

CASE No.  
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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SAN FRANCISQUITO GRANT

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JOSE ABREGO, ET AL  
CLAIMANT

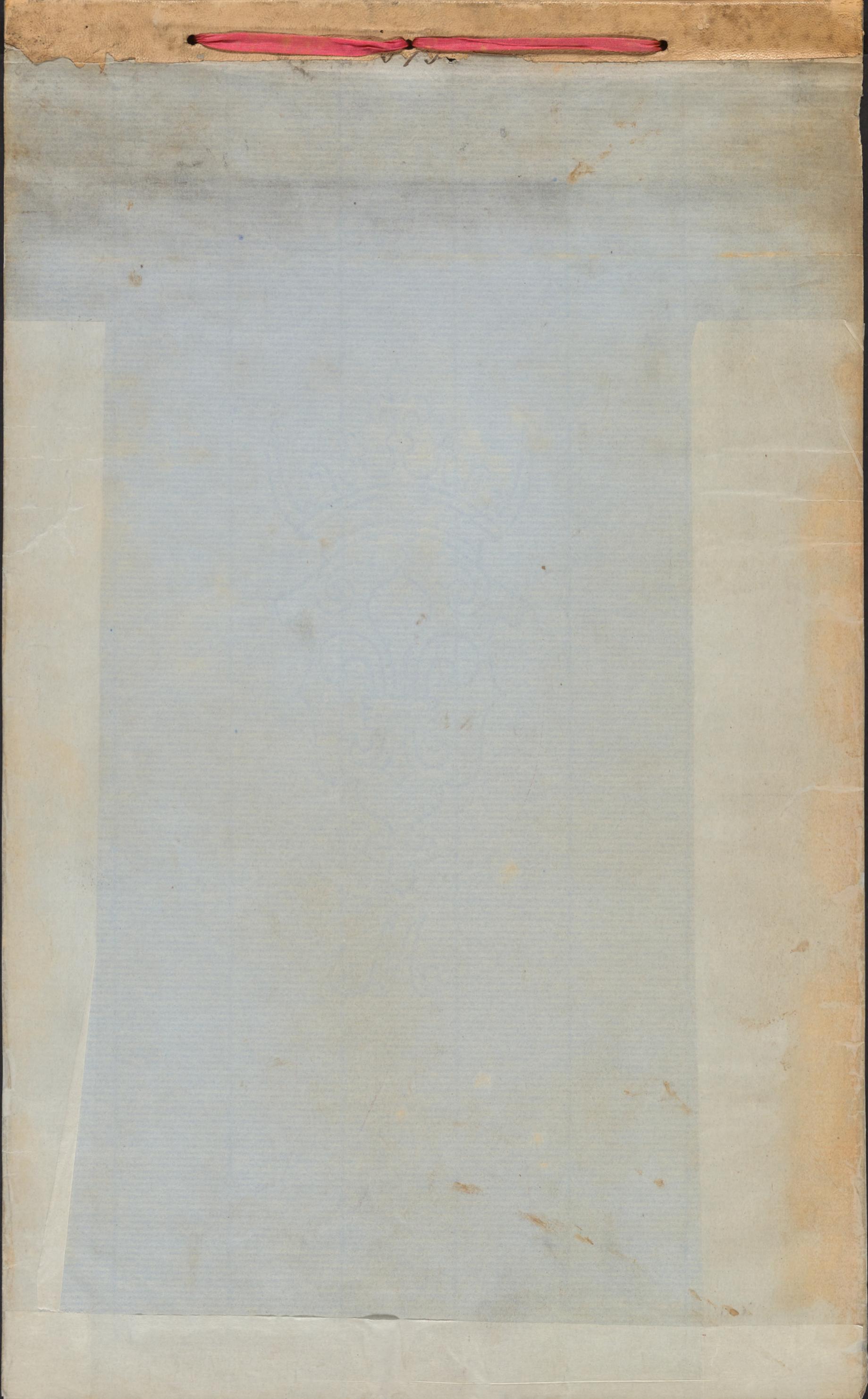
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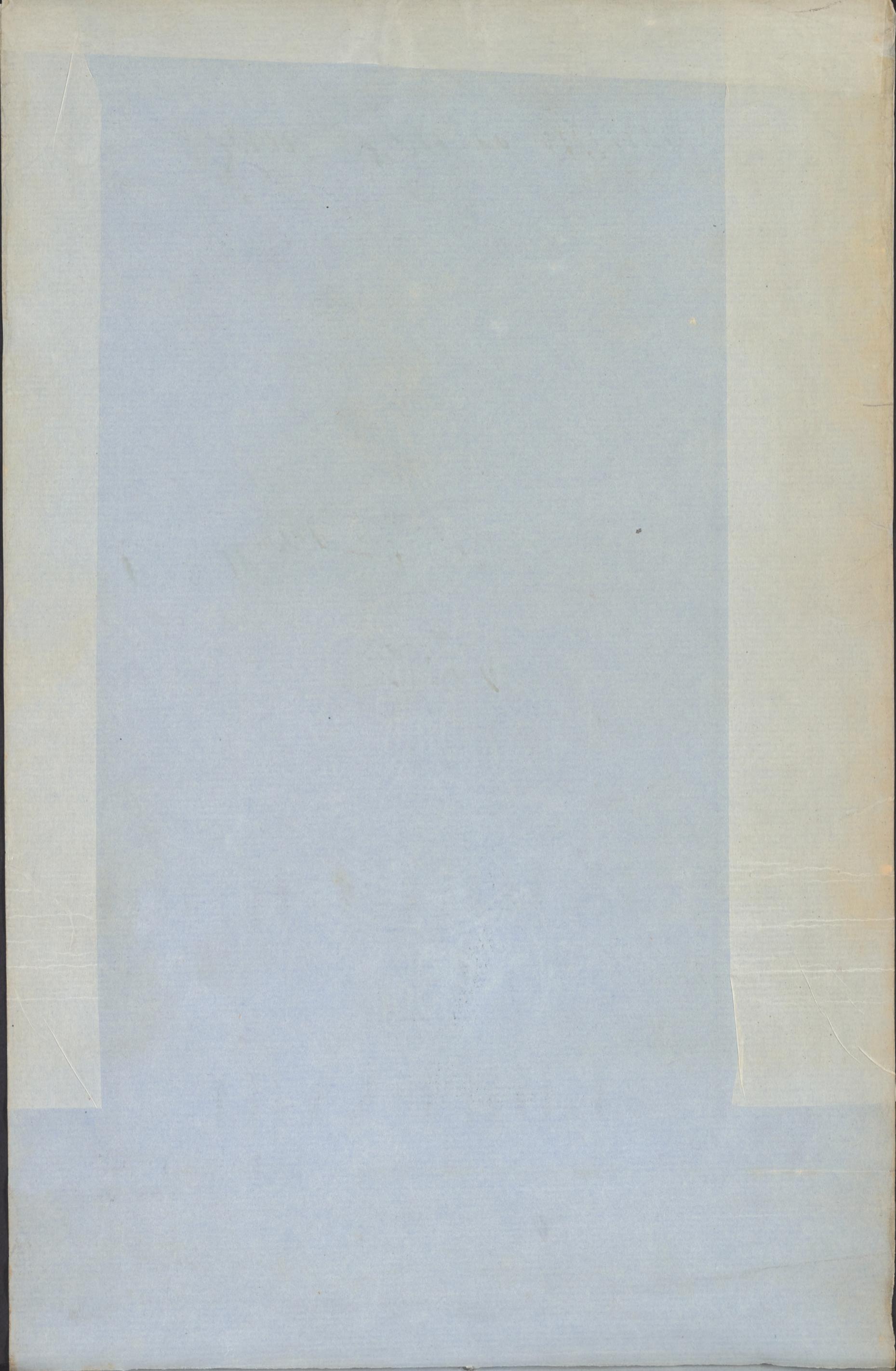
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# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 595

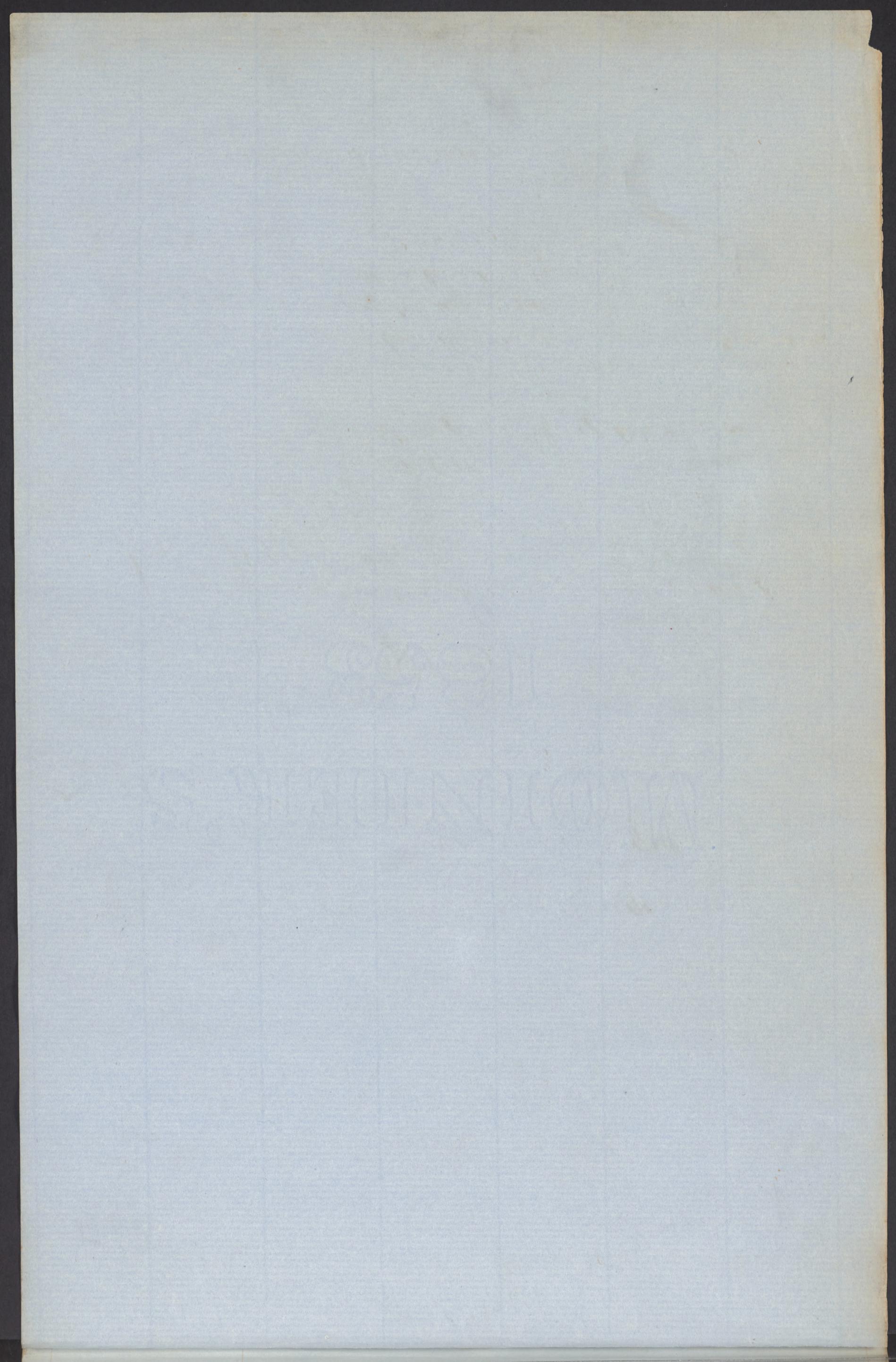
*Jose Abrego, et al,* CLAIMANT *S.*

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"San Francisco"*



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

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The Petition of José Abrego et al. ~~~~~  
~~~~~ for the Place named  
~~~~~ "San Francisquito," ~~~~~  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 595 and  
is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

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

San Francisco February 19 1853.  
In case no. 595, José Abrego et al. for the place  
named "San Francisquito," the deposition of W<sup>ro</sup>  
E. P. Hartnell, a witness in behalf of the claimants,  
taken before Commissioner Maria Hall, with doc-  
ument marked H. H. no. 1. annexed thereto, was filed.  
(Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, April 1 1853  
In the same case the deposition of David Spence, a witness  
in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner  
Henry J. Thornton, was filed.  
(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco, Sept. 28 1853.  
Case no. 595, on motion of the Counsel for the claimants,  
was ordered to the foot of the Docket.

San Francisco, November 16<sup>th</sup> 1853.

In the same case the deposition of James Meadows, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, was filed;

(Vide page 6 of this Transcript.)

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San Francisco December 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

In the same case the deposition of Thomas Cole, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner Alpheus Felch, was filed;

(Vide page 4 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco June 12<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of Severo Gonzalez, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner Peter Sott, was filed;

(Vide page 9 of this Transcript.)

San Francisco Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Case no. 595, was submitted without argument.

San Francisco Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case Commissioner R. Aug. Thompson delivered the opinion of the Board confirming the claim:

(Vide page 5<sup>th</sup> of this Transcript.)

And the following order was made, to wit:

(Vide page 6<sup>th</sup> of this Transcript.)

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Petition

To the Honorable Commissioners to Settle Private  
 Land Claims in California  
 The Petitioners Jose Abrego for himself andutton  
 Little for Garner Garner  
 Garner and Garner Minors of William  
 K. Garner demand respectfully show that on the  
 9th day of November A.D. 1835 Jose Castro Governor  
 of California by virtue of authority in him vested  
 granted to Doña Ceatutina Manzanilla de Romanos  
 the tract of land called San Francisco situated  
 in the present county of Monterey containing two  
 square leagues as described in the title papers and  
 accompanying map which grant was approved on  
 the 3rd day of December A.D. 1835 and the judi-  
 cial possession given on the 14th day of Decem-  
 ber A.D. 1835 that said Grant was sold and conveyed  
 said land to Francisco Soto on the 7th day of  
 March A.D. 1842 and that said Soto sold and  
 conveyed the said land to Maria Josefa Rodri-  
 guez on the 9th day of March A.D. 1842 and that  
 said Maria Josefa Rodriguez sold and conveyed  
 the said land to the late William K. Garner  
 on the 29th day of December A.D. 1842 all of which  
 is fully shown by the original papers submitted  
 herewith marked A with a translation marked  
 B. The Petitioners also represent that the said  
 William K. Garner died in March A.D. 1849  
 intestate leaving an widow Francisca Brinton  
 and four children William Garner  
 Garner Garner and  
 Garner That the said Francisca Brinton on the  
 28th day of January A.D. 1853 sold and conveyed  
 to the Petitioners Abrego his interest being one eigh-  
 -th part of the said land as is fully shown by  
 the original conveyance submitted herewith  
 marked C That the said William Garner  
 son of the said William K. Garner being of legal  
 age on the 28th of January A.D. 1853 sold and con-  
 -veyed to the Petitioners Abrego his interest being  
 one eighth part of said land as is  
 fully shown by the conveyance submitted herewith  
 marked D thus making the said Abrego the owner  
 of one eighth part of the said land and his  
 the owners of three eighths parts of said  
 land and the Petitioners further represent that they

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and thousands whom they hold have been for some eight  
- ten years and that they were on the quiet and peace-  
- full possession of the said tract of land and know  
of no conflicting claim

That they rely for confirmation  
of title upon the original papers submitted herewith  
upon the records and papers in the Archives of the  
- former Government and upon such other and further  
proofs as they may be advised are necessary  
whence they pray the Com. missions to Temper in  
to them the aforesaid tract of land

Their Attorneys

Halluk Peabody & Billing

Miner's Office February 17th 1853

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Deposition  
of  
Thomas Cole

Office of the Board of U.S. Land Commissioners &c  
San Francisco December 11th 1853

On this day before Alphonse Felix Commission  
- came Thomas Cole attorney in behalf of the claim-  
- ants Jose Abajo oral Petition No 395, who being  
- duly sworn depose as follows

Question by Mr Halluk attorney for Claimant  
- Question What are your name and age and place of  
- Residence

Answer My name is Thomas Cole my age is  
- forty three years and reside at Monterey in Cal  
- ifornia

Question Do you know the Rancho called San Fran-  
- ciscoquito claimed by Jose Abajo and others of Don  
- N. Ganer deceased if you state what you know of  
- its occupation

Answer I know that Rancho I live on the land  
- adjoining it and have lived there six years I first  
- knew the Rancho San Francisco above mentioned  
- in the year 1835. It was then occupied by Don Estevan  
- Munras who had in the place about 1000 cattle  
- sheep and horses. He had also some of the land under  
- cultivation I should think there is forty acres of it.

He planted amygdala in it in 1837. He continued  
- to occupy it from that time until he sold to Francisco  
- Loto, Loto then occupied it some seven or eight months  
- with cattle and horses to my knowledge he sold to the

wife of Ricardo Juan a Frenchman They occupied it and had saw pits on it and saved timber There was cut timber the land and had cattle and horses there They sold it to Mr Gannon who is now dead I think Mr Gannon's name was William Robert Gannon He lived there on the place with his family for the time he bought until he died excepting a short time when he rented it to the Government of the United States to keep their animals there

During that time also he had cattle there He was killed by the Indians the next year after the Gold was discovered in California He was killed in the mining country

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After his death Mr Milton Little his administrator took charge of the place Mr Little and his Abiji have made improvements on the place since the death of Gannon They have built a house on it and have cattle and horses and animals on it and have cultivated over one hundred acres of the land

3 Question Do you know the boundaries of this Rancho if you state in general terms the natural objects in these boundaries

Answer I know them The boundaries begin at the Timescalitas running from that place south to the boundaries of El Sur and El Sur Chiquito and from that place to the Sierra San Clemente from that place to the Piñon and from the Piñon to the Timescalitas The line from the Piñon to the Timescalitas is the boundary of the Rancho called Los Laureles

4 Question Are these boundaries well known

Answer They are by every one

5 Question How much land is there within these boundaries

Answer Not more than two leagues certainly

6 Question What Points does your Rancho touch the San Francisco

Answer On the North west point of the San Francisco quite Rancho

Thomas Cole

Mr Graham Associate Law Agent was present at the taking of this Deposition but no formal or impugatory to the witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of December 1853 Alphonso Felix Commissioner

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Deposition  
of W. E. P.  
Hartwell

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San Francisco July 17th 1853  
On this day before Commissioner Nelson Hall came  
William E. P. Hartwell a witness in behalf of the Pla-  
-inants Jose Alajo et al Petition No 595, and was  
- duly sworn his name being given in English  
The U.S. Associate Law Agent was present  
My name  
is William E. P. Hartwell my age is fifty five years  
I reside in Monterey and have lived in California  
thirty years  
I know the hands writing of Jose Castro Francisco del  
Castello Miguel Jose N. Estrada Teodoro Gonzalez  
Jose Maria Maldonado Caterina Moroz and  
de Munras David Spud Esteban Munras Man-  
-uel Castro Juanito Rodriguez Guillermo N. Garcia  
Jose A. Chaves and Santiago Estrada their signa-  
-ture to the papers before me and I do not see them or  
- know signatories

Wm E. P. Hartwell  
Sworn and Subscribed Before me  
Nelson Hall  
Commissioner

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Deposition  
of James  
Meadows

Office of the Board of Commissioners &c  
This day before Commissioner Alpheus Fitch came  
James Meadows a witness in behalf of the Plaintiffs  
Jose Alajo et al No 595, who after being duly sworn  
deposed as follows  
Iustitia by Mr Hall wh attorney for the Plaintiffs  
Question What are your name age and place of  
Residence  
Answer My name is James Meadows my age thirty  
six years and I reside at Monterey County California  
I have lived in California six ten years  
Question Do you know the Name of San Francisco  
is yesterday what you know of its situation and occupation

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Answer I know that Rancho it is situated in the south  
part of Garza River in said Territory. I have  
known it six ten years and live about three miles  
from it when I first knew it six ten years ago the  
Rancho was occupied by Don Estevan Murras, he had  
abuse in it and had there also cattle and horses and  
mules

I think there was about six hundred head of the  
cattle and about one hundred of the horses and mules.  
He had a large wheat field on the place and I  
think there was a barley field

I know there was barley  
raised there the next year I have known the Rancho  
ever since that time Murras continued in this way  
to occupy the place from that time till 1841 or 1842 I  
think it was 1842

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Francisco Soto then ran it and im-  
mediately sold it to the wife of the said Soto. They sold it to  
Mr Garner. These transfers were all within a very short  
time I should think within a year according to my  
best recollection was on the place in 1844 and also  
in 1843

In the winter of 1842, 1843 I found Mr  
Garner living on the Rancho. He continued to occupy  
the place from that time until his death. Some times  
his family were in and sometimes at Monterey. The  
Indians were troublesome and they were afraid at  
times to remain there. Garner was killed by the  
Indians in 1849 to the best of my recollection  
3 musters I offer upon the family of said Garner  
if you state their names

Answer I know the family he left and in whose  
name is Francis called five children their names are  
Jose Guillerme Guadalupe Ignacia Lotilda and  
another who was called Cozote but I do not  
know his true name.

He died within the last year  
and was from nine to twelve years of age at the  
time of his death the other four above named being  
4 musters who has occupied the Rancho since  
Garner's death

Answer Jose Abaqui I understand that he bought  
the return of the main and the oldest son in the  
place. Martin Little has had charge of the other  
part of it as the guardian of the minors Mrs Abajo

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has built a house on the same site he has occupied  
it and has cultivated the land. The old house was  
destroyed by fire last year the place was rented  
in 1850 and 1851 for the horses belonging to the U.S.  
Government

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5. Justin who lived in the house in the place when  
Estevan Morsas occupied the land

Answer when I first know the place a man called  
Antonio Tapia Steward for said Morsas lived  
in it and after him Salvaan Morsas a brother  
of Estevan Morsas lived there for a while in the  
place fifteen years ago and was employed and paid  
by said Estevan Morsas

6. Justin Algren well acquainted with this  
land and the surrounding ranchos and country  
Answer I am

7. Justin Do you know the place called Las Encas  
- does if you know the situation in reference to the  
Rancho in question

Answer I know them they are situated on the north  
west side of the San Francisco Rancho they form  
about many of the last mentioned Rancho The ridge  
of mountains forms about many on the south side of  
said Rancho and divides it from Captain Coopers  
Rancho called El Sur

On the East the Rancho is  
bounded by the Cañada of San Clemente and along  
the side of rocks which is on the north side of the Cañada  
There is a range of hills on the north side and at  
one end is a Potosi and at the other end is  
the Peak of rocks above mentioned Las Encas  
forms one part of the boundary on the west side  
and the line runs from there to the Cañada of  
San Clemente

J. Meadows

I'm member associate San Agent  
was present at the taking of this  
Deposition but proposed in questions to the witness  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th  
day of November 1853

Alphus Felix  
Commissioner

Filed in Office November 14th 1853

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Deposition  
of  
David Spence

San Francisco April 1st 1853

On this day before Commissioner Henry J. Thornton came  
David Spence a witness on behalf of the claimants  
Jose Arzaga et al Petition No 595 was duly  
sworn his evidence being given in English  
manuscript to me by counsel for the claim-  
ants the contents testified as follows

My name is  
David Spence my age is nearly 55 years I reside  
in Monterey and have lived in California  
twenty one years

I know the Rancho called  
San Francisco in the present county of San  
Tome It was granted to Saturna Manzanilla de  
Nobres in 1835 in the same year I gave the pu-  
rified possession as Alcalde of Monterey

It was  
immediately occupied with stock and abuse and  
a variety of affairs this Rancho has been  
occupied ever since by the original grantee and  
there holding under her Jose Arzaga and Gamus  
his are the present owners

D. Spence

Me S. Law Agent present

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st of  
April 1853

Henry J. Thornton

Commissioner

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Deposition  
of  
Joaquin Gonzalez

United States of America

State of California ss

San Francisco June 10th 1854

This day personally came before Peter Lott Commissioner  
- court for taking testimony to be used before the Board  
of U.S. Land Commissioners Joaquin Gonzalez a  
witness on behalf of the claimants in case No  
595, on the docket of said Board wherein  
Jose Arzaga et al are claimants and said witness  
being duly sworn on oath deposed in Spanish  
which was interpreted into English by the inter-  
preter to said Board as follows to wit

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The U.S. Law Agent is present  
 Question What is your name age and residence  
 answer My name is Todoros Gonzales my age 51  
 years my residence Monterey County California  
 Question Look at the document annexed to  
 the deposition of William E.P. Hartwell and filed  
 in this case February 17th 1853 and state if you are  
 acquainted with the handwriting of Jose Castro Fran-  
 cisco del Castillo Mateo Jose N. Estada Jose Man-  
 uel Maldonado Catarina Manzanelli de Munnas  
 Jose J. Fernandez David Spence Todoros Gonzales  
 Esteban Munnas Francisco Soto Manuel Castro  
 Jacinto Rodriguez Guillermo R. Garner Jose Al-  
 varo Santiago Estada if you have seen their  
 writing and if their signatures whenever they appear  
 in this document are genuine

answer I know the signatures of Jose Castro Jose  
 N. Estada Jose Maria Maldonado Catarina Man-  
 zanelli de Munnas David Spence Esteban Munnas  
 Jose J. Fernandez Francisco Soto Manuel Castro  
 Jacinto Rodriguez Jose Alvaro Santiago Estada  
 have seen all these with and their signatures when-  
 ever they occur in this document are their genuine  
 signatures and my own name Todoros Gonzales when-  
 ever it occurs in this document is my own genuine  
 signature

Question What do you know of the sale of the land  
 in question by Catarina Munnas to Francisco Soto  
 answer In 1847 Catarina Munnas gave to Esteban  
 Munnas a power of attorney empowering him  
 to exchange with Francisco Soto, to exchange this  
 property for land of his called San Vicente the trade  
 was made and Esteban Munnas gave either 4000 or 500  
 difference between the two

Question Objected to by Law Agent as calling  
 first secondary evidence P.L.

Question Did Francisco Soto take possession  
 of the Rancho which he thus purchased after the  
 trade mentioned

answer Yes he took possession of it

Question Objected to by Law Agent as leading P.S.

Question Look again at the same document before  
 referred to on the 29th page then of form the begin-  
 ning of said document and state if the publication of sale

Recuerda que desde Francisco Soto to Doña Maria Josefa Rodriguez was made before you and the assisting witnesses whose names are thereto signed

Answer It was made before me as Judge and interim

Question Answer the same question respecting the document beginning on 33 Page of said Paper

Answer This was also made before me when I became purchaser. The Vendor Maria Josefa Rodriguez a ctiva as an attorney Ricardo Juan

Question State what you know of Ricardo Juan's authority to sell on that occasion of which you have made a Recital in that Instrument

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Answer Ricardo Juan and Doña Maria Josefa Rodriguez are both purchasers of the said land and they gave the instrument and then before me

8th Question When you present when David Spina gave judicial possession of this Rancho to Doña Catalina Murras

Answer It was present the possession was given to Esteban the husband of Catalina

9th Question Do you recollect the starting point from which the measurement was then made

Answer They began a rapline called Tinas caltes on the west part of the Rancho that point is a high mountain well known and long known by that name

10th Question On what part of said Rancho is the line of the Cañada of San Clemente

Answer It is on the eastern part of the Rancho we measure from the starting point two hundred and two lines of fifty varas each to the said Cañada of San Clemente

11th Question Where is the mountain which is described in the Recid of judicial possession as sloping towards the Rancho called San

Answer his in a further direction from the land  
area at San Clemente

Cross Examination by Me Leo Agent  
Question When did you and Francisco go to take  
possession of the Rancho Asyou state in your ans  
wer to 4th Question

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Answer It was in 1842 I think about 2 months  
after he purchased he moved onto the place with  
his family and took cattle and horses there

Joson Gonzalez

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10  
day of June AD 1854

Peter Lott  
Commissioner

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

1. Jurisdicción de  
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1835

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of  
Expediente

Expediente promovido la S.<sup>a</sup> D.<sup>a</sup> Catalina Manganti de Murras en solicitud del pasaje nombrado San Francisquito.

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Sello Serrero Dos Reales.

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

Castro.

Angel Ramirez-

St. Jefe Sup. Político

Monterrey Ato. 26 de 1835.

Catalina Manganti

De conformidad con las leyes de la materia para el informe del Ayuntamiento de esta Capital si el interesado en esta instancia obtiene los requisitos ~~promovidos~~ que previene la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 si el terreno que pretende es de reja-

de Murras, Mexicana por nacimiento, y desde mi infancia vecino de esta Capital, con el debido respeto a V.S. digo: Que en 22 de Enero del año ultimo se me concedió el sitio nombrado la Laguna de Saca que tiene como una legua de superficie de abrevadero para cria de ganado mayor; y como este terreno por sus escasos puntos

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dis temporal ó abrisa no es suficiente para man-  
dero si pertenece á la propiedad de  
algun particular  
Corporacion Mision  
ó Pueblo. El S. D.  
Jose Castro Primer  
Vocal de la E. Dipu-  
tacion Territorial y  
Jefe Politico interin-  
no así lo mandó de-  
creto y firma de  
que hoy fe.

Jose Castro.

no es suficiente para man-  
tener el corto numero de  
setecientas cabezas de dicho  
ganado que en el tengo, me  
es preciso acudir á V. S. pi-  
diendo que me conceda el  
sito valdies llamado San  
Francisquito que se halla  
en esta jurisdiccion y tiene  
la estension y linderos que  
señala el adjunto disegno,  
que debidamente presentado,  
para poder fomentar mi  
ganado, sembrar y adqui-  
rir el necesario sustento p.  
mi numerosa familia, y

cuya estension lo misero que el de la Laguna  
Saca que poseo no alcanza ni aun á las  
mitad de lo que permite la ley de diez y ocho  
de Agosto de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro  
en su artículo doce.

En consecuencia Suplico á V. S. me con-  
ceda en posesion y absoluta propiedad el es-  
presado sitio de San Francisquito y que  
mande se me libre el correspondiente título.

Es gracia que yo y mis hijos agru-  
decimos siempre á la justificacion de V. S.  
Puerto de Monterey 17 de Octubre de 1835.

Catarina Manzana de Murrás

Monterey Oct<sup>o</sup> 28 de 1835.

En sesion de hoy pasó á la Comision  
de Terrenos Baldios.

D. V. E. S. P. M.

Jose Maria Maldonado

Maldonado, Frio-

(Here follows the map)

(map)

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## Sello Terreno Dos Reales.

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

## Y Ayuntamiento.

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La Comision de Terrenos Reales á virtud de la solicitud que hace Madama Catalina Manganeli (de Murrás) en pretension del paraje nombrado San Franciscoquito dice: Que la interesada es Mexicana por nacimiento y tiene los requisitos prevenidos para ser atendida en su solicitud que el terreno que pretende está comprendido en las diez leguas litorales y no en las limitrofes que se pusa la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824; que es de temporal y abrevadero y que pertenece á la Mision de San Carlos; pues que puesto concederse á la interesada en razon de creer la Comision no lo ocupa la referida Mision, en tal concepto sugiere á su deliberacion la proposicion siguiente:

Pueda concederse el terreno nombrado San Franciscoquito que solicita Madama Catalina Manganeli de Murrás si no lo ocupare la Mision de San Carlos.

Monterey Oct. 30 de 1835.

Jose Joaquin Carrillo  
Miguel Abila -

Monterey Oct. 31 de 1835.

En sesion de hoy aprobó el Ayuntamiento el antecedente dictamen y la proposicion siguiente:

licion en que concluye y en tal virtud se acordó pase el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Superior Político como resultado del informe que se sirvió pedir á esta Corporacion.

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Don J. Spence  
Jose Maria Malumado  
Frio.

Monterey Noviembre 2 de 1835.

Pase al S. Comisionado de la Mision de San Carlos quien informará si la otra Mision ocupará el terreno que se solicita.

Jose Castro.

S. Jefe Político

Se han repartido á los Indignos de San Carlos los terrenos segun el replanteo, y se há destinado á los bienes de la Mision que están á cargo del Mayordomo, el paraje de San Jones: por lo que ha quedado baldío el terreno que solicita la interesada, y puede concederse.

Monterey Noviembre 3 de 1835.

Jose Joaquin Gomez.

Informe de Mayordomo de San Carlos lo que le ocurra.

Jose Castro.

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Elle Trero Dos Reales.

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

Castro.

Angel Ramirez.

For. Jefe Superior Político del Ter-  
ritorio de S. José Castro.

En atención al oficio de V.S. fe-  
cha 5 del corriente donde se me pide in-  
formación sobre el sitio conocido con el nom-  
bre de San Francisco y que dicho sitio ha-  
yendo dividido de esta población p.<sup>a</sup>  
la Nación en cuya virtud puede adju-  
dicarse á la interesado según muestra  
el diseño que debidamente corre en este  
Expediente pongo en conocimiento de V.S.  
para su mayor determinación - es cuan-  
to puedo decir sobre el particular,

Pueblo de San Carlos 5 del corriente  
de 1835-

José Antonio Romero.

Monterey 7 de Noviembre de 1835.

Omitase la información de testigos  
por estar ya recibida en el Expediente que  
antecede de la Laguna Seca en omisión  
por no creerse necesario.

Castro.

8. Monterey 7 de Noviembre de 1835.

Vista la petición con que da prin-  
cipio este Expediente el infrante del J. A.  
Ayuntamiento de este Capital el del Comi-  
sionado y Mayorazgo de la Misión de S.  
Carlos con todo lo demás que se tuvo pre-  
sente y por creerse de conformidad con  
los leyes y reglamentos de la materia se  
declara á D. Catalina Manganti de  
Munras dueña en propiedad del terreno  
conocido con el nombre de San Francisco.

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quito dejando á salvo el dictamen de la  
E. Diputacion á quien se presentara el  
Expediente para su deliberacion y sus-  
tandose á las condiciones que se estipula-  
ren - Librese el despacho correspondiente  
al interesado y tomese razon de él en el  
libro respectivo - El S. D. José Castro  
Primer Vocal de la E. Diputacion Terri-  
torial y Jefe Político del Territorio de la  
Alta California así lo mandó decretar y  
firmo de lo que doy fe.

Jose Castro.

J<sup>co</sup> del Castillo

Reynte  
Frio.

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[ Suo S<sup>no</sup> S<sup>no</sup> Reales.  
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ministracion de la Aduana Maritima de  
Monterey de la Alta California para los  
años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro  
y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.  
Castro. Angel Ramirez. ]

=Tercy 1.º de Dic.<sup>ro</sup> de 1835.

En sesion de este dia se dio acun-  
ta con este Expediente á la Ex<sup>ma</sup>. Dipu-  
tacion y se mandó pasar á la Comision  
de Terrenos Baldios.

Castro,

Presidente.

Ex<sup>mo</sup>. Sr.

La Comision de Terrenos Baldios  
impuesta al Expediente que se mandó  
practicar por solicitud que hace D.<sup>o</sup> Casta-

linda Manzameli del terreno nombrado San Francisquito no encontrando en él objecion alguna que hacer siendo en todo conforme á la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y el art.º 5.º del Reglamento de Colonizacion por lo que la Comision teniendo á la vista los informes que anteceden pon en la deliberacion de V. C. la siguiente proposicion:

Se aprueba la concesion hecha á D.ª Catalina Manzameli del Terreno nombrado San Francisquito concedido en 7 de Noviembre de 1835, sujetandose á las condiciones que se estipularon.

Mont.º 3 de Set. de 1835.

Salvio Pacheco.

11. Monterey Diciembre 3 de 1835.

En sesion de este dia aprobó la Exma. Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecedente disponiendo se devuelva el Expediente al Sr. Jefe Político para los fines consiguientes -

Castro

Presidente.

Juan B. Alvarado  
Diput.º Secret.º

Monterey Diciembre 4 de 1835.

En vista de la aprobacion otorgada por la E. Diputacion el dia de ayer tres de Diciembre librasse testimonio de ello y de este decreto á la parte de D.ª Catalina Manzameli de Puerrias en confirmacion á la concesion del terreno cono-

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cias con el nombre de S. Francisco que obtuvo en suite de Avamientos del presente año. El S. D. Jose Castro Jefe Politico intrinseco al Territorio de la Alta California asi lo mandó decretó y firmó de lo que doy fe.

Jose Castro.  
Jefe del Castillo Regente  
Srio.

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

I John C. Neays Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California and as such having in my office & 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 a certain document now 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 ~~seventeenth~~ day of December A.D. 1853.

John C. Neays, Sur Genl (U.S.) for Cal.

Filed in Office Sept. 15, 1854, Geo. Fisher, Reg.

Jurisdiction of Monterey 1835  
Expediente moved by Señora Doña Catalina Manzanilla de Cumeros asking for the place named San Francisco

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Stamp Nueva San Heales

Provisionally authorized by the administration of the Monterey Custom House of Monterey in Upper California for the years 1834 and 1835

Castro Angel Ramirez

Señor Superior Political Chief

Monterey October Catalina Manzanilla de Cumeros  
26th 1835 In comparison a Mexican by birth and  
familiarity with the laws on the matter this Capitol with our respect  
pass this for your before your Excellency says that  
to the Ayuntamiento of the 22nd of January of last  
of this Capital if the year there was granted to me  
party interested in the place called La Laguna Seca  
this instance has which contains almost a duplicate  
the requisites specified in the Law of August 18th 1824  
in the Law of August 18th 1824 If the land asked for is payable  
is not sufficient to support the dependent in the sea  
small number of oxen here  
for or pasture land dead head of said cattle which  
if it belongs to the party of any individual I come to you asking that you  
at Carrizavieja will grant to me the vacant  
place called San Francisco which lies in this jurisdiction  
and has the extent and some  
dairy which are reached out  
with the annexed map which I  
and hereby present in order that I  
intend this ground and acquire the necessary paper  
and acquire the necessary paper  
for my numerous family  
which extends together with those  
of La Laguna Seca which you  
have will not amount to even the half of what is per-  
mitted by the Law of August 18th 1824 in article 12  
wherefore I pray your Excellency to grant me in poss-  
ession and full absolute the said place of San Fran-  
cisco and to have the corresponding title to be  
issued to me It is a favor for which I receive my children

Jose Castro

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will always be grateful to the justifications of your  
excellency

Port of Monterey October 17th 1835

Catalina Manzanilla de Mestas  
Monterey October 28th 1835

Passes to the Committee on vacant lands  
David Spence Jose Maria Maldonado

(Here follows the mass)

Illustrations Ayuntamiento

The Committee on vacant lands with respect  
to the petition of Madama Catalina Manzanilla  
for the place called San Francisco says the  
petitioner is a Mexican by birth and has the requi-  
sites to entitle her to be admitted to an her petition  
that the land asked for is within the whitened  
leagues but not within the boundary leagues  
mentioned in the Law of August 18. 1824 that it  
is dependent on the seasons and pasture land  
and that it pertains to the mission of San Carlos  
but may be granted to the petitioner as the Com-  
mittee believes it is not occupied by said mission  
and therefore submits for your approbation  
the following proposition

The land called San Fran-  
cisco which Madama Catalina Manzanilla  
de Mestas petitions for may be granted if  
the mission of San Carlos does not occupy  
it Monterey October 30th 1835

Jose Joaquin Gomez Marquez Anita  
Monterey October 30 1835

Passes of this day the Ayuntamiento  
into approved the foregoing report and concluding  
proposition and consequently orders the Expediente  
to be passed to the Sr. Superior Political Chief  
asking concluded the report which be asked  
of this Corporation David Spence

Jose Maria Maldonado Secretary  
Monterey November 2. 1835

Passes to the Sr. Commissioner of the Mis-  
sion of San Carlos who will report if that mission  
occupies the land asked for Jose Castro

Sr. Political Chief Lands have been  
divided among the Indians of San Carlos accu-  
ding to the Regulation and the place of San Joaquin  
has been assigned to the stock of the Mission

in charge of the Mayor Domo consequently the  
land asked for by the petition is vacant and may be  
granted

Montezy November 3rd 1835 J. Joaquin Gomez  
Let the Mayor Domo of San Carlos report what oc-  
curs to him  
Jose Castron  
Senior Superior Potitua Chief of the Territory Citizen  
Don Jose Castron

Reply to your official of the 5th inst concerning  
information about the place called San Francisco  
quite Superior than said place belongs to no individ-  
ual of this population and therefore may be granted  
to the party asking for it in this Expediente  
which I submit to the knowledge of your Excel-  
lency This is what I have to report in the matter  
Public of San Carlos 5th of the Present 1835

Jose Antonio Romero  
Montezy November 7th 1835  
Let the examination of witnesses be omitted as  
it has already been made in the preceding Espe-  
diente of La Laguna Seca and is not necessary  
Castron

Montezy November 7th 1835  
Having seen the pe-  
tition at the beginning of this Expediente the report  
of the Illustrissimos Ayuntamiento of this Capital  
of the Commission and Mayor Domo of the  
Mission of San Carlos and all the present and  
proprio be seen in conformity with the laws  
and regulations in the matter Doria Leontina  
Manzanilla de Reynas is called and named in  
fu of the land known by the name of San Fran-  
cisco I refer to the decision of the Most  
Excellent Deputacion to whom this Expediente  
will be presented for its deliberation and sub-  
mit to the conditions which may be stipulated

Let the com-  
pounding patent issue and send it in the es-  
pective book Senior Don Jose Castron first Vocal  
of the Most Excellent Provincial Deputacion and  
Potitua Chief of the Territory of Upper California  
thus named and designated of which testify  
Jose Castron  
Francisco del Castron Regente  
Territorio

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Monteuy December 1st 1835

In session of this day this Expediente was sub-  
mitted and passed to the Committee on vacant lands  
Castro

Exmo Señor

Presidente

The Committee on vacant lands  
charged with the Expediente on the Petition of Doña  
Catalina Manzanili for the land called San Fran-  
cisco find objection but all being in conformi-  
ty with the Law of August 18th 1824 and  
article 5th of the Regulation of Colonization  
wherefore the Committee in view of the preceding  
reports submits to the adhibition of your Excellency  
the following proposition

Approve the grant to  
Doña Catalina Manzanili of the land called  
San Francisco made November 7th 1835  
and subject to the conditions stipulated

Monteuy December 3rd 1835

Salvo Paeque

Monteuy December 3rd 1835

In session of this day the most Excellent Depu-  
tation approved the proposition of the preceding report  
directing the Expediente to be returned to the Señor  
Político Chief for the consequences

Castro Presidente

Juan Bautista Alvarado  
Deputy Secretary

Monteuy December 14th 1835

In view of the app-  
robation passed by the most Excellent Deputacion  
yesterday December 3rd her testimony of it be  
issued and of this Decree to the party interested  
Doña Catalina Manzanili de Mestas in  
confirmation of the grant of the land known by  
the name of San Francisco which she obtained  
the 7th of November of the present year

Señor Don

Jose Castro Político Chief an interim of  
the Territory of Upper California thus is au-  
thorized and signed of which I certify

Jose Castro

Francisco del Castillo Regente Secretary

Valencia in Office September 15th 1854

Geo Fisher Secretary

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Monteney

1835

Condeccion y Poescion del Rancho  
chombrado

Primisima Conoescion  
@ San Francisco @ Madama Catalina  
Manzanelli de Munao el dia Catorce de  
Diciembre de mil ochocientos treinta y  
cinco.



A.

H. H. M. A. I.  
Annexed to  
the deposition  
Wm E. M.  
Hutchell

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1 Dello primero seis pesos.

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Veigueroa

A. Ramirez

José Castro primer vocal de la C. Diputacion Territorial i Jefe politico interino del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto D. Catalina Manzanelli de Munras ha pretendido p.<sup>a</sup> su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de D. Teracisquito practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto p. leyes y reglamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas en decreto de este dia y a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado, declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras a reserva de la aprobacion de la C. Diputacion y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1.<sup>a</sup> Que se sometera a las of. estableciere el reglamento que se le ha de formar p.<sup>a</sup> la Distribucion de Terrenos Baldios i que en tanto ni la agraciada ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se les adjudica, imponer senos ni enlo hipoteca ni fianza a ning.<sup>a</sup> sea por causa piadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas

Deos 20/0.

2.<sup>a</sup> No ha de cercarlo ni perjudicar las travecias caminos y servidumbre; lo disputara libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso i cultivo que mas le acomode, pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3.<sup>a</sup> Quando se le confirme la propiedad obligara del juez respectivo que le de la posesion judicial en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran los linderos en cuyos limites ponga a mas de las mojoneras algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna utilidad

4.<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se ha el donacion es de dos sitios de ganado mayor segun explica el disenõ que corre en el Espid. P.<sup>a</sup> El juez que

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dere la posesion. lo hera medra conforme a  
Ordenanza p<sup>a</sup> deñalar los linderos quedando  
el sobrante q<sup>d</sup> resulte a favor de la Nacion p<sup>a</sup>  
los usos conminentes.

Si continiere a estas condiciones perdiera  
su derecho al terreno y era denunciabile por  
otro.

En consecuencia mando q<sup>d</sup> enviendole  
de titulo el presente y teniendose por firme y  
valeadero se tome razon de el en el libro q<sup>d</sup> cor-  
responde y se le entregue a la intere cada p<sup>a</sup>  
su resguardo y demas fines.

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Dado en Monterrey a nueve de Noviembre de  
1835.

José Castro

Jefe del Castillo Negro de Queró.

Pro 10 f. Queda tomada razon de este Despacho en el  
Libro de Titulos a fojas ochenta i cuatro y seña-  
lado con el numero Ochenta y dos q<sup>d</sup> obra en el  
secretaria de mi cargo. Monterrey, el Die y de  
1835. Castillo

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(Here follows  
Map.)

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Castro Angel Ramirez

Testimonio

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Proposicion de } De aprueva la concesion hecha  
La Comision } a D<sup>a</sup> Catalina Manzanelli  
de Minnas del terreno nombra  
do. S. Franciscoquito concedido en siete de No-  
viembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco suje-  
tandose a las condiciones que se estipularen  
Monterrey tres de Diciembre de mil ochocientos  
y treinta y cinco.

Valvioso Pacheco.

Aprobacion de } Monterrey Diciembre tres de mil  
la Comision } la Comision } ocho cientos treinta y cinco.  
putacion } En sesion de este dia aprorro la  
C. Diputacion la proposicion  
del dictamen antecedente disponiendo se  
devuelva el Expediente al O. Jefe politico  
pa los fines consiguientes.

Castro precedente. #

Juan B. Alvarado. Diput. secretario  
Decreto de confir- } Monterrey Diciembre cuatro  
macion del O. J. } de mil ochocientos treinta y  
politico. } cinco. En vista de la aprova-  
cion otorgada por la C. Diputacion el dia de  
ayer tres de Diciembre. librese testimonio de ella  
y de este decreto a la parte de D<sup>a</sup> Catalina  
Manzanelli de Minnas en confirmacion a  
la concesion del terreno concebido con el nom-  
bre de S. Franciscoquito que obtuvo en siete de  
Noviembre del presente año. El O. J. Jose Bas-  
to Jefe politico interino del territorio de la Alta  
California asi lo mando decreto y firmo de  
lo que doy fe. Jose Castro.

Jefe del Castillo Negro. Veru.

Concuerdas a la letra con su Original que  
queda archivado en esta secretaria del  
Gobierno politico de mi cargo en el legajo de  
expedientes sobre terrenos aprobados por la Com-  
Diputacion al que me remito.

Monterrey Diciembre cuatro de mil ochocientos

D<sup>to</sup> 2/p<sup>o</sup>

cientos treinta y cinco

Del Castillo Negro.

y Dello tercero Dos Reales:

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Castro. Angel Ramirez  
Revalidado para el bienio de 1836 y 1837  
Gutiérrez C. Ramirez

Derechos. En el puerto de Monterrey de la Alta California a los catorce dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco, ante mi el Ciudadano David Openes Alcalde constitucional de primera Nominacion y por ante los testigos de Asistencia con quienes actuo en la forma establecida parecio de presente D<sup>a</sup> Catalina Manganeli de Muma y digo; que por hallarse con todos sus hijos enfermos de Costipado y otras enfermedades de las que actualmente estan padeciendo en este pueblo; y hallarse ella enferma de las mismas causas como es justificante y verse por este incidente impedida para poder salir a tomar posesion juridica del paraje nombrado de San Franciscoquito de esta jurisdiccion de Monterrey que el Sr Jefe politico con fecha nueve de Noviembre tuvo a bien concederle y aprovo la Excelentissima Diputacion con fecha tres del que digo; otorga y confiere todo su poder cumplido especial y tan bastante como es necesario, a su Esposo Estevan Muma para que en su nombre y representacion haga cuanto recursos se ofrecieren y legalmente correspondan bajo las leyes y disposiciones y demas Reglas constituidas segun convenga para que tome.

la posesion juridica del mencionado sitio En cuyo testimonio asi lo otorgo y firmo en este Registro siendo los instrumentales los señores José Amest, José Iglesia (Dello tercero Dos Reales: Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima

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de Monterrey de la Alta California, para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Castro Angel Ramirez  
Revalidado para el brenio de 1836 y 1837.

Ante  
y Teodoro Gonzalez: Monterrey Diciembre catorce de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

David C. Spence

Catalina Manzanelli de Murras.

De asistencia. José María Maldonado.

De asistencia. Eugenio Montenegro.

De saca de su Registro hoy diez y seis de Enero de mil ochocientos treinta y seis, en esta y en la antecedente foja de papel del sello q. corresponde y a pidi miento de la interesada, cuya validacion la autorizo firmando con testigos de asistencia segun derecho.

José R. Estada

De assist<sup>a</sup>

De ass<sup>a</sup>

José María Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzalez  
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Castro.

Angel Ramirez

Catalani Manzanelli de Murras ante U. S. hace presente que habiendo obtenido la propiedad del terreno conocido con el nombre de Sr. Remedioquito y siendo requisito necesario tomar la posesion del mencionado terreno y por no poderlo efectuar por las enfermedades de mi hijo y mia; A. U. S. suplico la de en mi nombre a mi apoderado Estevan Murras en lo que recibire gracia y justicia.

Monterrey Diciembre once de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Catalani Manzanelli de Murras.

Monterrey 12 de Dic. de 1839

por presentado y admitido procedase por mi el presente Alcalde a la midicion señalamiento y linderos y posesion judicial,

q. solicita la intere cada en esta instancia señalandose para efectuarlo el dia Quince del presente mes para lo que se le hara saber a D. Estevan Murras para que como apoderado nombrado por la parte que solicita se tenga por citada. Asi yo el Alcalde N. de esta municipalidad lo decreté mandé y firmé. con los de Asso: David E. Spence.

J

Derechos 24, De asso: José Maria Maldonado p. 2.º } Murras, Teodoro Gonzales.

En la fha de le notifico el auto antecedente a D. Estevan Murras y de el entendido dijo lo oyo y q. se da por citada firmando conmigo y los de Asso:

M.

De asso: Spence. Estevan Murras José Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzales. Asso:

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En el Rancho de la Purisima Concepcion Ca D. Franciscoquito a los catorce dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ocho cientos treinta y cinco en cumplimiento del auto que antecede presente D. Estevan Murras nombre yo el presente pues por mi dictores a los Ciudadanos Teodoro Moreno y Juan Rosales quienes previa aceptacion y juramento procederom al desempeño de lo tercero Dos Reales: Habilitado provision almente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey de la Alta California para los años de mil ocho cientos treinta y cuatro y mil ocho cientos treinta y cinco.

Castro: Angel Ramirez. de su encargo. Asi yo el referido Alcalde lo determine y firmé con los de asistencia

M

De asso: Spence De asso José Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzales. En la misma fecha y en el expresado Rancho se les notifico a los Ciudadanos Teodoro Moreno y Juan Rosales el auto de su nombramiento y dijeron que aceptaban y aceptaron dicho encargo y juraron N. Dios nuestro D. y la señal de la Cruz de usarlo fiel y legalmente a todo su leal saber y entender sin fraude contra persona alguna y no porinaron por que dijeron no saber

M.

lo hi hize yo con los de asso: Spence José M. Maldonado: Asso: # Teodoro Gonzalez. Asso:

Incontinente yo el referido Alcalde mandé traer  
à mi presencia el Cordel con que se hein de me-  
-dir las tierras y q. los medidores lo midan de  
M cincuenta varas y lo firmé con los de Aso<sup>o</sup>  
De aso<sup>o</sup> Opence De aso<sup>o</sup>

Jose Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzalez  
Incontinente yo el Referido Alcalde mandé q.  
los espresados medidores midieran y midieron  
ante mi un Cordel de mecate de à cincuenta  
R. varas y p. constancia lo rubrique.

En el mismo parage dia, mes y año siendo las diez  
del dia yo el presente Alcalde mandé à los mi-  
-didores nombrados q. dispongan para la medi-  
-da de tierras que se le hein de hacer à D<sup>o</sup>  
Estevan Munras como apoderado de D<sup>o</sup> Ba-  
-talina Manzaneli y puestos en el punto donde

los tesmaocalitos se comenzo la mi-  
-da tendiendo el Cordel para el Sur Este hasta  
la Sierra de la Cañada de S. Clemente y huvo  
doscientos Cordeles de a cincuenta varas  
y desde (Dello tercero Dos Reales. Habilitado  
provisional m<sup>o</sup> por la Administracion de la  
Aduana Maritima de Monterey de la Alta  
California, para los años de mil ochoscientos  
veinteycuatro y mil ochoscientos veinteycinco  
Castro Angel Ramirez

La Sierra que cae para el Rancho llamado don  
hasta la Sierra Alta que cae para los Laure-  
les se midieron cien cordeles; en cuyas condi-  
-ciones mandé q. formaron las mojoneras  
correspondientes que señalen los linderos  
que le pertenecen. El terreno medido correspon-  
-de à dos sitios de ganado mayor y lo firmo con-  
-migo el interesado y los testigos de Aso<sup>o</sup>.

L.

Don C. Opence.

De aso<sup>o</sup> Estevan Munras. De aso<sup>o</sup>  
Jose Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzalez.  
En el Rancho de la purisima Concepcion (a)  
D<sup>o</sup> Francisquito à los trece dias del mes de  
Diciembre de mil ochoscientos veinteycinco  
yo el Alcalde Constitucional de primera elec-  
-cion Luis Davila C. Opence despues de prac-  
-ticadas las medidas del mencionado Rancho  
por las que resulto tener dos sitios de ganado.

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mayor con lo demas que consta de autos, mande que entrase D. Estevan Munras como apoderado de la D<sup>ca</sup> Manzanelli en pacifica posesion del nominado Rancho vajo las medidas citadas y formalidad de costumbres en caso semejantes, lo que verifico en el acto arrendando yerbas y hacienda demostraciones como dueño del terreno de q<sup>da</sup> se le ha dado posesion, cuya validacion la autorizo y firmo con el intere sacado y testigo de los<sup>as</sup>

J

Don E. Spence

De aso<sup>as</sup> Estevan Munras. De aso<sup>as</sup> José Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzalez. Monterrey Diel. 19. de. 1839.

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Tomose razon en el libro de posesiones y devuolva de este Expediente Original al apoderado de la D<sup>ca</sup> Manzanelli Don Estevan Munras para que le sirva de titulo. Asi yo el Alcalde primero constitucional de la demarcacion de esta municipalidad asi  
16 Del tercero Dos Reales: Habilitado provisionalmente por la administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterrey de la Alta California para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta y cinco.

Figueroa A. Ramirez.)

J

lo decreto mande, y firme con los de aso<sup>as</sup>

De aso<sup>as</sup> Don E. Spence De aso<sup>as</sup> José Maria Maldonado # Teodoro Gonzalez.

En la misma fha se tomo razon de este titulo en la f. 6. V<sup>ta</sup> del libro respectivo y para constancia lo rubrique.

R.

14. Del tercero Dos Reales: Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana Maritima del Puerto de Monterrey en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Jimeno # Antonio Ma<sup>o</sup> Qois.

Seal

Rehabilitado por la misma, para el año de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos Alvarado # Antonio Mario Qois.

En el Puerto de Monterrey a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Feb<sup>ro</sup>: de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos parecio de presente ante mi José. L. Hernandez

juex de 1<sup>a</sup> instancia le este Distrito actuando por  
receptoria à falta de Escribano publico la Señora  
D<sup>a</sup> Catalina Manzaneli de Murras y dijo: que o-  
torga y confiere todo su poder amplio, cumplido  
especial, general y tan bastante como necesario  
à su Esposo D. Estevan Murras para que libremen-  
te pueda disponer del Rancho D. Francisquito  
que consta en este expediente ya sea enagenan-  
dolo perpetuamente ò temporal conforme le co-  
-comode, pues para ello le da este poder sin limi-  
tacion alguna. En cuyo testimonio asi lo otorgo y  
firmo siendo los instrumentales los Sr<sup>s</sup> D. José  
Amesti. D. David Spencey y D. Teodoro Gonzalez  
José J. Hernandez #

Catalina Manzaneli de Murras.

18 Por las facultades que me concede la interesada  
en estos documentos D<sup>a</sup> Catalina Manzaneli  
de Murras sido el mencionado sitio de D<sup>o</sup>  
Francisquito al Ciudad. Francis Voto.  
Monterey Marzo 7 de 1842.

Esteban Murras

Conste por cote que yo Francisco Voto remeio  
y ha pasado los D<sup>os</sup> y acciones que he adquirido  
por los documentos que anteceden en el Rancho  
de Don. Francisquito, à Doña Maria Josefa  
Rodriguez por la cantidad de mil pesos de ofi-  
me doy por recibido, segun consta de la Escri-  
ta publica de Venta que al efecto otorgue à favor  
de la Señora expresada lo que para que conste lo  
firmo en Monterey à 9 de Marzo de 1842.

Francisco Voto.

The foregoing document comprising the Sheets  
of Writing numbered from 1 to 18, both inclusive were  
received for Record 2 of<sup>th</sup> January 1853 at 11.  
A. M. and are recorded in Book "C" of Deeds  
of Grants on pages 40 to 48 both inclusive.

W. O. Johnson

County Recorder

Monterey Cal<sup>f</sup>

Juzgado de Paz } año de 1842.  
de Monterey }

Escritura Pública de  
Venta del Rancho de

San Franciscoquito.

otorgado por el C<sup>no</sup> Francisco Loto  
à favor de Doña  
María Josefa Rodriguez

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19 Dello 1.º seis pesos: Habilitado provincialmt. por la Aduana marítima de Monterey para los años de 1899 y 1810.

Alvarado Antonio M.º Cois.

Valga para los años de 1842.

Alvarado # Antonio Maria Cois.

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Seal En el puerto de Monterey del Departamento de las Californias, à las nueve dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos, ante mi Teodoro Gonzalez Juez de Paz y Jefe del Jefe Constitucional de esta jurisdiccion en funcion por ausencia del propietario y ante los testigos de asistencia con quienes actuo en la forma establecida por falta de Escribenos publicos à mas de los instrumentales se que al fin se ha ra mención parecio de presente el Ciudadano Francisco Poto vecino de esta demarcacion mayor de veinte y cinco años cuya persona doy fe conosco y digo: que por mi y à nombre de sus hijos herederos y sucesores y de quien de ellos hubiere titulo Rojo y causa en cualquier manera vendida y da en Venta solemnemente, nacional y publica y enagenacion perpetua por puro de heredad para siempre y a mas, à Doña Maria Josefa Rodriguez de esta misma vecindad en su persona tambien doy fe conosco quien presento poder bastante de su padre para parecer en juicio y celebrar toda clase de contratos, un Rancho titulado San Franciscoquito que le pertenece en propiedad por compra que de el hizo à Don Estevan Murray segun la Escritura publica que presento y demas documentos que corren unidos à este instrumento colindando con el conocido por Laureles con el del Don Chiquito y con el de Don Juan Cooper, con una finca urbana de dos piezas utiles paredes de Madrea techada de tajamañil y con puzo de tablas abajo comprendiendo en esta Venta una Manada de treinta Yeguas de liente que tambien le pertenecen al Otorgante y que de juntamente; y declaro no tenerlo vendido enagenado ni empeñado, y que esta libre de todo gravamen publico perpetuo temporal especial general, tacito y expreso; y como tal se lo vende

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con todas las acciones que ha tenido y le piete  
 necen según otro, en el precio y cantidad de mil  
 pesos en ochocientos cincuenta en plata y el  
 resto en efectos à precios corrientes cuyas can-  
 tidades ha por recibido el Otorgante, y sobre  
 no parecer de presente la entrega renuncia las  
 leyes de ella las de su prueba y pago del recibo es  
 mo de ello se contiene, así mismo de el ara que  
 tiene por justo precio y verdadera valor del  
 expresado Rancho finca y manada la referida  
 cantidad que no vale mas y si mas valer pu-  
 diera del exceso en mucha o poca suma hace  
 à favor de la compradora de sus herederos  
 y sucesores gracia y donacion pura perfecta  
 è irrevocable que en Dño se llama inter vivos  
 con insinuacion y demas formas legales, re-  
 nunciando la Ley 2.<sup>a</sup> tit. 4.<sup>o</sup> lib. 5.<sup>o</sup> de la  
 Recopilacion y las demas que hablan de lohe-  
 sion en mas o menos de la mitad del justo  
 precio y los cuatro años que preferia para pedir  
 su rescision o suplemento los que da por  
 pasados y desde hoy en adelante se desempa-  
 deran y desprenden para siempre del dominio  
 posesion, titulo voz, recurso u otro cual es qui-  
 era Dño que le compete al onuncia de Ran-  
 cho, casa y manada y lo renuncia y tras pasa  
 à la compradora para que disponga de el como  
 de cosa propia y le confiere poder irrevocable  
 amplio bastante y valdero con libre franquea  
 y general administracion para que de su au-  
 toridad aprenda la tenencia y posesion que le  
 galmente le toque obligandose el otorgante  
 à que esta venta le sera cierta segura y efe-  
 ctiva à la compradora y que nadie le moviere  
 pleito, en su propiedad o posesion ni contra  
 el Rancho finca y manada aparecera grava-  
 men alguno y si resultare saldria à su defen-  
 ga hasta de por le en quieta y pacifica posesion  
 y de no conseguirlo le restituyera la cantidad  
 que ha desembolsado con los me presutilcos  
 que tenga el Rancho finca, y manada y todas  
 los costos perjuicio, y menoscabos que se le si-  
 gueren. En la Observancia de lo referido obli-  
 ga el Otorgante sus bienes presentes y futuros

y con ellos se somete al fuero y jurisdiccion de los señores Jueces en sus causas competentes para que à su cumplimiento lo compelen y apremien como por sentencia definitiva consentida y pasada en autoridad de cosa juzgada que por tal la reputa, renunciando las leyes que en el caso le favorezcan y la general del dño en toda forma. En cuyo testimonio asi lo otorgo y firmo haciendo lo por la Compradora su apoderado Ricardo Juan y siendo los instrumentales: Don Valencio Terrano Don José Maria Castañares y Don Benito Diaz presentes y vecinos de que doy fe. Teodoro Gonzalez # Francisco Doto # Ricardo Juan # De assist<sup>a</sup> Manuel Castro de assist<sup>a</sup> Jacinto Rodriguez.

Es copia sacada fielmente de su Original el dia de su otorgamiento siendo testigos de verla copia y conser<sup>va</sup> el C<sup>no</sup> José Abrego. Va en dos folios utiles de un pliego de papel ~~del sello~~ primero quedando protocolado dicho Original en papel del sello segundo lo que yo el referido juez certifico firmando con los testigos de asistencia.

De ass<sup>a</sup> Teodoro Gonzalez De ass<sup>a</sup> Manuel Castro # Jacinto Rodriguez.  
Sello primero seis pesos: Habilitado provincial<sup>mt</sup> por la Aduana maritima de Monterrey para los años de 1872 y 1873.  
Alvarado # Antonio M<sup>a</sup> Coio.

Se ab En el puerto de Monterrey à los veinte y siete dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos. Ante mi Teodoro Gonzalez juez de paz Constitucional de esta jurisdiccion, actuando por reseptoria à falta de Escribano publico parecio de presente Mr. Ricardo Juan con poder bastante en cuanto en derecho se requiriere de Doña Josefa Rodriguez culla persona doy fe conosco y digo. Que à nombre de su poder ante y al de sus herederos y sucesores y de quien de ellos hubiere voz y fama en qual quierá manera vende y da en venta publicá y enagenacion perpetua por juro de heredad y para siempre jamas à D<sup>o</sup> Guillermo R. Garner de esta vecindad que tambien doy

se conoce un Rancho titulado Don Jeremiasqui  
 to compuesto de dos sitios de ganado mayor que  
 le toca y pertenece en propiedad por compra que  
 de el hizo su poderante al Ciudadano Jerame:  
 Poto segun consta de la Escritura publica que  
 otorgaron, eullo testimonio presento juntamente  
 con los titulos de concecion que conuenidos  
 a este instrumento incluyendose en el Rancho  
 una Casa de Madera, Corrales, aseriaderos  
 Arboles frutales y cuanto en el existe cono truido  
 y se halla establecido con todo lo azeas de pen  
 diente y perteneciente que declara el Vendedor  
 no tenerlo vendido enagenado ni empeñado y  
 que esta libre de todo gravamen publico por pe  
 tuo, temporal, especial general tacito o expreso  
 y como tal lo vende a dho Don Garner en precio  
 y quanto de dos mil pesos que ha recibido a su  
 satisfaccion y sobre no parecer de presente la  
 entrega renuncia las leyes de ella las de su pue  
 blo y pago del recibo como en ellas se contiene:  
 Asi mismo declara que tiene por justo precio  
 y verde de su valor de dicha azeas la expresada  
 cantidad que no vale mas y si mas valor pudiere  
 del exses en mucha o poca suma hace a favor  
 del comprador gracia y donacion pura por pe  
 tua e irrevocable que en derecho se llama in  
 ter vivos con inominacion y de mas formas  
 legales, renunciando la ley 4<sup>a</sup> de Toro Libro 5<sup>o</sup>  
 de la recopilacion y deprehendiendose para orem  
 pre del dominio, posesion, titulo recuzo y oho  
 cualesquiera derecho que le compete al enuncia  
 do rancho, los que tras pasa al comprador confi  
 riendole poder irrevocable para que de su au  
 toridad aprenda la tenencia y posesion que le  
 toca obligandose el Otorgante a que esta Venta  
 le sea cierta segura y efectiva al comprador  
 y nadie lo inquietara ni molera a pleito en su pro  
 piedad ni contra el Rancho a paresera gravamen  
 alguno y si resultare o alchra a su defenya ha  
 dejarlo en pacifica posesion y de no conseguirlo  
 le devolvera la Cantidad que ha recibido con  
 las mejores que tenga y todos los costos perju  
 cios y menoscabos que se le oquieren.  
 Ya la observancia de lo referido obliga sus

traves presentes y futuros y los de sus poderantes  
y con ellos se somete al fuero y jurisdiccion de los  
C. D. jueces que de sus causas pue dan y deban  
conocer para que a su cumplimiento la compelan  
y apremien como por sentencia definitiva, consen-  
tida y pasada en autoridad de cosa juzgada que  
por tal la reputo, en cullo testimonio asi lo otorgue  
y firme siendo los instrumentales. D<sup>o</sup> Florencio  
Serrano, Benito Dias # y Jose M<sup>a</sup> Campaña  
de quienes doy fe.

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Teodoro Gonzales  
Guillermo R. Jarner # Ricardo Duran.

Asa  
Manuel Castro # Jose A. Chaves.

Escopia sacada fielmente de su Original el  
dia de su deparamiento siendo testigos de verda  
copiar y consertar el C<sup>no</sup> Jose M<sup>a</sup> Santa M<sup>a</sup>  
Va en dos folios utiles de un pliego de papel del  
sello numero quedando protocolado dicho Ori-  
ginal en papel del sello segundo lo que yo el  
referido juez certifico firmando lo con los testigo  
de asistencia.

Teodoro Gonzales

Asa  
Jose A. Chaves. Santiago Estacada

The within document comprising the sheets  
of writing numbered from 19 to 26 pages were  
received for Record 29<sup>th</sup> January 1853 at  
11. A. M and are recorded in Book A Con-  
veyances on pages 246 to 450 both inclusive

W. D. Johnson

C<sup>o</sup> Recorder

Monty C.

Filed in Office Feby 19<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Geo. Zeisler Clerk

H. Grantatum  
of Papey

Stamp First Six Dollars

Provisionally authorized by the administration of the Mexican Custom House of Monterey of Upper California for two years one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and eight hundred and thirty five.

B.

Figueras A. Ramirez  
Jose Castro first vocal of the Most Excellent Territorial Deputation and Civil Chief and interim of the Territory of Upper California

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Whose Donna Catalina Manzanelli de Munras has for her own personal benefit and that of her family asked for the land known by the name of San Francisco quite the proper measures and examinations being previously made as required by laws and regulations using the sums which are imposed on me in the name of the Mexican Nation have granted her the aforesaid land declaring that the ownership of it by these presents subject to the approval of the Most Excellent Deputation and under the following conditions.

1st That she will submit to those which may be established by the regulation which is to be formed for the distribution of vacant lands and that in the meantime neither the granted nor her heirs shall divide or alienate that which is granted to her subject to any tax, entail or pledge even for pious purposes nor convey in any manner.

2d She may enclose it without payment to the crossings roads and limits she will enjoy it fully and exclusively making such use and cultivation of it as may best suit her but within one year as far as she shall build above and it shall be inhabited.

3rd When the ownership is confirmed to her she will request the proper Magistrate to give her judicial possession in virtue of this Patent by whom the boundaries will be marked out in the limits of which she will place besides the bounds some fence or posts trees of some utility.

4th The land of which donation is made is two square leagues as shown by the map which goes in the Espediente. The Magistrate who may give the possession will cause it to be measured in conformity with the ordinance in order to mark out the boundaries leaving the surplus which may result in favor of

June 20.

the nation's profits convenient was  
5th If he contravenes these conditions he will lose  
his right to the land and it will be demarcated by  
another person

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

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Given in Monterey on the 9th of November 1835

Signid Jose Castillo

Signid Francisco de Castillo Regente Sintony

Note has been made of this patent in the book of titles  
on leaf 84 and marked with the number 82 which  
exists in the office in my charge

Fees of 10.

Monterey November 9th 1835

Signid Castillo

Stamp Three Duros Reals

Provisionally authorized by the administration of the  
Maritime Customs House of Monterey of Upper California  
for the years 1834 and 1835

Castro

Angel Ramirez

proposition of the Committee Certificate  
Approved the grant made to Dona Catalina  
Manzanelli de Murras of the land named San  
Francisco on the 7th of November 1835 subject  
to the conditions which may be stipulated Monterey  
December 3rd 1835.

Salvo Pachuco

Approval of the Most Excellent Deputation  
Monterey December 3rd 1835. In session of this day  
the Most Excellent Assembly approved the proposi-  
-tion of the foregoing report directing the Expediente  
to be returned to the Political Chief for the common  
- use purposes

Castro President

Juan B Alvarado Deputy Secretary

Decree of confirmation by H. C. the Political Chief  
Monterey December 4th 1835 In view of the approval  
given yesterday the 3rd of December by the Most  
Excellent Deputation let a certified copy of it and  
of this decree be issued to the party Dona Catalina  
Manzanelli de Murras in confirmation of the  
grant of the land known by the name of San Fran-  
-cisco which she obtained on the 7th of November  
of the present year

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Señor Don Jose Casto Political Chief ad interim of  
the Territory of Upper California thus read and read  
and signed it to which I certify Jose Casto

F. us 14.

Francisco del Castillo Regente Sinteray  
It agrees to the letter with its original which I saw and  
is on file in this office of the Sinteray of the Political Gov-  
ernment in my charge in the bundle of Esposiciones  
of Planas approved by the Most Excellent Deputacion  
to which refer December 14th 1835.

Francisco del Castillo Regente  
Stamp Nada Dos Reales

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Mantime Custom House of Monterey of Upper California  
for the years 1834 and 1835

Casto Angel Ramirez  
Revocated for the two years 1836 and 1837

Gustave  
In the Port of Monterey of Upper California on the 14th  
day of the month of December one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty five before me citizen and  
Spain Constitutional Alcalde of the said Port and  
before the witnesses of assistance with whom I act in the  
established form thus appeared Doña Catalina Man-  
zanelli, Viudas and said that both herself and  
her children being sick with colas and other arias  
is of them which are at present general with us  
she herself being so sick as to excuse her and being  
by this accident deprived from permission to take  
judicial possession of the place named San Fran-  
cisco of this jurisdiction of Monterey which His  
Excellency the Political Chief through her power to grant  
on the 9th November and the Most Excellent Depu-  
tacion approved with the said instance the grants and  
confers all her power full specific and sufficient  
to her husband Esteban Viudas that in her  
name and representation he may do whatever  
may be necessary and legal correspond to him to do  
under the laws and dispositions and other orders  
constituted as may be proper that he may take the  
judicial possession of the aforesaid place in testam-  
entary which she authorized and signed it in this reg-  
ister the witnesses to this instrument being Don Jose  
Amate yre Iglesias and Doña Juana Gonzalez  
Monterey December 14th 1835 David Spencer  
Catalina Manzanelli de Viudas ass. witness

F. us 10 seals

Jose Maria Maldonado Eugenio Montoya & Co  
Copied from its Register this 16th day of June 1836  
on this and the foregoing leaf of paper of the corresponding  
stamp and at the request of the person interested the  
validity of which I authenticate signing with my assis-  
ting witnesses according to Law Jose N. Estrada  
ass witnesses

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Jose Maria Maldonado Pedro Gonzalez  
Catalina Manzanelli Munras before Don Honor  
represents that having obtained the ownership of the  
land from the decree of San Francisco  
and it being a nuisance separate to take the posses-  
sion of the aforesaid land and not being able to do  
soon account of the sickness of my children and my  
self I pray your Honor to give it in my request to my  
attorney in fact Estevan Munras in which I will  
secure fair and justice

Montevideo December 11th 1835 Catalina Mdl Munras  
Montevideo December 12th 1835

Presented and admitted  
The present Alcalde will proceed to the measurement  
designated of bonanzas and judicial possession  
solicited by the person interested in this Petition nam-  
ing further to perform the 14th day of the present month  
for which Don Estevan Munras will be notified  
that as the attorney in fact appointed by the party soli-  
citing he may consider himself summoned and the  
1st Alcalde of this Municipality thus according  
and signed in with three of assistance  
assisting witnesses David Spence

Fus 24.2 real

Jose Maria Maldonado Pedro Gonzalez  
On the same date the foregoing act was made known  
to Don Estevan Munras and having understood  
it he acknowledged noted and signed in with  
me and three of assistance Spence  
assisting witnesses Estevan Munras

Jose Maria Maldonado Pedro Gonzalez  
In the Ranch of La Purisima located in the  
San Francisco on the 14th day of the month of Decem-  
ber one thousand eight hundred and thirty five in  
compliance with the foregoing act present Don Estevan  
Munras the present Magistrate appointed for  
measuring citizens Pedro Munras and Juan  
Rosales who after the acceptance and oath will  
proceed to the discharge of their office the aforesaid

Alcaldes thus determined and signed with three of assistance

Spence

Assisting witnesses

Jose Maria Maldonado Teodoro Gonzalez

On the same date and in the aforesaid Ranchos they signed Teodoro Herrera and Juan Rosales were witnesses of the act of their appointment and they said that they accepted and they did accept said office and made oath by God our Lord and the sign of the cross to use it faithfully and legally to the best of their knowledge and understanding without fraud against any person and they did not sign because they said that they did not know how to do so and therefore of my assistance

Assisting witnesses

Spence

Jose Maria Maldonado Teodoro Gonzalez

Immediately the said Alcaldes ordered the work with which the land is to be measured to be brought into my presence and the measure was made off on it fifty varas and I signed it with three of assistance

Spence

assisting witnesses J. M. Maldonado Teodoro Gonzalez

Immediately the aforesaid Alcaldes ordered that the measure be made and they measured a cord of rope of fifty varas before me and in testimony I signed in rubric

(A Rubric)

In the same place day month and year at 10 o'clock the present Alcaldes and these appointed witnesses went to prepare for the measurement of lands which have to be made to Don Esteban Munoz attending in fact of the Señora Doña Catalina Manzanilla and placed in the place where are the tenas called the measure was commenced drawing the cord due South East to the Sierra of the Cerro de San Clemente two hundred and fifty varas and from the Sierra which goes down to the Rancho called Sur to the high Sierra which goes down to Las Laureles one hundred and fifty varas in which measurements I made the corresponding corners to be formed which should designate the boundaries pertaining to it the land measured consists of two square leagues and the person interested signed with me and the assisting witnesses David Spence Esteban Munoz assisting witnesses Jose Maria Maldonado Teodoro Gonzalez

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In the land of La Prensina Con ap oim alias San  
Poco quinto, on the 14th day of the month of December  
1835, the Constitutional Alcalde of the Election City of  
Don E. Spine after executing the measurements  
of the aforesaid Rancho by which it results to contain  
two square leagues, with all other things which appear  
from the cets. Inaud that Don Estevan Murras  
attorney in fact for the Señora Manzanilla in virtue of  
the judicial possession of the said Rancho under the  
measurements signed to and the for quantities existing  
in similar cases which he did by pulling up grass  
and making demonstrations of the land of  
which possession has been given him the validity of which  
I authentic and assign with the present instrument and the  
assisting witnesses

Don E. Spine  
assisting witnesses Estevan Murras  
Jose Maria Melamada Juan Gonzalez  
Witness December 15th 1835

Let note be taken in the  
book of possessions and let this original Expediente be  
returned to the attorney in fact of Señora Manzanilla  
Don Estevan Murras that it may serve him for  
title of the first Constitutional Alcalde of the dem-  
arcation of this Municipality thus decreed and signed  
and signed with the following assistance

assisting witnesses Don E. Spine  
Jose Maria Melamada Juan Gonzalez

On the same date note was made of this title in the  
6th leaf of the prop book and in testimony I sign  
it in Rubric (Rubric of Spine)

Stamp Two Realas

Provisionally authorized by the municipal custom  
House of the City of Montevideo, in the Department of the  
Caldesinas for the years 1840 and 1841

Antonio Maria Cesio  
Seal of Custom House of Montevideo  
Revalidated by the same for the  
year 1842  
Alvarado Antonio Maria Cesio

In the year of Montevideo on the twenty  
third day of the month of February in the  
onsaid eight hundred and forty two there appeared  
present before me Jose Fernandez judge of the first  
and of this district acting in virtue of my office for  
warrant of authority public Doña Beatriz Manzanilla de Murras  
was and said that she grants and cedes all her

power ample full special General and so much as  
may be necessary to the husband Don Estevan Mun-  
ras, that he may be able fully to dispose of the Ran-  
cho of San Francisco which appears in this Expedi-  
ente either alienating it forever or temporarily as  
may best suit him as p[ro]p[ri]ety he gives him  
this power without any limitation. In testimony of which  
he thus acknowledged it and signed the witnesses to  
the Instrument being Don Jose Augusto, Don Juan  
Spain and Don Joaquin Gonzalez

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Segunda Personada, segun Catalina Manzanilla de Munras  
In virtue of the power conferred on me by the person  
intended Doña Catalina Manzanilla de Munras  
in these documents I transferred the said Rancho  
of San Francisco to the Citizen Francisco Soto Montoya  
March 7th 1842

Segunda Estevan Munras  
Be it known by these presents that I Francisco Soto  
announce and transfer the rights and actions which  
I have acquired in the Rancho San Francisco  
by the foregoing documents to Doña Maria Josefa  
Rodriguez for the sum of one thousand dollars which  
I acknowledge to have received as appears by the public  
act of sale which for that purpose have executed in  
favor of the aforesaid Señora In testimony of which I  
sign in Montoya on the 9th March 1842

Segunda Francisco Soto  
Stamp for \$4 Dollars

Provisionally authorized by the Maritime Customhouse  
of Montoya for the years 1839 and 1840

Alouadas } Antonio Mallesio  
} customhouse } Good for the years 1842  
} head } Alouadas } Antonio Maria Oris

In the Port of Montoya in the Department of the Cal-  
ifornia on the 9th day of the month of March One thousand  
said eight hundred and forty two before me Joaquin  
Gonzalez acting (sup[er]l[icit]e) Constitutional Justice of  
of the Peace of this District acting on account of the  
absence of the regular one, and before the assisting  
witnesses with whom I act in the established form  
for want of a notary Public besides the witnesses to the  
Instrument who will as the can be mentioned above and  
present the Citizen Francisco Soto resident of this  
Alouadas customhouse more than twenty five years of age  
whose person I certify I know and saw at that time for himself,  
in the name of his children heirs and successors and

whichever of them may have title void or claim in any manner he sells and gives in solemn Matrimonial and public sale and perpetual alienation with the right of inheritance forever to Doña Maria Josefa Rodriguez of this same neighborhood whose person also I certify known who presents a sufficient power from her father to appear in court and celebrate every kind of contract a Rancho entitled San Francisco which belongs to him in ownership by purchase which he made of from Don Estevan Munras according to the public act which he presents, and the other documents which go annexed to this instrument bounded by that Munras as Laureles by that of Sr. Enrique and by that of Don Juan Cooper

Together with abuse in the Town of ten good rooms the walls of wood roofed with shingles and with a plank floor below them being also included with the sale a dove cote and blood rooms which also belong to the Vendor and he sells them all together and he declares that he has not sold alienated or pledged them and that it is free from all incumbrance whether public perpetual temporal special general taxes and expenses as such he sells it with all the actions which he has had or which he claims to him by Law

For the price and sum of four thousand dollars four hundred and fifty in silver and the rest in goods at current price which sums the Vendor acknowledges as received and as the delivery was not made in person he renounces its Laws these of its proofs and the payment of the receipts in itself contained

He also declares that he consents the said amount the just price and true value of the aforesaid Rancho bearing and avers that they are not with some fraud they can be with none of the excess but large in value he makes in favor of the purchaser of such and successive free gift and donation pure perfect and irrevocable which in Law is called *inter vivos* with genuine intention and not by legal securities and he renounces Law 4 Title 7 Book 5 of the Recopilacion and others which speak of lesion in more or less by one half of the just price and the four years which it

fixes in which to ask a decision on the contents or what  
 was wanting of its true value he continues as past and  
 from this time forward he disposes and separates him-  
 self from the dominion possession title voice  
 recourse or any other rights which belong to him  
 in the aforesaid Rancho house and dower and he  
 renounces and transfers them to the purchaser that  
 he may dispose of them as often and in any way  
 he may see fit with full power full sufficiency  
 and valid with full frank and general administration  
 that of his own authority he may take the same  
 and possession which legally belong to him the ven-  
 der buying himself that this will be certain and  
 and effect to the purchaser and that no person  
 will bring suit against him in his possession  
 within the aforesaid circumstances against the  
 Rancho building or dower

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And if there should prove  
 to be any he will come forward or be before the  
 Court to have him quiet and peaceable possession  
 and if he shall not be able to do so he will restore  
 the same to the purchaser with the useful improvements  
 which the Rancho building and dower of man  
 may have with all the damages and prejudices which  
 may come upon him

And to the observance of the  
 foregoing the Vendor binds his property present and  
 future and with them submits himself to the  
 jurisdiction of the Magistrate who constitute cog-  
 nizance in his cause that they may fine and  
 compel him to its compliance as by definitive sen-  
 tence consented to and passed in authority of pres-  
 judicata as for such he continues in renouncing  
 the laws which may favor him in the case and  
 the legal exception in due form

In testimony of which  
 he subscribes and signs it thus the purchaser  
 doing so by his attorney in fact Manuel Jimenez and the  
 witnesses to the instrument being Don Florencio  
 Seneno, Don Jose Maria Castaneda and Don Benito  
 Diaz present and residents to which I certify  
 Don Juan Gonzalez Foran cisco Soto Becerra your  
 assisting witnesses  
 Manuel Castro Jacinto Rodriguez  
 This a copy faithfully made from the original the day



and as the delivery does not appear in the same he  
proves the Law of it those of its proof and the paymen  
- ent of the receipt as in itself contained

It also declares

that she considers the said sum as the true value  
and just price of the said Rancho that it is not  
worth more and if it may be worth more of the excess  
be it a small or great sum she makes in favor of  
the purchaser free gift and donation pure perpetual  
and irrevocable which in Law is called inter vivos  
with judicial intervention and the other legal securities  
commencing the Law 4 Title 4 Book 5, of the Recop  
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And she separates herself from the down  
- in possession in title & consequence and what other rights  
may belong to her in the aforesaid Rancho which she  
transfers to the purchaser conforming on her irrevocable  
- cable power that of his own authority he may take  
the same and possession which pertain to him  
The said woman binding herself that this sale will be  
to him certain sure and effective and that no  
one will disturb him or bring any suit against  
his ownership neither shall there appear against  
the Rancho any incumbrance

And if there should

prove to be any she will come forward in his de  
- fence until she shall have him in peaceful  
possession and if not able to do so she will return  
to him the sum she has received with the improve  
- ments he may have and all the costs judgments  
and damages which may accrue to him and to  
the observance of the foregoing he binds his property  
present and future and that of his heirs and assigns  
with it submits himself to the jurisdiction of the  
Magistrate who can and ought to take cognizance  
of her cause that they may compel and prevent  
to comply with it as with a definitive sentence  
consented to and passed in authority of Respondeo  
- catu

For as such she gives in testimony of which she has  
thus acknowledged and signed in the witnesses to the witness  
- man being Don Placido Soriano, Benito Diaz and Jose  
Manuel Campaña to whom I certify, signed Thomas Gonzalez  
signed Guillermo R. Gonzalez signed Benigno Juan  
- assisting witnesses

Seguia Manuel Castro Seguia Jose A Chaves  
 It is a copy faithfully made from its original on  
 the day of its execution the returns to the copy and  
 suspension being letzer from Maria Santa  
 Monica

It goes on two written leaves of a sheet of paper  
 of the first stamp said original remaining on file on  
 paper of the second stamp which I the said Magistrate  
 certify signing it with the assisting witnesses  
 assisting witnesses Seguia Teodoro Gonzalez  
 Seguia Jose A Chaves  
 " Santiago Estrada

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Deed  
C

This instrument made and entered at the City of Monterey State of California Between William N. Garner of Monterey aforesaid of the first part and Jose Abajo of the same place of the second part

Witnesseth that whereas in or about the year 1849 one William N. Garner died intestate leaving and leaving behind him of his estate an estate was at the time of his decease possessor of the Rancho or tract of land herein after described

And whereas the party of the first part one of said heirs has since the decease of his father attained his majority and become and is entitled to the one eighth undivided part of said Rancho herein after described how the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and twenty five dollars good and lawful money to him in hand paid by said Jose Abajo the receipt whereof is here by acknowledged hath granted bargained sold quit claimed to and conveyed and by these presents do grant bargain sell quit claim and convey unto the said Jose Abajo his heirs and assigns all his right title interest claim and demand as Law or equity in possession or expectancy as one of the heirs of the said Garner deceased his father of and to the Rancho or tract of land herein by the name of San Francisco

Situate on the south side of the valley of Carmelo in the hills the description and boundaries thereof being more fully seen by reference to the map of said land attached to and forming part of the title papers thereto and the limits of said Rancho as run in the judicial possession thereof being given as follows Beginning at a point known as Tinajas Altas and thence in a South East direction to the hills of the Cerro de San Clemente two thousand paces And from the hills in the direction of the San Rancho to the high hills of Los Laureles five thousand paces said Rancho being two thousand paces in length and five thousand paces in width little more or less and was granted by Jose Castro Governor

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(Cape Politics) of the Territory of Upper California on the 9th November 1835 to Catalina Manzanilla de Comras by her transferee by deed dated 7th March 1842 to Francisco Soto by said Soto by deed dated 9th March 1842 Transferred to Juan José y a Rodriguez and by him and with 29th December 1842 to the said William N. Ganun deceased

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Together with all improvements and appurtenances ways roads waters and other rights appurtenant to the said Rancho belonging or in anywise appurtenant and the Messrs. claimants parts issues and profits thereof

To Have and To Hold unto the said Juan José y a Rodriguez and assigns forever in absolute fee simple all the rights and interests of the said party of the first part as one of the heirs of the said William N. Ganun deceased in and to the Rancho or tract of land herebefore described with the improvements and appurtenances to his own then use benefit and disposition forever

In testimony whereof the party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty three  
William Ganun Seal

Witness P. Zabrera }  
William S. Johnson }

State of California }  
County of Monterey } ss On this twenty eighth

1853 before me County Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder in and for the said County Comprehensively William N. Ganun to me known to be the same person described as grantor in the foregoing conveyance and who acknowledged to me that he executed the

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same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein expressed Witness my hand and official seal at the day and year last aforesaid  
William S. Johnson County Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder of Monterey County  
Received for Record 28th Jan'y 1853 at 2 P.M. Recorded in Book A of conveyances Pgs 444, 445. W S Johnson Co. Recorder Monterey Co

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D.

This Deed was made and entered into at the City  
of Monterey, State of California between Francisco  
Bautista de Castro of the City of Monterey, of the first part and Jose Alajo of the same place of the  
second part

Witnesseth that whereas in or about  
the year 1849 one William N. Gammon did enter  
into leaving the party of the first part his widow  
and minor children heirs of his estate and he  
was at the time of his decease possessor of the  
property hereinafter described to which as his  
widow as aforesaid the said party of the first part  
became entitled to the one undivided half part  
from the said party of the first part for and  
in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred  
dollars to her in hand paid by the said party  
of the second part the receipt whereof she doth hereby  
acknowledge both parties bargain and sold quit  
claim to and conveyed and by these presents doth  
grant bargain sell quit claim and convey unto the  
said Jose Alajo and his heirs and assigns all the  
right title interest power and right of power claim  
and demand whatever of the said party of the  
first part or Law or equity in possession  
or in expectancy wherein of the said Gammon deced-  
ed or in and to the Rancho or tract of land  
known by the name of San Francisco situate  
on the South side of the Valley of San Juan in the  
Hills

Recognition thereof and particulars being  
more fully seen by reference to the map of said  
land attached to and forming part of the title  
papers thereto and the limits of said Rancho  
as shown on judicial possession thereof being  
given as follows: Commencing at a point  
known as Guascatitos and thence in a  
south east direction to the hills of the  
Cañada of San Blas into the thicket woods  
and from the hills in the direction of the San  
Rancho to the high hills of Los Llanos  
Five thousand varas

Said Rancho being ten  
thousand varas in length and five thousand  
varas in width little more or less and was  
granted by Jose Castro Governor (Cefe Potrero)

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of the then Territory of Upper California on the 9th November 1833 to Catalina Manzanillo de Jimenas by the laws found by and dated 9th March 1842 to Francisco Soto by said Soto by and dated 9th March 1842 transferred to Maria Josefa Rosayon and by her and on the 29th December 1842 to the said William A. Ganer and on

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Together with all improvements and appurtenances to said Rancho wharves of land belonging and all ways roads water courses rights and privileges thereto appertaining and the customs revenues and rents issues and profits thereof

To Have and to Hold unto the said Jose Cayo his heirs and assigns forever in absolute fee simple all the right and interest of the party of the first part as herein of said Juan Antonio in and to said described premises with the appurtenances to his and their use benefit and disposition forever

Witnessing whereof the party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal this twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1853 and eight hundred and fifty three

Francisco <sup>of</sup> Puton de Castro Seal

Witness }  
Leon Brantley } State of California }  
J.W. Johnson } County of Monterey }  
On this twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1853 before me County Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder (County) in and for said County personally came Francisco Puton de Castro to me known to be the same person as aforesaid and who as grantor thereof executed the foregoing conveyance and the aforesaid case to have executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Witness my hand and official seal this day and year last aforesaid

Seal of W.P. Johnson County Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder Monterey County

Recorded for Record 28th Jan 1853 at 10.30 am Recorded in Book A Conveyances Pgs 442, 443 J.W. Johnson Co. Recorder by

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Secretary

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The original documents filed in support of this  
claim consist 1st of an Original grant from  
Governor Jose Facheo to Doña Catalina Manzanilla  
de Murras dated November 9th 1835.

2nd A certified copy of the approval of the Territorial  
Deputation dated December 3rd 1835 and the Governor's  
Testimonio of the same dated December 4th 1835.

3rd The record of the proceedings of judicial pos-  
session executed by David Spence Constitutional  
Alcalde of Monterey on the 14th day of December  
1835.

The genuineness and authenticity of all these  
documents are established by satisfactory testi-  
mony. The conditions of the grant appear to have been  
satisfactorily complied with with the exception from  
its date. The grant is for two square leagues of land  
as shown by the map which accompanied the certi-  
ficate requiring an act of judicial possession  
to designate the tract granted and define its bou-  
ndaries.

The "Testimonio" of this act filed with the  
case describes the land as extending two leagues  
from East to West by one league from North to South  
and although it does not define the limits  
with as much certainty as might be desired yet  
we think it is sufficient taken in connection  
with the map and the oral testimony to identify and  
locate its boundaries. The present Petitioner claims  
to derive their title by virtue of a series of successive  
conveyances consisting first of a power of attorney  
from the grantee executed before Jose Z. Hernandez  
Judge of the 1st Instance of the District of Monterey  
by which she granted and empowered her powerful  
and ample to her husband Don Esteban Murras  
to dispose fully of the Rancho of San Francisco  
either by alienating it forever or temporarily as may  
best suit him.

On this document is indorsed an  
assignment executed by Esteban Murras dated  
March 7th 1842 setting forth that by virtue of the

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power conveyed upon him by Doña Leontina  
Munzueli de Numas in the said document he  
transfere the said place of San Francisco to  
Luzon Francisco Soto there is also another endorse-  
ment on said document signed Francisco Soto  
and dated March 9th 1842 declaring that he  
owns and transfere the rights and actions which  
he had acquired in the Rancho of San Francisco  
by the preceding documents to Doña Maria Josefa  
Rodriguez for the sum of one thousand dollars as  
appears by the act of sale that was executed in favor  
of the aforesaid Señora

2nd The act of sale from Fr-  
ancisco Soto referred to in the preceding endorsement  
executed before Don Gonzalo acting Justice of the Peace  
for the District of Monterey and dated 9th of March  
1842, 3rd an act of sale from Ricardo Juan who  
is appears from the testimony was the husband of  
Maria Josefa Rodriguez executed before the same  
Justice dated December 9th 1842 conveying the prop-  
erty to William K. Gunn

The above states that  
Ricardo Juan was invested with sufficient power  
as much as in Law is required from Doña  
Josefa Rodriguez to act in the matter in which  
power is shown by the appears from the testimony  
of the Justice of the Peace before whom the deed was  
executed that the principal Maria Josefa Rodriguez  
was present at the time and verbally confirmed the prop-  
erty and consented to the sale

4th A Deed from Francisco Butron de Castro to  
Jose Abajo dated January 28th 1853 which recites  
that in or about the year 1849 William K. Gunn  
and intestate leaving the party of the first part his  
widow and minor children his heirs at Law by which  
his said widow became entitled to one undivided  
ninth part of the said premises and conveyed to the said  
Abajo all his right title interest and claim  
of Gunn in and to the same

5th A Deed from William Gunn one of the chil-  
dren of the said William K. Gunn dated January  
28th 1853 setting out that as one of the children and  
heirs aforesaid he is entitled to one undivided  
eighth part of the said Rancho and conveying his  
interest in the same to said Abajo thus conveying

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an all authentic and authenticated and are  
considered sufficient to invest the heirs and legal  
representatives of William A. Gannett with all the rights  
of the original grantee in the premises

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It is in proof that  
William A. Gannett died in the year 1849 leaving  
his widow Francis and five children one of whom  
died a minor within his life, happens that the land  
claimed in this case was acquired by William A.  
Gannett by purchase during coverture which brings  
it within the denunciation known to the Spanish  
and Mexican Law as Ganancia Propria and  
as such the wife was by the provisions of the Law in  
force at the time of Gannett's death entitled to one  
fourth leaving the other three fourths to be divided between  
the four remaining children

This would give to the  
claimants Arzú and Andriana half of the  
Rancho and the one fourth from the minor and  
one eighth part each from the four remaining  
children making his entire interest in the claim  
equal of five eighths and that of the three remain-  
ing children of William A. Gannett to wit

Guadalupe Lit-  
ida and Ignacia one eighth each and each of her  
heirs and assigns will accordingly be entitled in favor of  
the claimants further respective portions

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Decree of  
Confirmation

No 595

Jose Abrego et al

The United States

San Francisco

In this case on hearing the  
proofs and allegations it is adjudged by the Comm-  
issioner that the claim of the Petitioners is valid and  
it is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed  
to them in the following shares and proportions  
to wit

To the claimants Jose Arzú five eighths  
and eighth parts and to the claimants Guadalupe  
Ignacia and Botilda Gannett's children one eighth each

Land of William N. Garner decedent each one  
undivided eighth part of the said Rancho or part  
of land

The land of which Confirmation is made  
is situated in the county of Monterey and is  
known by the name of San Francis quite being  
the same which was granted by Governor Jose  
Castro to Doña Catalina Merino de  
Munras on the 9th of November 1835

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And which  
pasture and occupancy by William N. Garner  
at the time of his death and by his heirs and  
those claiming under them since and is bound  
as follows

Beginning at a point known as  
the Punta Calitos and running thence in a  
south easterly direction to the Punta of the Cañada  
de San Clemente two thousand seven hundred  
with said Cañada running to a peak of rock on  
the north side of said Cañada about five  
thousand seven hundred

thence westerly along a range of  
hills to a point known as the Potrero above the  
said Cañada thence southerly to the point of begin-  
ning containing two square leagues

Reference for  
a more particular description to be had to the  
original grant and map and to the depositions  
of Thomas Cole and James Meadows on file in  
the case

Alphons Felch  
N. Aug. Thompson  
S. B. Farwell

Commissioners

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Geo. Fisher Secretary

And in compliance to the satisfaction of the Board the land hereby  
described is situated in the Southern portion of California it is hereby  
ordered that two transcripts of the proceedings and of the decision in  
this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are  
found to be made out and duly certified by the Secretary of which  
transcripts shall be filed with the United States Clerk of the  
District Court for the Southern District of California and  
the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the U.S.

Office of the Board of Commissioners,

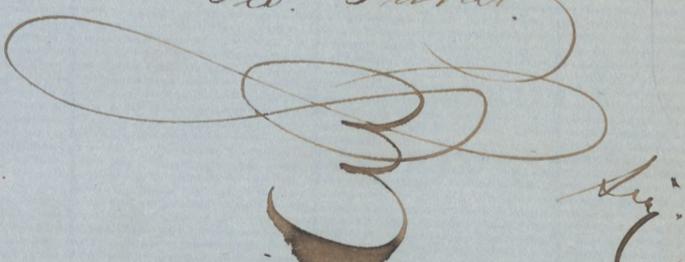
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*J. George Fisher* — Secretary to  
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
foregoing *Sixty* — pages, numbered from  
1 to *60*, both inclusive, to contain a 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. *395* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein

*Jose Abrego, et al,* are —  
the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*San Francisquito* —"

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

*Geo. Fisher*  
  
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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,  
*Southern* District of California.

No. 247. **247**  
THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

*José Abrego, et al.*  
*'San Francisquito'*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,  
In Case No. *545*.

Filed, *July 2* 185*5*  
*J. C. Blair*  
*clerk*  
By *A. H. Blair*  
*deputy*

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, June 13<sup>th</sup> 1855.

595) San Francisco -

Jose Abrego et al. Claimants

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 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,  
C. A. Smith

Attorney General.

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U. S. District Court  
Southern Dist. of Cal<sup>if</sup>.

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vs

José Abrego et al.

Notice of Appeal  
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*Juan Abrego et al*  
vs  
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Docket No. 247.

Transcript No. 593.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February A. D. 1853, *Juan Abrego et al*

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 *San Francisco* in the County of *Merced* 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioners. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 593; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition. That on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 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: on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 claimants presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimants ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> 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 claimants 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 <sup>said claim;</sup> ~~same~~, and decree the alleged title to be invalid: with costs and general relief.

J. P. M.

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

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California Land Claims  
Attorney General's Office  
2 March 1857

Sir:

In the case of the claim of  
José Abrego et al. confirmed to the  
claimants by the Commissioners, case  
no. five hundred and ninety-five,  
(595), appeal will not be prosecuted  
by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,

Cushing

Pacificus M. Esq  
U. S. Attorney  
Los Angeles.

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And now come the said Appellees, with this case and in answer to the petition of the U. S. District Attorney, admit, that, the land in this case claimed is situated in said Southern District. And for further answer, they say, that the claim in this case is founded on a good and valid grant, and the conditions of the same both in grant and in law have been fully complied with, and that, there is no error in the judgment and proceedings of the Commission in confirming same, and this they pray be regarded of by the Court.

V. E. Howard  
for Appellees

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Answer

Tues day 19th December  
A.D. 1850

J. H. Williams  
sr

J. E. Arnold  
sr

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Hon. Isaac S. K. Ogier Judge -

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Transcript from the Board of Land Commissioners No <sup>595</sup>~~718~~

The Attorney General of the United States having  
given notice that the appeal to the Supreme Court  
from the decision of this Court in the above entitled cause  
will not be prosecuted 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 heretofore made in this cause  
be vacated and that the decree of this Court  
heretofore rendered in this cause may by order of  
this Court be 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 vacated, and that the claimant have  
leave to proceed under the decree of this Court  
heretofore rendered in this cause as under a  
final Decree -

Isaac S. K. Ogier  
U S Dist Judge

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Court, Southern District  
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concerning same.

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The Attorney General for the United States having given notice of intention not to ~~present~~ <sup>present</sup> the appeal in the above case and his letter of such notice being filed herewith.

It is therefore hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto P. Ordway N. S. Ails, acting for the U.S. and D. J. Gregory for said appellees that the decree of the said Court heretofore rendered in said case be and the same is hereby made final and that the said appeal be dismissed.

P. Ordway N. S. Ails,

D. J. Gregory  
Attorney for Appellees

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United States

By

José Abrego.

Stipulation to  
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And now come the above  
Appellants by their attorneys  
and suggest to the Court, that  
no decree has as yet been entered  
in this case, although a final decision  
was rendered in favor of the claim-  
ants December 19, 1856 as will appear  
by the records of the Court; that there  
after on February 24, 1857 an appeal was  
granted in this case to the Supreme  
Court, as appears by the records of  
this Court; which appeal was dismissed  
on February 2, 1858, and an order  
of this Court made giving leave to  
the claimants to proceed under the  
decree of this Court as under a fi-  
nal decree, as will appear by the  
order of that date, signed by the  
Hon Judge of the Court, on file a-  
mong the papers of this case; but

That said last mentioned order  
was never spread upon the min-  
utes of the Court:

Wherefore the Appellees pray  
that said last mentioned order  
of dismissal made Feb. 2, 1858 may  
be entered on the minutes of the  
Court, and that a Decree of Con-  
firmation in favor of the Appen-  
dants, may now be entered as of  
December 19, 1856 according to the  
order of the Court of that day.

And in support hereof re-  
ly on the papers and records of  
the Court in the case

Scott Sanders  
Att'y for Appellants

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W. C. Gaudin  
& Co. Attorneys —

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Appellants } Transcript 595  
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coming on to be heard on appeal from the final 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 approved March 3, 1851, upon a certified Transcript of the Proceedings and Decision of the said Board and of the papers and evidence upon which said decision was founded - And it appearing to the Court that the said Transcript and the notice of appeal have been duly filed according to law, and Counsel for the respective parties having been heard,

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that the said Decision of the said Board be and hereby is affirmed.

And it is further ordered ad-  
judged and decreed that the Claims  
of the Appelles in this case, José Abrego  
and Guadalupe Garner, Ygnacio Garner  
and Clotilda, for the lands herein claim-  
ed, is good and valid, and the same  
is hereby confirmed to them as follows,

The lands of which confirmation  
is hereby made are known as "San  
Francisquito" situated in Monterey  
County, to the extent of Two (2) square  
leagues, and no more, within the bound-  
aries called for in the Grant in this  
case, and represented in the map  
in the Expediente to which the Grant  
refers, to wit, the point called "Ze-  
mescalitos" on the North west, and the  
"Cañada de San Clemente" on the South  
east, Reference being also had to the  
Act of Judicial possession on file  
in the case wherein the following  
description of said lands is given  
Commencing at the point called Los  
Zemescalitos thence south Easterly  
to the Sierra de la Cañada de San  
Clemente 10000 varas, and from the  
Sierra which goes down to the Ran-  
cho called "Sur" to the high Sierras  
which goes down to "Los Laureles"

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5000 acres.

Provided always, That should the quantity of land within said boundaries be less than two (2) square leagues, then confirmation is made of such less quantity.

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Thus done and signed this  
10th <sup>January</sup> ~~27 of December~~ <sup>1859</sup> ~~1858~~ as of Decem-  
ber 19, 1836. in open Court.

Isaac K. O'Neil  
U.S. Dist. Judge

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O'Neil  
Clerk

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South<sup>h</sup> Dist Court

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W. W. Weston,  
Deputy

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Upon the stipulation filed in this case  
on the part of the appellants and the United  
States by J. R. Gitchel ~~acting~~ United States  
District Attorney, that the decree in this case  
made & signed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1839 as of the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1836, be set  
aside and vacated and the Court assenting thereto.

It is ordered adjudged and de-  
clared that the final decree made  
and entered in this case on the  
10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1839 as of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
of December 1836, be and the same is hereby  
revoked, annulled, vacated and set a-  
side, and that a decree be now entered  
as of the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1836.

This done in open court  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1839

Samuel H. Ogden  
U. S. District Judge

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In Hon. Dist Court

John Chapman  
Appellee

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case of 10th June 1839.

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Whereas it appears that the decree  
in this <sup>Case</sup> made and entered on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 1839 as of the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
December 1834 in its description of the  
lands confirmed does not follow  
the original Grant & map in the ex-  
pediente <sup>and the decree of this Court in this case</sup> in this case, and that  
the said decree operates unjustly upon  
the parties to this case

It is stipulated that the said  
decree by order of the Court, the Court  
assenting thereto, be annulled, set  
aside and vacated and a new  
decree be entered according to the  
facts of this date as of the 19<sup>th</sup> of De-  
cember 1834 -

North Lundy and  
Edwin Atty for  
appellans  
J. H. Gitchell  
U S Dist Atty

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In W. Dist Court

John Abey and  
appellants

vs

The United States  
appellants

Stipulation to  
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a certified transcript of the proceedings and  
decision of the said Board and of the papers  
and evidence upon which said decision  
was founded; and it appearing to the Court  
that the said Transcript and the notice of  
appeal have been duly filed according  
to law and Counsel for the respective  
parties having been heard-

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that  
the claim of the appellus in this case José  
Abrego and Guadalupe Garner, Ygnacio  
Garner and Clotilda for the lands herein  
claimed is good and valid and the  
same is hereby confirmed to them as follows  
The lands of which confirmation

is hereby made and known as "San Francisco"  
situated in Monterey County, to the extent of two  
(2) square leagues, within the boundaries  
called for in the Grant in this case and repre-  
sented in the map in the expediente to which  
the Grant refers and are bounded as fol-  
lows: Beginning at a point known as  
the Temascalitos and moving thence in  
a southeasterly direction to the Sierra of the  
Cañada de San Clemente ten thousand varas  
thence with said Cañada northerly to a peak  
of rocks on the north side of said Cañada about  
five thousand varas - Thence westerly along  
a range of hills to a point known as the  
Potrero about ten thousand varas, thence  
northerly to the point of beginning - Refer-  
ence for a more particular description  
to be had to the original grant and map  
and papers on file in this case -

Provided always that should the  
quantity of land within said bound-  
aries be less than two (2) square  
leagues then confirmation is made  
of such less quantity.

Thus done and signed this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1839 as of December  
19<sup>th</sup> 1836. in open court.

Sanuel Rogier  
U S Dist Judge  
for the District of Cal

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