debe seis pesos que le preste en dinero.

Yten, declaro que Tomas Urquides me debe seis pesos que preste en dinero.

Yten, declaro que Mariano Vallenzuela me debe tres pesos que le preste en dinero.

Yten, declaro que Joaquin Pollermo me debe tres ^{cas} vasas mansas.

Yten, declaro que Joaquin Sepulveda me debe cincuenta pesos en dinero.

Yten, declaro que debo a Juan Warner onze pesos que me presto en dinero.

Para cobrar y pagar loque me deben y ejecutar (lo que me deben) y todas mis ultimas disposiciones por tener toda confianza en mi esposa, mi hijo mayor Jose y mi Hijo Dolores los nombro por mis albaceas.

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Yten, declaro que es mi voluntad relevar a mis ~~alvaceas~~ dichos albaceas de la fianza que la ley de este estado de California, esije a los albaceas que por una clausula expresa de ^{el} testamento que no ~~estuviesen~~ estuviesen relevados a ellas es mi voluntad que ~~a~~ sin dar ninguna clase de garantias entren mi esposa Ramona Serrano y mis hijos Jose el Mayor y Dolores a cumplir y ejecutar mi testamento.

Y despues de cobrados y pagados todas mis ~~deudas~~ deudas reunida la masa de mis bienes los dejo a mi esposa Ramona Serrano como mi unica y universal heredera, ~~sin~~ sin que nadie tenga que inquietarle ni molestarle para nada, sin dejarle por mi parte otra obligacion que el que entriegue a mi hijo Dolores ciento cincuenta vacas por que es mi voluntad darselas como herencia a ~~al mismo~~ mismo tiempo le ~~confiero~~ confiero a mi dicha esposa todo mi derecho y facultades para que herede a mis ~~hijas~~ hijas Ramona, Vicenta, ^{Ascension} Ascencion, y Concepcion, con la cantidad que le convenga en moneda o ganado. Y por el presente testamento revoco y anulo todos y cualesquiera otros testamentos ~~codicilos~~ y ultimas voluntades que hubiese hecho antes de ~~ahora~~ ahora los cuales quiero que no valgan y solo ^{si} si tenga este testamento por firme y valedero como el testimonio mas autentico de mi ultima voluntad.

En cuyo testimonio por no saber firmar pongo la señal de la Cruz con mi propia mano al pie de mi nombre en esta Ciudad de Los Angeles. Estado de California a los diesiocho dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos cincuenta y tres.

Francisco ^{su} (~~X~~) Sepulveda
~~su~~ cruz

Testigo
Manuel Rejo
Jose Vicente Guerrero
Testigo
Jose del C. Lugo
Testigo
Jose Dominquez

Testigo
Cristoval Aguilar
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Francisco Ballestero

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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The United States.

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

Cushing

^{No. 143}
U. S. District Court for
Southern District, Cal.

The United States

vs

Francisco Sepulveda

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Filed April 10th 1858.

C. E. Farr,
clerk.

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Appeal from the final decision of the Board of Commissioners, to ascertain & settle the private Land Claims in the State of California, taken on the 8th November 1855 by the said Board having filed with the Clerk of said Court a certified transcript of their proceedings & decision, of the papers & evidence upon which the same are founded in the said cause being N^o 457 on the docket of said Board =

Notice is hereby given that Ramona Sepulveda Appellant in the above entitled cause a Claimant before the said Board in a claim for a tract of land called "San Vicencio San Monica" being on its docket N^o 457, will prosecute the appeal herein from the final decision of said Board entered on April 25th 1854 against said Claimant =

San castro Brent
 atty for Ramona
 Sepulveda
 widow of Francisco
 Sepulveda =

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J. S. Brown
att'y for app't

Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10th February 1855.

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

Cushing

Attorney General.

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Francisco Sepulveda

Appeal notice.

Filed May 11th 1895.

*J. E. Swan,
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The Honorable J. S. F. Ogier, Judge of the United
States District Court, in and for the Southern
District of California,

The Petition of Ramona Sepulveda
respectfully sheweth that on the 20th day of December
1839, Juan B. Alvarado, then Constitutional Govern-
or of the Department of the Californias, by
virtue of the authority in him vested by law,
executed and delivered to Francisco Sepulveda
a deed of grant, bearing date as aforesaid, where-
by he granted to him all that tract of land
situate in the County of Los Angeles, and within
the Southern District of California, known as
"San Vicente y Santa Monica" more particularly
described in a Petition filed by the said Fran-
cisco Sepulveda on the 5th day of November
1832 before the United States Board of Land
Commissioners to ascertain and settle the pri-
vate land claims in California, and the pa-
pers and proceedings thereupon had, which are
hereby specially referred to; and that after
the said 20th December 1839 the said grantee
entered upon and took possession of the said
granted premises.

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And Your Petitioner further sheweth

That afterwards, to wit; on the 5th day of June 1846, the aforesaid deed of grant having been lost, Lis Dico, then Constitutional Governor of the Department of the California, executed and delivered to the aforesaid Francisco Sepulveda, a deed of grant, of the date last above mentioned, whereby he granted to him a part of the aforementioned lands of "San Vicente y Santa Monica"; and that after the said 5th day of June 1846, the said grantee continued to occupy quietly the whole of said lands.

And Your Petitioner further states that on the 5th day of November 1852 the said Francisco Sepulveda filed his Petition, claiming the said premises, before the said Land Commissioners while sitting as a Board, together with documentary evidence and the testimony of witnesses.

That afterwards to wit, in the month of April, 1853, the said Francisco Sepulveda died, leaving a will duly executed and published, and afterwards probated by the Probate Court of Los Angeles County, wherein he instituted Your Petitioner, his widow, his heirs and owner of the above mentioned lands, and that the claim of Francisco Sepulveda, filed as aforesaid, was revived in the name of Your Petitioner on the 18th day of October, 1853.

That afterwards, to wit, on the 25th day of April, 1854, the said Board proceeded to decide on the validity of said claim, and rejected the same in so far as the same rests upon the above-mentioned

grant of Governor Juan P. Alvarado, and

The same rests upon the above-mentioned grant of Governor Juan P. Alvarado, and Confirmed the same, in so far as it rests upon the grant by Governor Pio Pico.

That afterwards, to wit, on the 8th day of November, 1854, an appeal was taken the said Board having filed in the office of the Clerk of Your Honorable Court a certified Transcript of their proceedings and final decision.

And that afterwards, to wit, on the 7th day of May 1855, Your Petitioner filed in the Office of said Clerk a notice of her intention to prosecute said appeal in so far as touching the decision of said Commissioners rejecting her claim as derived from the above mentioned grant of Governor Juan P. Alvarado.

Wherefore, Your Petitioner prays that the decision of the said Commissioners, rejecting her claim to the entire tract of San Vicente y Santa Monica, may be reversed, and her title to the whole of said premises may be confirmed, and for general relief and for costs.

Stanislaus Brown
Atty for Pet'r

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In U.S. Dist. Court, for the
Southth Dist. of California.

Ramona Sepulveda

Appellants-

vs
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Appellee.

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Filed Sept. 20th 1855.

A. C. Canetti
By John W. Roberts

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L. Lancaster Print
Atty. for Appellants

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Appellee

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"San Vicente & Santa Monica"

On motion of J. Lancaster Brent,
Counsel for Appellant,

Ordered, That additional testi-
mony be taken by either party in the above
Cause

Case No. 143.

U. S. Dist. Court. South
District of California

Ramon Sepulveda
Appellant
vs
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Appellee

Order for new testimony

Filed October 8th 1858.
C. C. Carr clk
By W. W. [unclear]

title or titles of said claimant, to be
invalid. And for general Relief.

F. W. A.

Attorney of the United
States for the Southern Dist
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Marshals Cost

Having Answered \$3.00

Remission of penalties to
petitioner for remission.

Filed Dec 14th 1855
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F. M. S. S. S. S.

I have this answer on Inam Maria
Sepulveda Agent for Ramona
his mother by delivering to him
personally a true copy of the same
at Los Angeles. Dec 26th 1855.

Edward Hunter
U. S. Marshal

Jr. M. L. Goodman
Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
Southern District of California, } SS.

The President of the United States,

TO

P. Ord atty. of the U.S. for the South. Dist. of Cal^a.

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Greeting:

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against *The United States* in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *20th* day of *September*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty- *5*, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

Ramona Sepulveda, praying the said Court to review the decision of the U.S. Land Commissioners affecting her claim to a tract of Land called "San Vicente y Santa Monica"

and that *you* — are required to appear at said Court, in said City, within ten days after the service hereof, if served on you within the County of Los Angeles, and within twenty days if served on you in the County of San Diego or San Bernardino, and within forty days if served on you in any other County of said State, exclusive of the day of service, and answer said Petition, or the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this *11th* day of *December* A. D. 185*5*.

J. E. San

CLERK.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Wanna Sepulveda
appellant
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Received Dec 11th 1855

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Dr. M. L. Goodman
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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *P. Ord.*
U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of California
by delivering to him personally a true Copy of
the same.

at the City of Los Angeles in the Southern District of California, on
the 12th day of December A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th
of Dec. 1855.
J. Lang CLERK.

Edward Hunter
U. S. MARSHAL.
Dr. M. L. Goodman
Deputy.

In the United States District Court, for the Southern District of California.

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73 70, 71 Translation of Title. --- No 72

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"Exhibit F." Certified Copies from Records of Los Angeles County, containing

76 81 Order of Governor to Prefect, in favor of Sepulveda, against Marques & Reyes.

77 82 Order of Sapia, Prefect (?) badly torn.

78 83 Translations of Order or Decree No 76.

79 84 " " " torn paper, - 77

80 85 "Exhibit G", Order to Prefect to prepare map & certified copy from archives.

81 85, 86 & 87 Certificate of Surveyor Gen^l with extract from Act of Congress.

82 88 Translation of Exhibit B. No 80.

83 89 Extracts from Index of land titles.

84 90 & 91 Certificate of Surveyor Gen^l with extract from Act of Congress.

85 92 Translation of Extracts from Index No 83

86 93 & 100 Will and Probate of Will of J^{ce} Sepulveda Certified by Co. & Probate Clerk of Los Angeles County.

87 101, 2, 3. Translation of Will. No 86.

88 104 & 105. Opinion

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Case No 143.

In the U. States Dist. Court,
South = Dist. of California.

Ramona Sepulveda
Appellant.

vs
The United States -
Appellees.

Index of Transcript.

Filed this 12th December
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Attest
J. H. Colman
Clerk

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Deposition of Manuel Garfias taken before C Sims United States Commissioner of the District of California, at the United States Court House, in the City of Los Angeles on Thursday the 11th day of December A.D. 1851, at 3 O'Clock P. M. by Consent and agreement of parties, to be used as testimony on behalf the Claimants in a certain Cause now pending in the U.S. District Court House for the Southern District of California, being case No. 143 on Docket of said Court, wherein the United States are Appellants and Claimants Francisco Sepulveda Appellant and Claimant. Present J. Oro U.S. Attorney and J. L. Brewster on behalf of Appellant

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Manuel Garfias being duly sworn deposes and says

Just

What is your name age and place of Residence?

Ans

My name is Manuel Garfias am 35 years of age and reside in this County

Just

State anything you know relative to a grant of Lands made by Governor Alvarado to Francisco Sepulveda the original Claimant of the Lands in Controversy

Ans

I know that Don Francisco ~~Alvarado~~ ^{Sepulveda} made application to Governor Alvarado for those two tracts of lands in the usual form and that they were granted to him

Just

Did you see Don Juan B Alvarado until, if so are you acquainted with his signature

Ans I have seen him into and am acquainted with his signature

Just ¹⁴² ^{143 SD} ^{PAGE 177} Would you know that Gov Juan B Alvarado issued a grant to Francisco Sepulveda as described by you in your answer to the foregoing question?

Ans Because I have had the title in my hands. I buy at that time the attorney of Don Francisco Sepulveda this was in the year 1843

Just State the contents of that grant as near as you can recollect? And by whom it was signed? and about what was its date

Ans This title was made in the ordinary form which was, that whereas ~~Francisco Sepulveda~~ ^{Francisco Sepulveda} ~~has~~ ^{has} solicited for a certain tract of land known by the name of San Vicente and Santa Monica, and that after mentioning the petition in the title, it proceeded to grant and convey those tracts of land by the name of San Vicente and Santa Monica to Francisco Sepulveda. I recollect that it mentioned the number of sitios but I do not now recollect that number.

Then follows the customary or usual condition. It was signed by Juan Bautista Alvarado as Governor and by Manuel Miramontes as Secretary whose handwriting I know. The date of the title was 1838 or 1839 I am not positive which year.

Just Do you know what has become of that title?

Ans I do not know nor do I know

when it is now, I have not had, nor
it now

Cross Examination by Rosa W. Stuy

Qust When did you last see the title of which
you have spoken

Ans I do not recollect the month
or day of the month but it was about the mid-
dle of the year A.D. 1843

Qust When did you ^{last} see it
and whose hands was it?

Ans I saw it in my house
in the hands of Don Mateo Noriega, an
officer in the Regiment to which I was attach-
ed, this officer was not a Californian

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Qust Is he now living?
Ans It is a long time since heard of him as
he is attached to the Mexican Army

Manuel Garfias

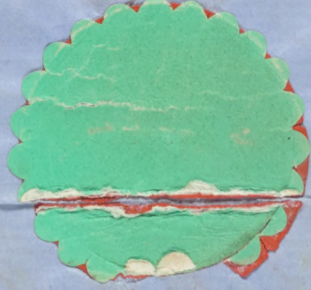
Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 11th day of December A.D. 1854

J. C. Sims
U.S. Commissioner
for Dist of California

State of California
County of Los Angeles

J. C. Sims United
States Commissioner for the District of Cali-
-formia, do hereby Certify that the foregoing dep-
-ositions of Manuel Garfias were taken before
me in accordance with the request and agreement
of said Attorneys at the United States Court
House in the City of Los Angeles, State of Cali-
-formia, that the said Manuel Garfias was
by me duly sworn according to law as a

witness in said Cause in the Caption of this
Deposition mentioned, and after being so sworn
his testimony was by me reduced to writing in
his presence and that of the said Attorneys, and
after having been by me carefully read to him
and by him corrected as he desired, was by
him signed in my presence



In testimony whereof I hereunto
set my hand and affix my private
Seal (there being no official seal) this
11th day of December A.D. 1856

J. W. McCormick
for the Plaintiff

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W. D. Pitt & Co
Sanchez, Puerto Rico

Proceso de depuracion

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de Puerto Rico

Deposition of Manuel
Garcia

11th Dec 1856

J. W. McCormick

I have heard J. L. Holmes
New deposed, testify in ~~Court~~
U.S. Land Commission that
one of the books of titles granted
by the Governor of California
was burned while in his
possession. I am the more
certain in my recollection
as he testified it entered
the record of a grant of
the place even called
Cabrillo Point in San
Francisco, in which I
am interested, and which
was granted, I think in
1839, by Gov. Alvarado
to Jacob P. Laro and
S. Vallejo. Holmes
at the time the book was
destroyed, said he had
the custody of it, as a public
officer, and brought it to
San Francisco under
proceed to be used in Court,
and while there it was
burned in one of the fires.
I forget the year of the
fire.

J. E. Hammond

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Statement of B.C.
Heard
re^d by consent

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J. J. Warner being duly sworn
answers to the following interroga-
toris as follows

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Quest What is your name, age and
place of Residence?

Ans My name is J. J. Warner
am 49 of age and reside
in the County of San Diego.

Quest At the time you made the
Survey concerning which you testified
before the Commission in a depo-
sition already given in this case
state upon what data you made
the same whether Don Francisco
Sepulveda presented any written
title, if so, describe the same
and state how the lines you run
which appear designated on the
map, correspond with the
Calls of said title.

Ans The data from which
I made the map were the ori-
ginal titles, which were then on
the ground produced and
shown to me by the Prefect of the
District, Don Manuel Dominguez
~~I am unable to describe~~

One of which said title was in fa-
vor of Francisco Sepulveda I am
unable to describe the titles at the pres-
ent time not having paid any
further Examination to them at the
time of making the survey, than
to inform myself of the Calls or bound-
aries therein designated.

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They were run, (that is the Extension
lines were run) in conformity
with the Calls in said titles of said
Francisco Sepulveda,

Quest Are you acquainted with
the hand writing of Juan B.
Alvarado, of Ga, state which
his genuine signature was
affixed to the title of Francisco
Sepulveda - state the contents
of the same as far as you re-
collect it.

Ans I am acquainted with
his signature but I do not
now recollect whether the title then
presented to me by the Prefect
purported to have been by Governor
Alvarado - but I am positive
that had it so purported to have been
issued, his genuine signature was

appeared then to buy with a quantity
 and with his signature & necessarily
 must have been examined by you
 with regard to the ~~genuineness~~
 genuineness of his signature
 Of the contents further than are
 assisted by the map I have no
 recollection, - It was in the or-
 dinary form - I have a faint
 impression that it was a title issued
 by Alvarado

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Copy Examination by D. B. W. A. L. G.

Ques: Here there are any other
 titles governing you in this sur-
 vey, if you - state what they
 were,

Ans: There were other documents
 or titles some of which I believe
 derived from the authorities of
 Las Cruces and some from the
 Departmental Government - My
 impression is that Reyes and
 Marquez presented titles from
 the Governor but the survey was
 mostly under the title of La Pulca

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- da J. J. Warner

From gold & silver mines 200
 Aug 20th 1856
 James Clark

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Deposition of A. B. Munn

Filed Dec. 21st 1856
C. Lewis clk
J. H. Coleman

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

Ramona Sepulveda et al

Appellant

vs

The United States

Appellee

and

The United States

Appellant

vs

Ramona Sepulveda et al

Appellee

No. 143

San Vicente &
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This cause coming on to be heard on appeal of both parties from the decision of the United States Board of Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, under an Act of Congress, establishing said Board approved March 3d 1857, upon a transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Board and of the papers and evidence upon which said decision was founded, and upon additional evidence offered before this Court, and it appearing to the Court that said Transcript and the notices of appeal of both parties have been duly filed according to law, and Counsel for the respective parties having been heard,

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the appeal of the United States be dismissed; And it is further ordered, ordered

and decreed, that the decision of said
165 Board of Commissioners be reversed and
annulled and set aside, and that the
title of Ramona Sepulveda to the lands
of San Vicente and Santa Monica, claim-
ed in this case be decreed and adjudged
to be good and valid, and the same is here-
by confirmed.

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The lands of which confirmation
is made are the same known by the
name of San Vicente and Santa Mo-
nica, lying in the County of Los Ange-
les, being in part the same lands gran-
ted to Francisco Sepulveda by Juan B.
Alvarado, Governor of the Californias
by Deed of Grant, made on the 20th Decem-
ber AD 1839, and more particularly des-
cribed in the Map marked "No. 187" an-
nexed to the deposition of J. J. Warner
taken before Commissioner Alpheus Esteban
and in the depositions on file; and being
in the other part, the additional lands
granted by Pio Pico, Governor of the Ca-
lifornias to the said Francisco Sepulveda
by Deed of Grant bearing date June 8th
1846, and being the surplus lands not
heretofore granted to the said Fran-
cisco Sepulveda, nor Augustin Machado
Griso Reyes, Francisco Manjales, or Max-
imo Alcanis; for a more particular des-
cription whereof reference is made to
said Grant, maps, Judicial Possession,
and depositions on file; provided that
if the lands hereby confirmed shall
exceed Eleven square leagues, then con-
firmation is hereby made of Eleven

firmation is hereby made of Eleven
square leagues thereof and no more,
and if there be less than Eleven square
leagues, in the lands above confirmed
then confirmation is only made of
such less quantity

Thus done and signed in open
Court this 21st day of December 1857

James H. Ogden
U S Dist Judge

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Remona Sepulveda

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The United States

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Notice having been given by
The Attorney General of the United States
that the appeal in this case to the Supreme
Court, will not be prosecuted by the United States
and a stipulation having been entered in-
to between the parties, by the District Atton-
ney of the United States, and the attorney of
the Plaintiff, that the former order of this
Court, granting an appeal herein to the
Supreme Court, may be vacated, and that
the decree of this Court, heretofore entered
in this case, may, by order of this Court, be
made final;

It is ordered, That the order of this
Court, heretofore made in this case
granting an appeal to the
Supreme Court from the Decree of Confirma-
tion of this Court, filed
be, and hereby is, vacated, and that the
Plaintiff have leave to proceed under
said Decree as under a final Decree

Charles K. Ogier
U S Dist Judge

No 143,
U. S. Dist. Court, South Dist. Cal.

Ramona Sepulveda
Appellee

vs
The United States
Appeller.

Order vacating order of appeal

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In pursuance of a notice from the
Attorney General of the United States
hereto annexed, it is hereby stipulated
and agreed that the order of the above
District Court, made gran-
ting an appeal to the Supreme Court, from
the Decree of Confirmation of said District
Court, may, by order of the Court, be vaca-
ted, and the Claimant proceed under said
Decree as under a final Decree.

Shanahan Hunt
Atty for Claimant
P. M.
U. States Dist. Atty

Case No 143
U.S. Dist Court, Southth Dist, Cal^a

Ramonca Sepulveda
Appellant

vs

The United States
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Stipulation

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Sir:

In the case of the claim of
Francisco Sepulveda, confirmed to
the claimant by the Commissioners,
Case no. four hundred and fifty seven,
(457), appeal will not be prosecuted
by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,

Matthew M. Ely
U. S. Attorney,
Los Angeles.

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Theo. Wagner.
U.S. Surveyor General.

Theo. Reichert.
Chief Clerk.

Department of the Interior

Surveyor General's Office, S. P.

For the District of California.

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610 Commercial Street.

P.O. Box 196

San Francisco Oct. 15 A. 1881

I hereby certify that the plat of survey, descriptive notes, etc., in the matter of the survey of the Rancho San Jacinto y Santa Monica, Joaquina Sepulveda, confirmee, were sent to Washington in compliance with the provisions of the Act of July 1st, 1864 (13th Stats. 334) on the 30th day of June 1881, and that there is due the United States on account of said survey the sum of six hundred and sixty-eight ³⁶/₁₀₀ (668³⁶/₁₀₀) dollars payable from the deposit made in the U.S. District Court, July 8, 1881, on account of said rancho.

Attest,

Theo Wagner
U.S. Sur. Genl.

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vs

Francisco Sepulveda. claimant
for San Vicente y Santa Monica

Certificate from U.S. Surveyor
General that plat of Survey
& descriptive notes have been
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Southard Hoffman Clerk
By Wm D. Grimwood
Deputy Clerk

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