

CASE No.
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

POTRERO GRANDE GRANT

JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ

CLAIMANT

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IN CASE

NO. 397.

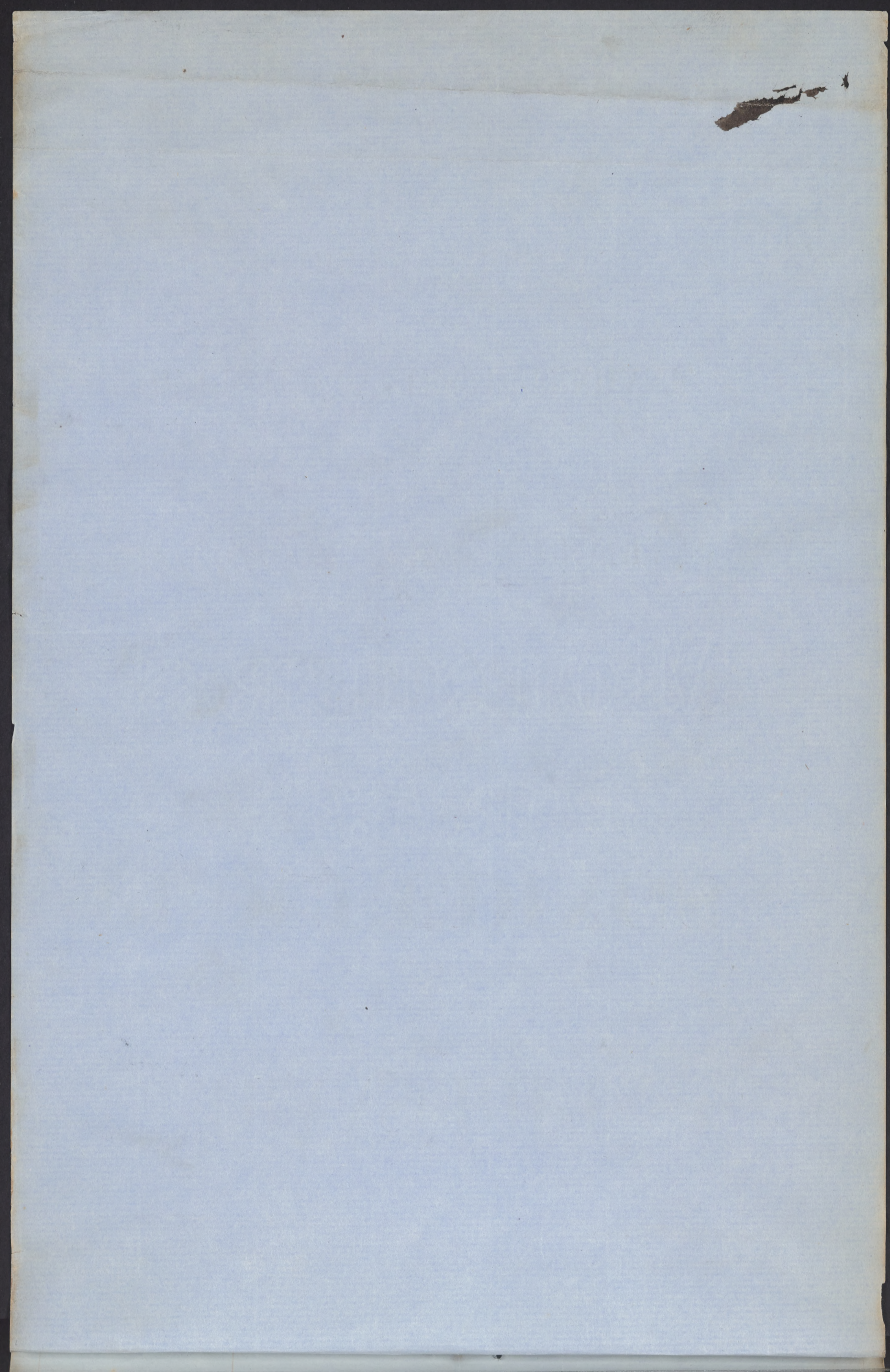
Suan Matias Sanchez CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

" *Peterso Grande* "



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Be it Remembered, that on this Eighteenth day of October, 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 Juan Matias Sanchez,
for the Place named

"Potrero Grande,"

was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 394 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

Los Angeles October 26th 1852.

In Case no. 394, Juan Matias Sanchez for the place named "Potrero Grande", the deposition of Pio Pico, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Meland Hall, with document marked H. H. no. 1. annexed thereto, was filed:

(Vide page 6 of this Transcript.)

Los Angeles October 25th 1852.

In the same case the deposition of Ignacio F. Corral, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Meland Hall, was filed:

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

In the same case the deposition of Wm. H. Dryden, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Meland Hall, with document marked H. H. no. 1 annexed thereto, was filed:

(Vide page 8 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco, October 3^d 1853.
Case no. 394, on motion of the counsel for the
claimant, was ordered to the foot of the Docket.

San Francisco, November 28th 1853.
In the same case the deposition of Juan Gallardo,
a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before
Commissioner Alpheus Felch, was filed:

(Vide page 9 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco April 25th 1854,
In the same case the deposition of Ignacio F. Coronel,
a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before
Commissioner G. J. Barrill, with document
marked "Exhibit A. S. F. B" annexed thereto, was
filed:

(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco September 5th 1854.
In the same case the deposition of J. J. Warner, a
witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before
Commissioner Peter Sott, was filed:

(Vide page 17 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco October 3^d 1854.
Case no. 394 was submitted on briefs and taken
under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco October 24th 1854.
In the same case Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson
declined the opinion of the Board confirming
the claim.

(Vide page 41 of this Transcript.)
and the following order was made to wit:

(Vide page 44 of this Transcript.)

To the Honorable United States Board of Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle Private Land Claims in the State of California

Petition

Your Petitioner Juan Manuel Sanchez a citizen of the County of Los Angeles and State of California to your Honorable Board respectfully sheweth that he is the owner in fee simple of a certain tract or parcel of land known with the name of Potrero Grande of the old Mission in the Mission of San Gabriel and in the County of Los Angeles bounded and described as follows to wit:

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Beginning at the valley of the Sycamores and running in a North Easterly direction six thousand seven hundred and thirty two feet to a measuring place the corner of the land of the Legas, from thence in a North East direction six thousand seven hundred and thirty two feet to a point where there is a corner from thence due North East three thousand seven hundred and thirty two feet to the center of the spring from thence South West six thousand seven hundred and thirty two feet to the point of beginning containing one league of land.

Your Petitioner avers that the said tract of land Potrero Grande in the Mission of San Gabriel County of Los Angeles was granted to the said Manuel Antonio, by his Excellency Don Pio Pico Governor and Intendant of the Department of the Californias by his Superior Decree in date of the 8th April A.D. 1845 which original grant your Petitioner respectfully presents and exhibits apart of his Petition and alleges that said grant is for one league of Land.

Your Petitioner avers that on or about the 30th day of April A.D. 1845 Vicente Sanchez, Notary of the Peace and Judge of 1st Instance acting under the Superior authority of the Departmental Government gave to the original grantee Manuel Antonio the judicial possession of the said tract or

Parcel of land called Patrons Grande in the
Missions of San Gabriel and county of
Los Angeles which said act of legal poss
ession was in entire conformity with the
Laws of the Department and which your
petitioner makes a part of his Petition

Your

Petitioner further avers that on or about
the 14th day of October A.D. 1852 Manuel
Antonio Perez a native of the Mission
of San Gabriel and the original grantee
by his deed of conveyance sold and con
veyed to your petitioner the said tract
or parcel of land called Patrons Grande
in the Mission of San Gabriel for a
valuable consideration which deed
of conveyance your petitioner prays may
be made a part of his Petition

Your Peti

tioner for the support of his claim relies
on the documents which contain
in the original grant by His Excellency
Don Pico of the Department of the Calif
ornias and return with date 8th of April
A.D. 1845 in the City of Los Angeles

also

Your Petitioner relies for the support
of his claim on the public act of
Judicial Possession given to the original
grantee Manuel Antonio by the late
Sanchez 1st Justice of the Peace and Judge
of 1st Instance with date 30th of April A.D. 1845
in entire conformity with the Laws of the
Department and Government,

and also

the deed of conveyance in favor of your
petitioner from the original grantee
Manuel Antonio with date 14th of October
A.D. 1852 your petitioner being the
first purchaser from the said Man
uel Antonio being the original gran
tee who was at the time of the conveyance
only called the native of the Mission
of San Gabriel Manuel Antonio

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Your Petitioner also relies for the support of his claim on the positive testimony of good and credible witnesses of the State of Texas.

That immediately after the original grant to him, this title from the Government he entered into the peaceable occupation and possession of the tract of land called Patro's Grande land above and contained the land and had the exclusive possession up to the time that he sold and conveyed the same to your Petitioner with the full knowledge and consent of the different authorities of the Department aforesaid.

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That your Petitioner from the time of the purchase up to the present time has had the peaceable and exclusive possession of the said tract of land and so continues to hold the same.

Which as aforesaid evidence and other testimony together with such other written testimony and facts as may be desired and in the examination of the claim of your Petitioner he prays that each and all of such matter may be made apart of his Petition.

The tract or parcel of land called Patro's Grande has never been surveyed or certified by the Surveyor General of the State of California. Your Petitioner knows of no claim or pretension by any other person against the claim and title of your Petitioner but that the original grant as well as your Petitioner have in your peaceable possession of the land aforesaid. Whereupon your Petitioner prays that your Honorable Board will confirm his title if said land and grant will remain the same and he needs no further assurance therein.
Juan M. Sanchez By his ex parte attorney

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Filed in office October 18th 1852

signed

Geo Fisher
Secy

Records in Record of Petitions Volume
1 pages 323, 324 and 325

signed

Geo Fisher
Secy

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Depo of
Rio Pico

Los Angeles October 20th 1852

On this day before me Commissioner William
Hall came Rio Pico a witness in behalf
of the claimant Juan M Sanchez Petitioner
number 397 and was duly sworn
his evidence being interpreted by the
Seculars

The United States Associate
Law Agent was present

In answer to questions
by counsel for the claimant the witness
testifies as follows

My name is Rio Pico
my age is fifty one years and I reside in
Los Angeles

A paper is now shown me
purporting to be a grant to Mariano
Antonio Pacheco of lands called Rancho
Grande dated April 8th 1840 by myself
as Governor of the California and signed
by myself and Juan Bandini as Secy

The grant is a genuine paper duly executed
by me and the signature of Juan
Bandini is genuine said paper is dated
amongst and marked Nov 1841

However
the lands described in the grant have
been mainly occupied by the
lands he had a house on it. It is about
one league from my house to that
of Antonio. The lands join each other
Antonio's Rancho is about three leagues
and about seven leagues from this place in the
Los Angeles Antonio's Rancho is still in the hands

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Trustees letter associate
Law Agent
was according to the Law
of Mexico to grant lands to Indians
answer It was
was the way of different
times Indians and others in regard
to their rights to lands and their former
ownership

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answer
There was a differ-
ence It was in regard to their intellectual
capacity to manage and take care of
the lands granted them of which
the Government wants to pay with
the aid of the local authorities in front
of an time was no difference
between Indians and other persons
in this respect

Pis Pici
Sworn and Subscribed
Before me
Island Hall
Commissioner
Filed in Office October 20th 1852
Signed
Geo Fisher
Secy
Records in Vol B Volume 2 page 151
Signed
Geo Fisher
Secy

Depo of
Y. Gracia
F. Coronel

Los Angeles October 28th 1851
Ante me of the Commissioner Island
Hall came Juan Flores and others
in behalf of the claimant Juan Ventura
Sanchez Petition number 397 and
was duly sworn his evidence being
interpreted by the Secretary
The U.S. Associate Law
Agent was present
In answer to questions
by the Counsel for the claimant the
witness testified as follows

My name is Ignacio Coronel
My age is fifty eight years and I reside
in Los Angeles

Francisco Munito Sanchez
who is now residing in the same place
in April 1845 and Judge of the first
Instance and Treasurer of the ayun-
tamiento and acting Secretary to the
Judge of the first Instance

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A paper is now
shown me purporting to be the pro-
ceedings of a judicial possession
of a tract of lands called Pedro's Grant
dated 30th April 1845 to Manuel Antonio
and is annexed to an original grant
of the same land.

Said proceedings are in
my hand written and are signed by
the said Munito Sanchez and
are signed by the said Sanchez in
my presence and the official proceedings
took place at the same date.

Said paper is
annexed to the deposition of P. P. C. in
this case and marked H & M
number 1.

Ignacio Coronel
Sworn and subscribed
Before me

Helms Hall
Commissioner
Filed in Office October 28th 1852
By Fisher Secy
Recorded in Vol B page 2 page 166
By Fisher
Secy

Depo of
W. Dryden

Los Angeles October 28th 1852
On this day before me Commissioner
Hall came William G. Dryden a
notary in behalf of the claimant
Manuel Antonio Sanchez Petitioner number
397 and was duly sworn his testi-
mony being given in English
The above Law Agent was present

In answer to Instructions of
Council pro the Claimant the witness
testifies as follows

My name is William
G. Bryan my age forty five and I
reside in the City of Los Angeles
was a Notary Public in and for the
County of Los Angeles on the 14th day
of October 1852 and as such took the
acknowledgement of an Instrument
of conveyance from Manuel Antonio
Perez and Maria F. Altier his wife
to Juan Matias Sanchez and certify
the same on said Instrument at the
said date

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The statement in said
certificate is true and correct said
Instrument is legit and correct and
marked at 14 Vol

W G Bryan
Sworn and subscribed
Before me

Heavis Hall
Commissioner
Filed in office October 28th 1852
Signed

Geo. Fisher
Secy
Recorded in Vol B Vol 2 Page 166
Signed Geo. Fisher
Secy

Depo of
Juan
Gallardo

office of the Board of United States
Land Commissioners &c &c
San Francisco November 28th 1853
This day before Commissioner Alphonse
Fillet came Juan Gallardo a witness
in behalf of claimant Juan Matias
Sanchez Petitioner Number 397 and
being duly sworn his evidence being
given in Spanish was interpreted by
the secretaries as follows, Instructions by Mr
Hancock attorn pro the Claimant

Question What are your
name age and place of residence
answer My name is Juan
Gallardo my age fifty one years and
reside at Los Angeles in California
2 Question

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are you acquainted
with the Rancho called Paturo Grande
situated near Mission Vieja if
yes what do you know about its
occupancy by Manuel Antonio
Indiano

answer
I know the Rancho
It is situated about two leagues from
Los Angeles I have known said Rancho
ever since 1833 It was then occupied by
the Mission of San Gabriel

Said Manuel
Antonio was a great lover of said
Mission and occupied the Rancho
and afterwards obtained a grant of
it. The grant was obtained after
the Mission was secularized.

Said
Manuel Antonio occupied it until
he disposed of it to Julian Workman
but he continued to occupy it
until he died in town was
about two months ago.

The land called
Manuel Antonio Rancho with his family
before the land was granted to him
and continuing to live there until
his death his family still live there

He
began to build another house there about
four years ago which is not quite
finished yet. He has a stock of cattle
and hogs and sheep on the place with
cows and chickens and some cultivated
grounds during all that time they
were there as early as 1843

3 Question Do you
know the name of the land?

Answer Yes It is situated
at the west of the house on said Rancho
and is one of the boundaries of said
Rancho

4 I mustered to your honor
the points called Aguaja and La
Cuniga If you were willing situated
Answer

Known one aguaja
out the boundary of Diego which is sit-
uated on the roadside leading from
the town of Los Angeles to the Mission
Mesa and it is near the dwelling
house of Jose del Carmen Lopez I do
not know whether this aguaja is one
of the land marks of the Rancho but
the hill runs near it between the
hills

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Known the Cuniga by name it
by the name of Laguna all the Lopez
and it is situated in a plain in a
southward by a distance from the Ran-
cho Patente Grande I do not know
whether it is a land mark on the
boundaries

I mustered was your honor
at the time judicial possession was
given

Answer Yes not
6 I mustered to your honor
whether the line runs from the can-
ada de las Alisos towards the Aguaja
or Cuniga before mentioned
Answer

I saw the Laguna
is at some distance and there is another
Rancho situated between them
This other Rancho is that of Casilda
Lito

I do not recollect the name of
the Rancho It is a small strip of
land between the Laguna and the
Rancho San Gabriel Francisco or simple
Luis in it and I have understood it
was his

7 Mustard seeds which have been
agreed all open market of the R. and
Laborer Grande

Answer Given the Court
arrives of the Hawaiian Isles which
is on the western side and seems near the
aqueduct

Questions by Mr. Brewster
Associate Law Agent

Question Did you
know the Indian Manuel Antonio
and his family

Answer I said
Manuel Antonio

Subscribed and sworn
to before me this 28th day
of November 1853

Alphus Felch
Commissioner

Filed in office November 28th 1853
Signed

Geo Fisher
Secy

Recorded in Lib B Vol 3 page 432
Signed

Geo Fisher
Secy

Depo of
Ignacio
F. Coronel

Office of the Commissioner of Thompson
Pierrel at Los Angeles California
Bique Me of Thompson Pierrel Com
missioner duly qualified for the taking
of testimony before the Board
of Commissioners to ascertain and
settle the private land claims in
the state of California as provided
appears. Ignacio F. Coronel a witness
in behalf of Juan Ma Sancha cla
imant for the Land named Padre
Grande numbered on the books of
the said Board with number 397
who upon oath declares and swears
as follows

Questions asked by
council for claimant

1. Question: What is your name

age and place of residence
Answer: My name is
Ignacio Lorenzo I am 59 years of age
and reside in the city of Los Angeles
2. Question

You are now
showing the trace copy of the Escripinto
numbered Exhibit A. B. B. from the
Government archives of the place called
Rabris brand and filed in the above
entitled cause and ask to state whether
you were one of the witnesses to the
judicial possession and if so what
part you took in reference to the place
of common interest and how the
line runs

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Answer: I was present
at the Rancho of Juan Luis
and Salazar in a and at the angle
formed by the junction of the Rancho
where the angle in the line runs de abies
running in a N. West direction to the
water place in abies into the Laguna

Running in a N. East direction
across the plains I do not remember
how far we the line appeared stones
and plants as stake

Since it ran as it
is laid down on the map but I do not
recall the direction but it runs in
the line of Juan Alberto and Antonio
Salazar into the Laguna of Lago.

From
thence forming an oblique or crooked
line to the place of beginning running
along the line of Salazar into and
about

3. Question: What does the
mean by the Laguna of Lago
Answer

at one time it
was a place where the Laguna had called F. Lago
was the man who was there most

4 Questioner Mr. Weiland asks
Juan Soto Inspector

Answer He was there with
his mother Casilda Soto and it is for
that reason that it is known as the pro-
perty of Juan Soto

Questioner asks by le
le Anunciating Law Agent

Questioner In what month
of what year was the judicial possession
of Patrocinio Grande given to the named
Antonio name all of the persons who
were present at the time

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Answer In the month
of April in the year 1843 I recollect Mr.
Gaudin, myself and Feliciano that Facilio
Kaldon was present I recollect also
also

2 Questioner Were the lines
of the Patrocinio Grande run by compass

Answer They were not
but were run with the Spanish rule

3 Questioner Do you know
the points of the compass

Answer I do not

4 Questioner

State the length
of the line described by you in the exam-
- ination in chief as commencing at
the Rancho of Juan Soto and Kaldon
- also and at the angles formed by the
punctures of the rule and which angle
is in the Cañana de Alisos running in
a north westerly direction to the meeting
place in Aliso with the Laguna

Answer I don't recollect
how long the line was

5 Questioner How do you
know that that line ran in a north
westerly direction

Answer I don't know any
more than what the Alcalde told
me

6 Questioner Do you know
the length of either of the other lines

mountains by your in your examination
in chief or the direction in which they
ran

answer I don't recollect
having any of the lines more or less
salient direction they ran

7 Justice was named
Antonio present at the time that the
judicial possession was being taken
of Patricio Grande

answer He was present
by appointment in chief. Resigned
Justice

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That Antonio
Antonio Abasco built upon Patricio
Grande at the time that judicial pos-
session was given him

answer He had and was
living there with his family

2 Justice says he cul-
tivate the land and had he any
stock

answer He is cultivating
the land and had thousands cattle

3 Justice was he a citizen
of this Department and if so did he
enjoy the full rights of a citizen

answer He was a citizen
and enjoyed the whole rights of free
citizens

Justice by the Manufacturing
Law Agent

Justice when and by
whom was the house on Patricio
Grande built

answer

When we came
to give possession we found the house
there. There were the commissioners
that took place at the time. In terms
the Alcalde and he said that the Indian
built it

2 Justice upon what
part of the Patricio Grande was
the house situated

answer It is about a quarter
of a league from the first boundary
line and this side of the monument

3 Question Campaigne
the dimensions of the house and the
materials out of which it is built

answer The house is built
of adobe and wood and is thirty years
old and eight or twelve years deep
more or less

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4 Question How often
have you visited Paturo Grande

answer

Three times and that was in
summer to give juridical possession

5 Question Do you know
how long Manuel Antonio has
been upon the Paturo Grande when
you first went there

answer I do not

6 Question How long has
he been an cultivator when you visited
the Paturo Grande

answer I do not know a large
lot

7 Question

Was Manuel Antonio an Indian born if so how
did he acquire the rights and privileges
of a citizen of the Department

answer

He became Indian born but under the Mexican Constitution
town all are citizens this was made
at the year of 1824 in the time of
Iturbide

8 Question F. Lorenzo
Swann to and published
reference was 5th
day of April 1854

9 Question Burrill
Commissioner
preparing history &c

I do hereby certify that the above copy was prepared at the time the above and foregoing testimony was taken a copy from the office of and by the authority of J. H. McKim Esq. Law Agent San Angeles April 16th 1854

G. Thompson Burwell
Commissioner &c

Filed in Office April 25th 1854

Sign'd

Geo Fisher

Secy

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Sign'd

Geo Fisher

Secy

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Depo of
J. J. Warner

United States of America }
State of California do }
San Francisco Sept 4th 1854

This day came before Peter L. H. Connor
Esquire Judge of the District Court
before the Board of United States
Land Commissioners in said
State of California a witness and agent
of the Claimant Juan Matias Sanchez
in case number 397 of the District
of said Board and said witness being
sworn depose as follows

The United States Law
agent is present

Question of H. Hancock

Esq. for Claimant

Question What is

Your name age and residence

Answer My name is

J. J. Warner My age forty six years
My residence San Diego California

2 Questions

Look at the

traces copy of the expediente now
shown to your number A. P. L. and
and filed in this case and state whether
you have examined the original thereof

in the office of the United States Surveyor General for the State of California if you are acquainted with the hands writing of the persons whose names appear signing the same and if you state your means of knowledge and whether their signatures to said original document whenever they are present occur the same are genuine

Answer

I have examined

said original expediente in said Surveyor General's office and am acquainted with the hands writing of Pío Pico Padre Tomas Estremera Ricardo Sanchez Ignacio Coronel Felipe Luis Aguilar Maria and Santiago Arguello and their signatures to said document are genuine I have frequently seen them write

I understand

Did you notice

the same at the office of said Surveyor General if you was attached to said original expediente

Answer I did not

notice it particularly

J. J. Warner

Subscribed and sworn to

before me

September 4th 1854

Peter Holt

Commissioner

for the Mining Districts &c

Filed in office September 5th 1854

Superior

Geo Fisher

Secy

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Exhibit A. G.
J. B. to Depo.
of Ygnacio F.
Coronel &
A. H. to J. G.
Narciso's Depo.

Expediente promovido por Manr.

Antonio en pretencion de un Sitio de Gona
do Mayor en la Mision en la Mision

"Vieja" de
San Gabriel.

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2. Excmo Señor Gobernador Interino del Departamento. Manuel Antonio Indígena de la Misión de San Gabriel, casado y Mayordomo de la Misión. Ante V. E. respetuosamente en la debida forma y como mas haya lugar en derecho se presenta diciendo: Que ya hace once años que me halloracido en el Paraje llamado la Misión Vieja con todo mis bienes y con el llano consentimiento de la Misión.

Que à pesar del derecho que me asiste por ser hijo de ella y mis repetidas solicitudes, no me han dado en propiedad un terreno para poner mis cortos intereses y hacen lo necesario para la mantencion de mi familia antes han quitado de los terrenos à que yo pretendia para darlos à otros que no gozan del mismo derecho ni tienen igual numero de ganado.

Que deseoso de conseguir un sitio para los fines mencionados suplico à V. E. que se digne tomar en consideracion lo que tengo espuesto y mandarme librar el titulo en propiedad por el terreno q. actualmente ocupo y cuyo diseño a companio conteniendo un sitio de Ganado mayor menos

3 o. menos si no hubiere obstaculo puesto en los informes de Estilo que demandan las leyes Por tanto. suplico à la recta justificacion de V. E. se digne acceder à esta mi solicitud. Q.uro lo necesario V. E. Admitiendo lo presente en papel comun por no haber en el lugar del sello que corresponde. San Gabriel Marzo 14 de 1845

Manuel Antonio.

Angelos Marzo 24 de 1845.

Informe sobre lo contenido en esta instancia al R. P. Ministro de la Misión de San Gabriel y en seguida produzca el suplico el Il. Il. Ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad.

Paco

4.

Here follows
Map.

5. No hai inconveniente alguno de que se le conceda al Neofito Manuel Antonio se le conceda el terreno que solicita en premio de sus servicios empleados à favor de la Misión desde de su nacimiento hasta la fecha

D. Tomas Estenaga
Misión de Sr. Gab. 23 de Marzo de 1845.

4. Angeles Mayo 29 de 1845.

Dada cuenta al Ilustre Ayuntamiento con la instancia que antecede y el supor decreto del lo mando pasar à la Comisión de Baldios para su informe.

D. P. Sanchez P.^{te}

Sr. Coronel

M. J. Ayuntamiento

La Comisión de terrenos a practicado las diligencias respectivas à la beduria del que se ase mención en el presente escrito y en cuenta q. se haya ocupado con bienes y casa de habitación del interesado en esta instancia y tambien hay 8. en el dicho terreno una casa de habitación, corrales de maderera y algunos bienes de la Misión de Sr. Gab. pero segun el informe q. se ve en este Expediente del R. P. ministro de dicha misión la Comisión à la delveración de V. O. el acuerdo orguiente se le puede conceder al solicitante la estension de terreno que demuestrá el adpunto diseño menos la punta de la mesita adpunto del potrero Chies y la bañada de los Alisos por aber reclamo de una y otra parte.

Angeles 21 de Abril de 1845.

Cristobal Aguilar # Felipo Lugo.

Angeles Abil 5. 1845.

Dado cuenta al Ilustre Ayuntamiento con el an q. precedente dictamen, y se aprobo para que pase à la superioridad.

D. P. Sanchez

Angeles Abril 8 de 1845.

Se concede al interesado la propiedad de un sitio de Ganado Mayor poco mas ó menos en el parage de la Misión Vieja de Don Gabriel por emp virtua libre se le el correspondiente título con forme al diseño que corre en el Expediente y archivese este mismo p. que otre los efectos correspondientes. R. P. Gobernador interino

del departamento de California lo decreté mandé y firmé. Doy fé.

R. E.

10. Queda tomada razón de este título en el libro cuyo barrador existe en un libro llevado al efecto Angeles Mayo 8 de 1846.

Dado cuenta en Sesión de hoy con este Expedite à la Exma Asamblea departamental, Se mando pasear à la Comisión de Terrenos Baldios Pío Pico Presdte Agustín Olvera. D. O.
Excmo Dto.

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11. La Comisión de terrenos Baldios se ha in-
puesto del presenta Expedite promovido p. el ind. Man. Antonio del parage de la Misión Vieja de O. Gab. q. le fue concedido p. el supor. Gob. Dep. con arreglo à las leyes de la Materia en este concepto pone à la deliberacion de V. C. la proposicion siguiente.

Se aprueba la concecion hecha al indig^{na} Man. Antonio del parage nombrado Misión Vieja de O. Gab. con la estencion de un sitio de ganado mayor poco mas ó men. conforme al título librado con fha 8 de Ab. del año p. p. con arreglo à la ley de 18 de Ayl. de 1824 y reglamento de 20. de Ene de 1828 en su Art. 1.º Sala de Comis. en la C. de los Ang. mayo 22 de 1846.

D. Arguello

12. Angeles 8 de 1845.

En sesión de este día aprobo la Exma Asamblea Departam. la proposicion del dictamen anterior.

Office of Surveyor General of the United States for California.

J. 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 Departments of Upper California by Virtue of the power vested in me by Law do hereby Certify that the twelve preceding and herunto annexed pages of tracing paper numbered from One to twelve inclusive, etc.

libra a true and accurate copy of a certain document now on file and forming part of the said Archives in this Office intituled "1845 Expediente provido por Manuel Antonio en pretercion de un sitio de Ganado Mayor en la Misión Vieja de S^{ra}. Gabriel 439.

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 second day of December 1853

John C. Hays

U. S. Surveyor General
for California.

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Translation
of Exhibit A
G.T.B. and
to Depo of
J.E. Corone

Records of proceedings had by Manuel Antonio on solicitation of one sitio de Ganado Mayor in the old Mission of San Gabriel

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Most excellent General and Director of the Department

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Manuel Antonio a married native of the Mission of San Gabriel and steward of the same before of the respectfully and as the San was from him last appears and says that it is about 4 years since he settled in the place called La Mission Vieja (the old Mission) having therein all my stock and with full consent of the Mission

That notwithstanding the rights that supports are being a native of the said Mission and also my repeated applications, have not been granted in any shape any tract of land which I might place my little stock and as the purpose for the support of my family and the country they have taken the lands which I cultivated and given them to other parties who cannot entitle to the same right nor have equal number of cattle

That being desirous of obtaining a place for the purpose above stated I wish that you Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration my late request and command that a title of ownership for the tract of land which I am actually occupying be issued to me (the title which it is now under) it embraces one sitio de Ganado Mayor and unless it should be an obstacle put by usual reports to be heard as required by Law

Therefore I pray in upright justifications that your Excellency will be pleased to grant this my petition I swear as required &c and that the same may be

admitted an enormous paper store
being no proper stamped paper to be
had in the place San Gabriel March
14th 1845

Mannual Antonio

Angels March 24th 1845

Let the Reverend Father the Minister of
the Mission of San Gabriel report
upon the subject matter of this Petition
and send it to the Honorable Ayuntamiento
of this city in the same

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Here follows a sketch

There is no objection at all to the simple
Manual Antonio being granted the tract
of land which he petitions with in
nature of the same remains by him
in behalf of the Mission since his
claim stood up to the present time

Francis Thomas Testamento

Mission of San Gabriel March 27th 1845

Angels March 29th 1845

a count having been given to the most
Honorable Ayuntamiento of the place
young Petition and I am in accord of
the claim the same order is to be
referred to a Commissioner to examine
the land for a report

Francis Sanchez, President

Francis Lawrence Secretary

Hon. Honorable Ayuntamiento

The Commissioner to examine the land
has had the necessary proceedings
inspecting the inspection of the tract
of which mention is made in the present
Instance and finds that the same is
occupied with stock and a dwelling house
of the party interested in this application
and also that there is in the said tract
a dwelling house wooden corral
and some stock belonging to the
Mission of San Gabriel that according
to the report attached to this expediente
of the Reverend Father the Minister of
San Gabriel Mission the Commissioner

affus for the delimitation of Grant House
by the following advice, that the
Petitioner may be granted the extent of
land as shown in the annexed sketch
with the exception of the portion of the
little Catalo land adjoining the Patrons
Chico and Canguan de aliso, there being
a claim thereto from both sides
Angels April 4th 1845

signed
Leonidas Aguirre Felipe Lopez
Angels April 5th 1845

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a account having
been given to the Most Honorable Council
of the foregoing advice the same
was approved, and is now to be transmitted
to the superior authority

Recd. Saucedo
Angels April 8th 1845

Property interested
is hereby granted the ownership of the sites
de Banaas Mayor Alberto Morenles
in the place called La Mission Vieja
(the old Mission) of San Gabriel by virtue
whereof let approval be issued thereon
according to the sketch attached to the
expediente, and let this same one be
kept in the archive for the usual pur-
poses. His P. C. Governor agent
of the Department of California
at command and signed

Patent
P. C.

around of this title is made in the
proper Book the map of which is in
a book kept for the purpose

Angels May 8th 1846

a account having been given at the session
of today of this expediente to the Honorable
Departmental Assembly it was ordered
to be referred to the Committee on Government
Land

His P. C. Presd. A. Almona y Gaskes
Most Excellent Sir
The Committee on Government Land

has examined and considered the persons
proceedings (expediente) and by the
tribe Manuel Antonio respecting the
place the old Mission of San Gabriel
granted to him by the Superior Department
of the Government according to Law
on the subject.

Whereupon the Committee
offers for your Excellency's determination
the following propositions

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That
the grant made to the native Manuel
Antonio of the place called Mission
Nueva de San Gabriel (old Mission
of San Gabriel) by the title of a
Hacienda de Ganado Mayorazgo menor
less to appear,

according to the title
issued under date the 8th of April of
the year last past according to the Law
of 18th of August 1824 and Regulations
of 21st of November 1828. Article 5th

of the
of Committee in the City of San Angeles
May 2nd, 1846

signed

S. Arguello

Angels June 3rd, 1846

At the session of
this day the Honorable the Department
of the Assembly approved the proposi-
tion of the present expediente.

I have the honor to certify the foregoing to be a true and
correct translation of the expediente
filed on the 25th of April last past
in Case Number 397 on the Report
of the said Board, office of the U.S. and
Commissary San Francisco May 13th
1846

signed

Gen. Fisher

Filed in Office May 19th 1846

Gen. Fisher Secy

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^{us}
Testimonio

No. 16, No. 1
Annexed to the
Depo. of Pico
Pico.

A favor de Manuel
Antonio.

Año de 1825.

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Dello segundo Cuatro pesos: Habilitado provisoriamente por la Aduana Maritima del puerto de Monterey, en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cuatro y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.
 Micheltoena Pablo de la Guerra.

(Sello) Por medio Gobernador interino del Departamento de Californias.

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Por cuanto Manuel Antonio indigena de la Mision de San Gabriel ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre del potrero grande de la Mision Vieja en la referida M^{ta} Gabriel dentro de los linderos del diseño q^{ta} acompaño a su solicitud practicadas previamente las diligencias convenientes segun lo dispuesto por leyes y reglamentos de la Materia, usando de la facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado de el arca drole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras entendiendose dicha concecion con entera conformidad a las leyes y a reserva de la aprobacion de la Junta Departamental y bajo las condiciones sig^{tes}.

- 1^a Podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las habecias caminos y servicios que lo disputan a libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que le acomode.

- 2^a Voluntaria del juez respectivo le di la posesion juridica en virtud de este despacho por el cual con citacion de Colindantes y respetando sus propiedades se demarcaron los linderos y pondra sus mojones.

- 3^a El terreno de que se hace donacion es puramente de un sitio de ganado mayor el juez que lo poseionaria lo hara medir conforme a Ordenanza dejando el sobrante q^{ta} resulte a la Nacion para los usos convenientes.

En consecuencia mando que sirviendole de titulo el presente y teniendose por firme y validerose tome razon en el libro q^{ta} corresponde y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines convenientes.

Dado en la Ciudad de Los Angeles Capital del Departamento a ocho de abril de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco.

Dio feo Juan Bandini Secretario. Queda tomada razon en el libro respectivo.

fta ut Supra

En la Ciudad de Los Angeles del Departamento de California a los treinta dias del mes de abril de mil ochocientos cuarenta y cinco en virtud de la solicitud verbal que ha hecho el indigena Manuel Antonio para que se le de posesion juridica del terreno nombrado Potero Grande de la Misión de Sr. Gabriel concedido por el Excmo señor Gobernador del Departamento segun demuestra el despacho que presenta este juzgado; pasese por mi y testigos de asistencia al mencionado sitio y procedase a dar la posesion juridica previa citacion de colindantes arreglandose para ello al titulo referido el cual tiene fecha de Ocho de abril del presente año. Asi yo Vicente Sanchez Alcalde primero y Juez de 1ª instancia decretè mandè y firmè con los de asistencia segun derecho. No hay papel sellado.

Asa Ignacio Coronel # Asa. Vicente Sanchez # Asa Hugo Reid.

En la misma fecha. pase oficio a los Señores Colindantes para que concurrieren a sus linderos y les manifestè el objeto a que me dirigia al Potero Grande de la Misión de Sr. Gabriel pues iba a poner en posesion al Indigena Manuel Antonio del citado Potero Grande de esto quedaron entendidos y se pone por diligencia que autorisè y firmè con los de Asistencia segun derecho = Vicente Sanchez # Asistencia: Ignacio Coronel # Asa. Hugo Reid.

En segunda y estando en el parage del Potero Grande nombrè dos Oficiales cot deleros que lo fueron Claudio Alvarez y José Hernandez los qd. aceptaron bajo de juramento apreciando desempeñar fiel y legalmente su cargo lo que pongo por diligencia que autorisè y firmè con los de asistencia segun derecho. (Corregido)

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(Corregido)

No saben escribir los Bordeleros.

Vicente Sanchez. Aso.º Ignacio Coronel.

Aso.º Hugo Reid.

En la misma fecha y estando en los linderos de Antonio Valenzuela y Bacildo Boto los que no manifestaron objecion alguna, y enton ceso hise medir un Bordel cono tante de die n varas a la Vista de mis testigos de asistencia y Oficiales Bordeleros y tambien les mande atar a sus oca temos unos cancos de Madera y previa observacion y calculo por mi disposicion se tiro el primer Bordel desde la Cañada de los Alisos con direcion al Noroeste y se midieron y contaron seis mil varas q. remataron en el Aghage linderos de los Lugos, donde se mando poner una mojonera. De este punto y con direccion al Noroeste se tiro el segundo Bordel y se contaron y midieron seis mil varas que remataron en el llano donde tambien se mando poner una mojonera. De este lugar y con direccion al Este se tiro el tercer Bordel y se midieron y contaron tres mil varas que remataron en la Bienega de Lugo. De aqui se tiro la cuarta medida con direccion al Suroeste y se midieron y contaron seis mil varas que remataron donde se comenzo. En todos estos linderos concu rieron sus colindantes y que daron estos y los intere oados satisfechos. con lo que autorise y firme con los de asistencia segun dro: Vicente Sanchez.

Asot.º Ignacio Coronel # Aso.º Hugo Reid.

Desede testimonio a la parte de las presentes diligencias para su resguardo. Asi yo Vicente Sanchez Alcalde 1.º decreto y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho.

Vicente Sanchez. Hugo Reid

Razon. Desede testimonio a la parte q. se diu en la pta. (autrica.)

Con cuerda con su Original que se halla en el Libro de instrumentos publicos de este año del que se saca el correjio y confronto en estas tres fojas de papel comun por falta de bellado.

Aso.º R.º Sanchez. Aso.º

Ag.º Coronel

Juan M.º Sepulveda

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N.M. 6000 N.

N.M. 6000 N.

E. 3000 N.

S.M. 6000 N.

Authentic Copy of Record of possession
given in favor of Manuel Antonio for
the year 1843

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Translation
of Doc 1114
Not annexed to
Depos of
Rio Pico

Stamp Second Fair Dollars
Provisionally provided by the Marine
Custom House of the Port of Monterey in
the Department of California for the years
1844 and 1845

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1843 Por Pico Governor and Antonio of
the Department of California in
Manuel Antonio one of the
aborigines of the Mission of San
Gabriel has petitioned for his personal
use and for his family a tract of
land known by the name of Petros
grande de la Mission de San Gabriel the
said Mission of San Gabriel is
shown in the boundaries as shown
in the map annexed to this Petition
all the provisions relating to the
use of land and all regulations by laws
and Regulations on the subject in
the exercise of the powers conferred
upon me in the name of the Mexican
Nation for the purpose of grant
ing the said Manuel Antonio the
above mentioned tract and declare
that the ownership of this grant
is understood to be subject in accordance
with the laws but subject to the app
roval of the Departmental Board
and under the following conditions
1st He may find it within his jurisdiction
to the crossings, squares and easements
he may enjoy it fully and exclusively
applying it to such use or cultivation
as may suit him

2nd He shall by virtue of this title obtain
a copy of the title to give him judicial
possession by whom after due notifi
cation to the adjoining landowners
and attending to the locality of their
lands the boundaries shall be marked
out and the said M. A. shall place
the land marks

3rd) The tract of which front is San Francisco
 is but of one square league (Cetro de Saneado
 Mayor) the appraisal when very first
 been into possession shall cause
 the same to be measured according
 to ordinance the surplus thereof to be
 for the common use of the nation
 Whence it may be that the presents shall
 answer him as to the and shall be held
 for him and shall be held to be
 made in the proper book and after wards
 be returned to the party interested for
 his safety and other ends. Given in the
 City of Los Angeles, Capital of the Dep
 August the 8th day of April 1845
 Joaquin B. ... Juan B. ... Secy
 a Record of the said land made in the
 proper Book Date up supra

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(Translation of the act of judicial possession)
 In the City of Los Angeles, of the Department
 of California on the 8th day of April 1845
 in pursuance to the verbal declaration
 of the aborigine M. Antonio that judicial
 possession began him of the tract of
 land called Paterno granted by the Mission
 of San Gabriel granted by the King
 of the Sept as is shown by the
 title which he presented at this office
 since presented into the hands of a notary
 and the above mentioned place since
 the judicial possession previous notice
 to the adjoining land owners in
 accordance with the said title which is dated
 April 8th 1845 This I executed San Juan
 1st Justice of the Peace and Judge of the
 Island of ... Commissioned & signed
 with my accustomed seal and
 signature. There is no real paper interest
 of Juan Lorenzo Benito San Juan 14. And
 because date of said appraisement
 notice to the adjoining land owners that
 they might appear at their own expense
 and make known to them the object
 that led me to the Paterno grant

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of the old mission of San Gabriel to visit
 that was going to give possession to the
 aborigine M. Antonio of the San Pedro
 grande & they understood the same & it
 was noted as a step taken which San Antonio
 and Segura with their witnesses according
 to San N. Sanchez witness of Council witness
 M. Ruiz, in continuation and being at
 the place called Patiro grande named
 two messengers whom we call el Alenteo
 and J. Hernandez who accepted the
 appointment under each offering to his
 charge true and legal, then acting which
 I had a part of the proceedings which
 San Antonio & Segura with their assistance
 according to San N. Sanchez witness
 M. Ruiz witness of Council witness
 M. Ruiz witness of Council witness
 On the same date being at the boundary
 place of U. Nalung and U. C. So to be
 made resolution what time I caused
 to be measured a cord 1000 varas in length
 in the presence of my witnesses of assistance
 & the messengers & also I commanded to be
 attached to the extremities of said cord
 wooden stakes & pins were calculated
 and determined by me made fast the
 end was stretched by running at the
 head of the river into a direction to the
 north west being measured & counted by
 thousand varas which line closed at the
 water hole the boundary of the Sugar
 when was commanded to be placed
 along mark. From this point in a
 north east direction the end was secondly
 stretched and the same measured and
 counted by thousand varas, which clos-
 ed in the plain where was also com-
 manded to be placed along mark
 From
 this point and direction east the line
 was thirdly run and the same measured
 and counted three thousand varas which
 closed at the head of the Sugar
 this point the fourth line was run

direction south east and there were
measured and counted by three
- sand bars which closed at the
point of beginning.

In all these boundaries
places were present the adjoining land
owners and there as well as the party
interested remaining satisfied with
which concluded the act which I am
thinking and signing with those of assistance
according to law

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Witness
Vicente Sandon
Ygnacio Coronel
Set an authenticated copy to give to the
person interested in these present pro-
ceedings for his security.

Thus I Vicente
Sandon, Not Justice of the Peace do and
and signing with those of assistance acc-
ording to law

(Note)
Vicente Sandon
Hugo Ruiz
Set an authenticated copy to give to the
party and the same was given on the this
date
Scroll

This agrees with its original which is
found in the book of Public instrumen-
ts of this year from which this
was taken corrected and compared
on that three leaves of common paper
for want of real paper.

Witness
Vicente Sandon
Ygnacio Coronel Juan M. Sepulveda

Filed in Office October 18th 1852
Signed

Geo. Fisher
Secy

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Signed
Geo. Fisher
Secy

Copy of a Deed of conveyance from the
nativo Manuel Antonio Perez in favor of
Juan Matias Sanchez of the Rancho of
Patricio Grande

Deed of
Conveyance

Know all men by these presents that I
Manuel Antonio Perez of the County of Los
Angeles State of California Farmer for
and in consideration of the sum of
ten thousand and six hundred and six
pays to me by Juan Matias Sanchez of
said County and State a person
found to be in receipt of the sum of a
pounded and actually free grant bargain
sell and convey unto the said Juan M
Sanchez his heirs and assigns a certain
tract or piece of land with the buildings
thereon and all the privileges and appur
tenances to the same belonging situate in
the Mission Vega in the County of
Los Angeles and bounded and described
as follows to wit.

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Tract East from the
valley of the Sacramento by thousands
varas to a certain place the corner
of the Suga from thence north east
by thousands varas which corner in
the plain where a corner was made
from thence east three thousand varas
to the corner of Suga from thence south
west by thousands varas to the place
of beginning which said tract or piece
of land is known by the name of
Patricio Grande of the Mission of San
Gabriel. To have and to hold the above
granted premises to the said Juan Matias
Sanchez his heirs and assigns to his
and their use and behoof forever
and I the said Manuel Antonio Perez for
myself and my heirs do certify and ad
illustrate do covenant unto the said
Juan Matias Sanchez his heirs and
assigns that I am lawfully seized in
fee simple of the above granted premises
that they are free from all incumbrances
that I have good right to sell and convey

the same to the said Juan Antonio Sanchez his heirs and assigns forever as appears and that I will and my heirs and assigns shall rearrest and defend the same to the said Juan Antonio Sanchez his heirs and assigns forever against the Lawful claims and demands of all persons in whatsoever and whomever the said Manuel Antonio Perez and Maria Florentina abetic wife of the said Manuel Antonio Perez taken of his release of all right and title of or to do over to the granted premises have been unto set our hands and seals this the 14th day of October 1852

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Manuel Antonio ^{his} Perez ^{and} ^{his} wife ^{and} ^{her} ^{separate} ^{and} ^{distinct} ^{property} ^{mark}
Maria F. Abetic ^{mark}
William Workman
State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss
On this the 14th day of October in the Year of Our Lord 1852 I personally appeared before me Wm. G. Bryan a Notary Public and for the County of Los Angeles M. A. Perez and his wife M. F. Abetic who known to be the individuals described in the recited the foregoing deed of conveyance and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and Maria F. Abetic the wife of Manuel Antonio Perez being known separate and apart from her husband without his learning and consent executed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion or undue influence of her husband and that she does not wish to retract the recitation of the same instrument and I have subscribed my name as Notary Public and affixed the seal of my office in the City of Los Angeles the year and date above written
W. G. Bryan Notary Public
Filed in Office October 18th 1852
Geo. Fisher Secy

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No 1 anex^d
to Depo of
W & Dryden

Know all men by these presents that I
Mariano Antonio Ruiz of the County of
Los Angeles State of California, Farmer
for and in consideration of the sum of
two thousand and six hundred dollars
paid to me by Juan Matias Sanchez
of said County and State of said State
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
do hereby give grant bargain sell and
confer unto the said J. M. Sanchez his heirs
and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land
with the buildings thereon & all the privi-
leges and appurtenances to the same belong-
ing situate in the Mission Vega in the
County of Los Angeles and bounded and
described as follows to wit

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With a east from
the Valley of the Sacramento for three and
varas from the north with a east for three
varas with a north line in the plain
where a corner was made from the
east three thousand varas to the corner
of the said land south west of the
said Varas till the place of beginning
where said tract or parcel of land
is known by the name of Pedro Verde
of the Mission of San Gabriel

For and in
and to hold the above granted premises
to the said Juan Matias Sanchez his
heirs and assigns to his and their use
and behoof forever. And I the said
Mariano Ruiz for my self and my heirs
Executors and Administrators do covenant
unto the said Juan Matias Sanchez
his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully
seized in fee simple of the above said granted
premises that they are free from all in-
-cumbances, that I have good right
to sell and convey the same to the said
Mr. Sanchez his heirs and assigns for
as aforesaid and that I will and my heirs
and successors shall warrant and defend
the same to the said J. M. Sanchez his
heirs & assigns forever against the claim of

Claims and demands of all persons in
interests herein of the said Manuel
Antonio Perez and Maria Florentina
Albino wife of the said Manuel
Antonio Perez in token of his release
of all right and title of or claim to in
the granted premises hereunto
set our hands and seal, this the 14th
day of October A.D. 1852 his

Manuel Antonio + Perez seal
Maria Florentina + Albino seal
witness

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William Workman

State of California }
County of Los Angeles } ss

On this the 14th day
of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty two
personally appeared before me William
G. Fryder a Notary Public in and for
the County of Los Angeles Manuel Antonio
Perez and his wife Maria Florentina
Albino who known to be the individuals
described in and who executed the foregoing
and of consequence and they acknowledged
to me that they executed the same freely
and voluntarily for the reasons purposes
terms mentioned and Maria + Albino
the wife of the A. Perez being examined
separate and apart from her husband
without his hearing said that she executed
the same freely and voluntarily without
fear or compulsion or undue influence
of her husband and that she did not wish
to retract the execution of the same in testimony
whereof I have subscribed my name
as notary public and affixed the seal
of my office in the City of Los Angeles this
afore said date above written

W. G. Fryder N. P.
Filed in office October 28th 1852
Geo Fisher Secy

Opinion
of the
Board

Number 397

Juan Matias Sanchez
vs
The United States

Patrons
Grande

This claim presents no question which has not been repeatedly acted on and decided by the Commission.

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The original grant and approval by the Departmental Assembly, the record of judicial possession and the compliance from the original grantees are accepted and the genuineness and authenticity established by competent testimony.

The judicial measurement confirms the boundaries with sufficient certainty and makes the quantity of land contained within them a little less than a square league.

It is also in proof that the original grantees occupied cultivated and wooded upon the land from a period anterior to the grant which he sold to the present claimant in 1852.

The validity of the claim is clearly established and a decree of confirmation will be entered.

Alfonso Fitch

Rory Thompson

J.B. Farnell
Commissioner

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signed

Geo. Fisher
Secretary

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signed

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Confirmation

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Garcia

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

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The land of which confirmation is made is situated in the County of Los Angeles and is known by the name of Pedro Garcia being the same which was granted by Governor Pio Pico to Manuel Antonio on the 8th of April 1845 and is bounded as follows.

Beginning at the Cañada de las Alamos (by corners) and running North west to the watering place Agua de the boundary of the Sugar six thousand varas.

Thence North East to a point in the plain where a land mark was placed by thousands varas. Thence East to the Cañada de los Arboles three thousand varas.

Thence South west along the line of Antonio Valenzuela and Juan Alvarado by thousands varas to the point of beginning containing one square league a little more or less.

For a more particular description reference is to be had to the original grant map and copy of judicial possession and the Deposition of Ignacio Flores and all papers on file among the papers in the case.

Alphens Felch
R. Aug. Thompson
S. B. Farnell
Commissioner

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Filed in Office October 24th 1854
Signed

Geo Fisher
Secretary

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Signed
Geo Fisher
Secretary

And it appearing to the satisfaction of
this Board that the land hereby adjudicated
is situated in the Southern District of
California it is hereby ordered that two
manuscripts of the proceedings and of the
decision this case and of the Petition
and evidence upon which the same
are founded be made out and duly
certified by the Secretary one of which
manuscripts shall be filed in the Clerk
of the United States 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 *Forty four* pages, numbered from
1 to *44*, both inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Tran-
script of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the
said Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony
of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this
Office, in Case No. *397* on the Docket of the said Board,
wherein *Juan Matias Sanchez* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by
the name of "*Notrero Grande*"

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this
Twentieth day of *June*
A. D. 1855, and of the Independence of the
United States of America the seventy-ninth.

G. Fisher.



U. S. DISTRICT COURT,
Southern District of California.

No. ~~243~~ 243
THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

Juan Mateo Sanchez
Peterson Grande

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD
FROM THE
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,
In Case No. *397*

Filed *July 2* 185*5*
L. C. Can
clerk
By *A. A. Clark*
deputy

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, June 13th 1855

397. J. Potoso Grande.

Juan Martin Sanchez, Claimant.

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 9th day of April 1855 the appeal in the district court of the United States for the ~~Southern~~ district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

Very Respectfully,
Cushing

Attorney General.

No. 243.

U. S. District Court,
Southern Dist of Cal^o

United States

vs

Juan Antonio Sanchez.

Notice of Appeal
in Case no. 394.

Filed July 21st 1865.

C. E. Lear
Clerk

By A. W. H. Clark
Deputy

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

December Term 1836

Juan Matias Sanchez }
Appellee }
ad } Potro Grande
United States Appellant }

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Decree

This cause coming on to be heard
at this Term of the Court, on an appeal
from the decision of the Commissioners
to ascertain and settle private land
claims in the state of California
under the act of Congress approved
on the 3^d of March 1837 upon
the Transcript of the proceedings
decision, papers and evidence
upon which such decision was
found, and it appearing that
said Transcript was duly filed
according to law; and the counsel
of the respective parties having
been heard It is ordered —
adjudged and decreed that
the said decision of the said
Commissioners be and the same
is hereby affirmed

And it is further adjudged

and decern that the claim of
Appellee to the tract of land
called Petrus Grande is a good
and valid claim and the same
is hereby confirmed in accordance
with the ~~map~~ ^{and Stat.} grant, ~~and act~~
~~reference being made to the act~~
of ~~jurisdiction~~ ^{of jurisdiction} possession for
further description.
provided that the quantity
hereby confirmed shall not
exceed one square league &
if there be less than one square league
contained within the boundaries of
said grant - then ~~for~~ the claim
is confirmed for such less quantity.

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W. & S. S. S. S.
for the S. S. S. S. S. S.

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U S Sub Dist Court
Sout^h Dist Caln

Gran McSweeney
ad
3rd U States

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

CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES--STATE OF CALIFORNIA.



Juan Mattias Sanchez, appellee
243 SD Docket No. 243
PAGE 51 *vs.* Transcript No. 397
The United States, appellant.

TO THE HON. ISAAC S. K. OGIER, JUDGE :

The Petition of Pacificus Ord, a resident of said City, County, and State, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, who petitions in this behalf for the United States, and being present here in Court, in the name and behalf of the United States, represents as follows: That heretofore, to wit: on or about the 18. day of October A. D. 1852, Juan Mattias Sanchez

presented a petition to the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, when sitting as a Board, claiming a tract of land called Potrero Grande

in the County of Los Angeles State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 24. day of October A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 2. day of July

A. D. 1855, a duly certified transcript of the proceedings and decision of the said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and evidence on which the said decision was founded, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, and marked No. 397; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition.

That on or about the 9. day of April A. D. 1855, the Honorable Caleb Cushing, Attorney-General of the United States, received a duly certified duplicate of said transcript of the proceedings and decision of said Commissioners in said cause, and the papers and

evidence on which said decision was founded. That thereafter, to wit: ^{about} on the 21st day of July — A. D. 1855, the said Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed, as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimant, presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimant has any valid right or title to said land claimed as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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And no sufficient proof having been made of the allegations in said petition to said Commissioners, or in support of the said claim, no decision confirming the same should have been made by said Commissioners; but the

said claim should have been rejected by them. And the said claimant, having no valid right or title derived from the Spanish or Mexican Governments, to the land claimed as aforesaid, the lawful right and title in and to the said land was acquired by, and it now belongs to the United States, by virtue of conquest, and the Treaty of peace, friendship, limits and settlement, between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, made at the City of Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2d, A. D. 1848.

Wherefore, the said Pacificus Ord, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, for and in behalf of the United States, by reason of the premises, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," approved March 3d, A. D. 1851, and the laws and statutes in such case made and provided, prays that the said claimant, or his attorney may be served with a copy of this petition; and that this Honorable Court will review the said decision of said Commissioners, and reverse the same; and decide on the validity of the ^{said claim} ~~same~~, and decree the alleged title to be invalid: with costs and general relief.

J. M.

Attorney of the United States for
the Southern District of California.

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U States Dist Court
Southern Dist of Cal

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vs

The Estates

Petition

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

The President of the United States,

TO

Juan Matias Sanchez

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Greeting :

Take Notice, That a Petition, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, has been filed against *You* in the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of California, on the *26th* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*six*, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

*P. Ord U. S. Atty praying
said court to review the Decission of the United
States Law Commissioners of the 24th day of October
1854 confirming your claim to the Land called
Potrero Grande*

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 *29th* day of *December* A. D. 1856.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Southern District of California,
U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

J. Maria Sanchez
vs
The United States
Filed in return this 29th
Decr. 1856 G. Lewis clk.
J. W. H. Morgan
clerk

SUMMONS.
Received Dec 29 1856

Edward Hunter
U. S. MARSHAL.
Dr. M. d. Goodman
243 SD Deputy.
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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *H. Hancock*
Atty for Appellee by delivering to him a copy
of the same personally
at *the City of Los Angeles* in the Southern District of California, on
the *29*th day of *December* A. D. 185 *6*

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

CLERK.

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

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

Hon. Isaac S. K. Ogier
Judge Decr, Term 1836

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Juan Matias Sanchez Appellee } Dec. N^o 243
ad }
United States Appellant } Trans. N^o 397

The answer of Claimant Juan
Matias Sanchez to the petition of
the United States for review - avows
that the title under which he claims
the tract of land called Potrero Grande
is valid, and prays that the decision
of the board of Land Commission-
ers may be affirmed, and his title
be deemed valid, and for general relief

Henry Hancock
of Counsel

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Juan Mateus Sanchez
ad Appellee

United States Appellant

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Answer to
petition for review

Filed Dec 29th 1886

C. Sims

Clk

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At Chambers

Sept 25th 1857

In the United States Dist. Court
for the Southern Dist. of Cal.

Hon. Isaac S. R. Ogier Judge

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The United States Appellant }
vs }
Francisco Sanchez Appellee } Court No: 243

The Attorney General of the United States
having given notice that the appeal in
the above entitled cause will not be pro-
-secuted by the United States, and a stipulation
having been entered into by the United States
District Attorney and the Attorney of the claimant
that the order granting an appeal to the
Supreme Court from a decision of this Court
in the above entitled cause ~~will not be presented~~
be vacated, and that the decree of this Court
heretofore rendered in this cause may be by
order of this Court made final, it is,

Ordered, Adjudged, and decreed that the order
granting an appeal to the Supreme Court heretofore
made in this cause be and the same is
hereby ~~made final~~ vacated, and that the
claimant have leave to proceed under the decree
of this Court heretofore rendered in his favor as
a final decree

Isaac S. R. Ogier
U S Dist Judge

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Order to Vacate appeal

Filed this 25th Sept^r
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Col Sims clk,
J. H. Coleman
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California Land Claims.
Attorney General's Office
5 Febr'y 1857.

Sir:
In the case of the claims of
Juan Matias Sanchez, confirmed
to the claimant by the Commission-
ers, Case no. three hundred and nine-
ty-seven, (397), appeal will not
be prosecuted by the United States.
I am,

Respectfully,
Clinton

Matias Ad Eq
U.S. Attorney,
Los Angeles -

No. 243,

~~W. S.~~

Filed 4. March 1858,

W. Sims. Clk.,
for W. W. Stetson,
Dpty.