

CASE No.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

SANTA GERTRUDES GRANT

THOMAS SANCHEZ COLIMA

CLAIMANT

LAND CASE 272 SD 122 pgs.

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TRANSCRIPT

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO. 475.

Thomas Sanchez Colima CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

" *Santa Gertrudes.* "

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CHICAGO, ILL.

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

The Petition of *Tomas Sanchez Colima*,
for the Place named

"Santa Gertrudes,"
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. *475* and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page *3* of this Transcript.)

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

Los Angeles November 9th 1852.
In Case no. *475*. *Tomas Sanchez Colima* for the place named "Santa Gertrudes", the deposition of *Antonio F. Coronel*, a witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner *Melinao Hall*, with documents marked *H. H. Nos. 1, 2 + 3* and translation thereof marked *D + F* annexed thereto, was filed;
(Vide page *5* of this Transcript.)

San Francisco September 1st 1853.
Case no. *475* Called; submitted on briefs and taken under advisement by the Board.

San Francisco August 17th 1854.
In the same case the counsel for the claimant filed the following Stipulation, to wit:
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San Francisco December 12th 1854.

3 In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Felch delivered
the opinion of the Board confirming the claim;
(Vide page 13 of this Transcript.)
5 and the following order was made, to wit:
(Vide page 14 of this Transcript.)
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To the Honorable Board of U.S. Land Commissioners  
appointed to settle Private Land Claims in California  
The Petition of Thomas Sanchez, Mexican respectfully  
represents

That heretofore and before the 23rd day of Dec-  
ember 1841 Maria Josefa Cota the widow of an  
Indian man but was seized and possessed of certain  
lands and Rancho called Santa Entuadros Montes in  
the present county of Los Angeles by virtue of a grant  
duely made to her said husband and Antonio  
Monte by one of the Governors of California in the  
name of the Mexican Nation and acting under  
the laws then in force the usages and customs  
of the country affecting grants of land in Cal-  
ifornia.

That your Petitioner has not now got the original  
papers relating to said grant of land, but desires  
to be able to make certain proof of their dates  
and validity by certified copies to be made by the  
Secretary of your Honorable Board, as well as the  
testimony of witnesses to be produced by your Petitioner  
and the testimony given in other cases  
before your Honorable Board copies of which your  
Petitioner's papers were filed, as part of the papers  
and proofs in this case as your Petitioner may be  
advised shall be necessary.

That so many copies  
of papers relating to the grant of said lands can  
be procured from the archives now in custody  
of the U.S. Survey General for California your  
Petitioner prays leave to file the same as part  
of this Petition.

And your Petitioner further shows that  
the said Maria Josefa Cota sold and conveyed  
unto your Petitioner a portion of said lands and  
Rancho by deed dated on or about the 23rd day  
of December 1841, that said lands sold to your  
Petitioner are described in said deed and a  
copy of said deed is herewith filed as part of  
this Petition the original being in possession  
of your Petitioner ready to be produced and  
proved.

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and your Petitioner further shows that all  
differences in respect to the boundaries  
limits and location of said lands so

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sola and conveyed to your Petitioner was settled  
and adjudicated by the proper judicial officers  
and court having jurisdiction of such matters  
and your Petitioner placed in judicial possession  
of said lands as appears by an original  
paper and document dated in the month of  
May 1843 a copy of which is herewith filed as  
part of this Petition and the original is now  
in possession of your Petitioner ready to be  
produced and proved

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And your Petitioner further  
shows that ever since the date of the last paper  
above recited he has been in the continuous occu-  
pation of said lands using and cultivating  
and living upon the same with his fam-  
ily,

There is no other just claim to said lands  
known to your Petitioner and the same has  
not been surveyed by the United States Sur-  
veyor General for California

The evidence upon  
which your Petitioner relies in support of this  
claim consists of the records of documents and papers  
himself before referred to papers and documents now  
in possession of your Petitioner ready to be pro-  
duced and proved and the testimony of witnesses to be  
produced before your Honorable Board

And your  
Petitioner further shows that on about the  
9th day of July 1846 Pio Pico then Governor of  
California in the name of the Mexican Nation  
by virtue of the authority in him vested the Lands  
in force the usages and customs of the cou-  
ntry affecting grants of Lands in California

granted  
in full propriety unto your Petitioner a piece  
of land in the present County of Los Angeles  
adjoining the lands herein before mentioned  
containing about 750 varas by 360 varas as  
described in the papers and maps relating to  
said Grant of Lands

That so many as copies of  
the papers relating to said Lands can be obtained  
from the office of the United States Surveyor  
General for California your Petitioner may please



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to file the same aspect of this petition than a copy of the original grant is now in the possession of your petition ready to be produced, and turned together with a map duly certified showing the size and location of said lands

Your petition further shows that ever since the date of said grant he has been in the occupation and enjoyment of said lands and has no other just claim thereto

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The evidence upon which your petition rests in support of said claim consists of the maps and documents and maps are referred to and the testimony of witnesses to be produced before your honorable Board

Respectfully submitted for such action as the justice and nature of this claim may require

Edl George

Of course for claimant

Filed in Office Number 9th 1852

George Fisher  
Secretary

Recorded in Record of Petitions Vol 11 pages 434 435 and 436  
George Fisher  
Secretary

Deposition of Antonio F. Lemuel

Los Angeles November 9th 1852

On this day before Commissioner William Hall came Antonio F. Lemuel and testified in behalf of the claimant Tomas Sanchez, Cochise Petition No 475 and was duly sworn his evidence being attested by the Secretary

The U.S. Associate Law Agent was present

In answer to inquiries by the counsel for claimant the witness testified as follows

My name is Antonio F. Lemuel my age is thirty three years and I reside in Los Angeles I am acquainted with the hand writing and signatures of Ignacio Palmaris, Ignacio Lemuel, Rafael Guirado, Francisco Aguilar and Julian Chavez

A paper is now shown me purporting to be a copy of a paper from Maria Josefa sister widow of Antonio Maria Gutierrez Tomas Sanchez, dated

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December 23rd 1841 and to which is attached  
a testimonial of judicial possession dated in  
May 1843

The signatures of the said judicial  
persons appearing on said paper I believe to be  
genuine Ignacio Salome and whose name appears  
to said paper full name, was at the <sup>time</sup> an acting  
Alcalde

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My own genuine signature appears to the  
testimonial of judicial possession I gave such  
possession as Alcalde which office I held at the  
time such paper is true, correct and marked H  
H No 1

I am acquainted with the signature of Pri  
Pico and Jose Matias Munoz a paper is now shown  
me purporting to be grant to Tomas Sanchez, which  
is true, correct and marked H H No 2

The  
signatures of said Pico and Munoz appearing  
on said paper I believe to be genuine a map  
is also shown me with a certificate out of Jose Matias  
Munoz dated June 9th 1846

I believe the signatures  
of said Munoz on the map to be genuine said paper  
is true, correct and marked H H No 3

I know the tract  
of land described in the foregoing paper marked  
No 3 when I gave possession of the Land to Sanchez  
in 1843 he had a house in it in which he lived  
with his family he had a vine yard and other  
land under cultivation and had between seven  
thousand and a thousand head of cattle his occupation  
has continued to the present time other improvements  
having been made from time to time The other  
tract of land granted in 1846 adjoins the tract be-  
fore mentioned & the cattle of Sanchez ranges in  
range in both he has about fifteen hundred head of  
cattle

I know the land sitting of the tract signed  
by Pico before mentioned

Answer I think it is the land sitting of Francisco  
R. Lopez

Who was said Lopez  
Answer He was a clerk in the Municipal  
office he is dead



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With certificate on the map in the same hand writing

Answer I think it is what you understand, the date of the grant signed pro pro to be

of June 1846

Answer Believe it to be the 9th Do you believe that the date has been altered

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Answer It appears as if there was an amendment

summed submitted

A. F. Howell

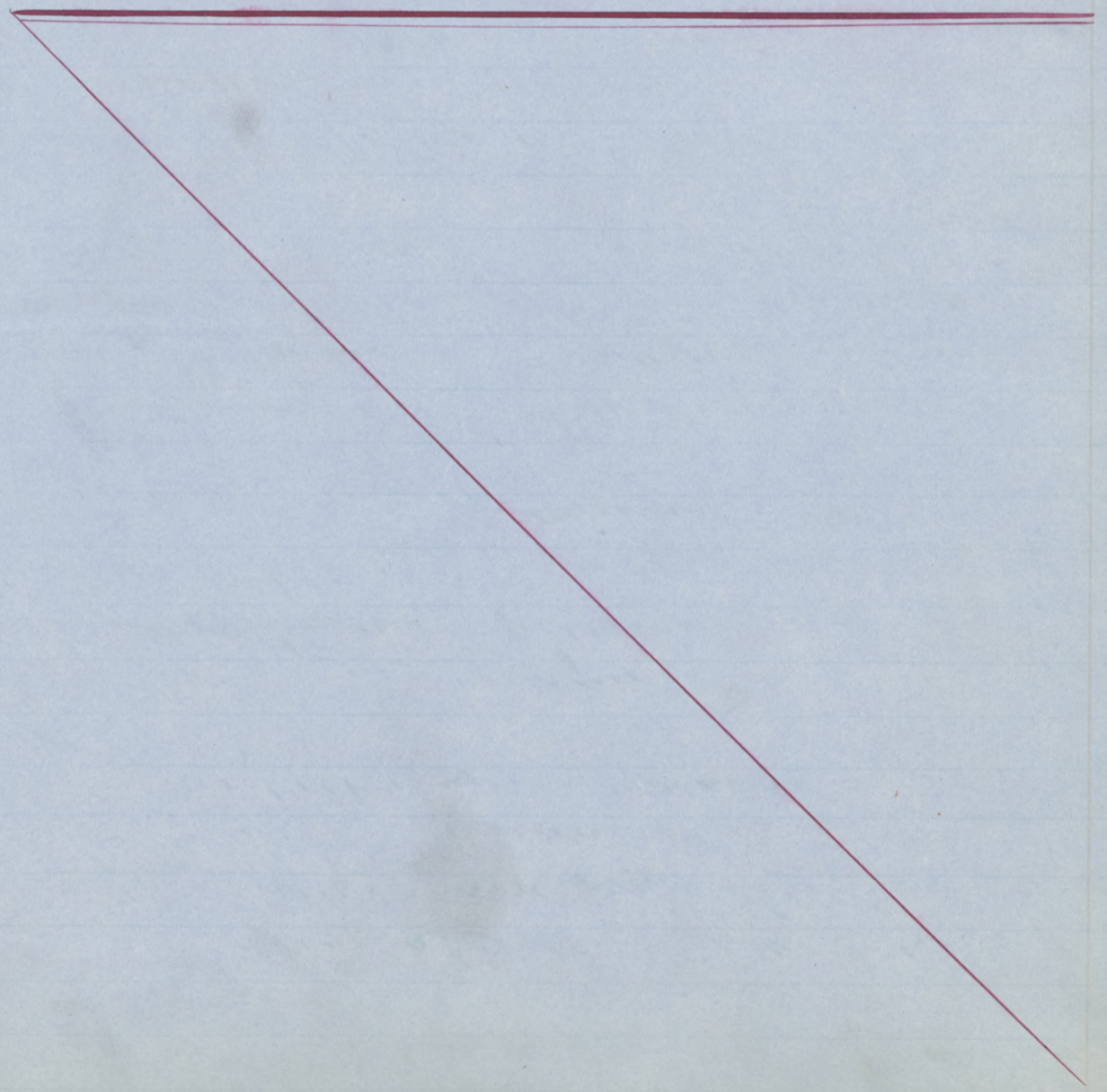
Before me  
Beland Hall  
Commissioner

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Expediente promovido por el Ciudadano Tomas Sanchez Calina en pretension de un pedazo de terreno en suumento al que actualmente posee en el Rancho conocido con el nombre de los Nietos.

Nº 546.

Exhib. n.º 1.



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(Seal)

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Angeles Marzo 4 de 1846.

Exmo. Sr. Gobernador

Pase al Alcalde 1º de

Tomás Sanchez Colima Mexicano

esta Capital para que cum-

por nacimiento y vesino de esta

do sus ocupaciones le per-

Capital ante V. E. respetuosamente

mitan previa citacion,

y como mas haya lugar Comp.

de evidentes se haya la

uresco y digo: que hallandose

Correspondiente reduria del

Colindante al rumbo E. con el

terreno que se pretende y

parage que actualmente ocupa

tomando los informes que

en el rancho nombrado Los

creo necesarios manifiesta

ellos un pedazo de terreno

el suyo haciendo que el

el que se halla en su totalidad

interesado forme el correspond

entonces baldio en virtud

diseño y lo agregue a su

de no pertenecer a propiedad

solicitud que con toda volunta

particular y atendiendolo á

a este Gobierno para resolver.

la necesidad que tengo con

Pico.

respeto á no tener un terreno

util para que mis intereses puedan permanecer sencillos

y adelantados en lo subsiguiente y observando al mismo tiempo

en la estrechura a que me veo reducido en mis dichos

intereses me es de precisa necesidad de implorar de la

(3 P.D.N.)

intereses me es de precisa necesidad de implorar de la

bondad de V. E. afin de que se digna concederme en prop

iedad el mencionado terreno y de conformidad con

la ley de Colonizacion en la inteligencia que lo mas

pronto posible presentare el correspondiente diseño pues

que por ahora no lo venifico en rason de serme el

tiempo limitado para hacer mi curso. Por tanto

A. V. E. Reverendamente suplico el que admita esta

mi solicitud y corra las debidas informaciones, atendi

endole de que el lugar que pretenda me es tanto

de la necesidad que lleva dho. Como tambien me ocumto

de terreno util que lo resultara al que poseo dispens

ando el uso de papel comun por no haber el

sello que corresponde; Jurando lo necesario y no ser

de malicia. Angeles. Marzo 4 de 1846.

Francisco Lopez.

(4 P.D.N.)

Aruego del interesado por no saber firmar.

Francisco Lopez.

P.S. Consecuente al Superior Decreto Marginal de

V. E. fecha Cuatro de Mayo ultimo, se puso por obra

reduccion del terreno que solicita Tomas Colima y por

esto y los informes tomados aparece estar baldio y no ser

propiedad de particular; por lo que la Superioridad

si tiene á bien podra conceder lo.

Angeles. Mayo 26 de 1846.

Juan Gallardo.



6. 11 (S.P.N.)

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(Seal) Vista la peticion con que da principio este Expediente el informe del Sr. Jues 1º de esta Ciudad con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver convinio de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 declaro al Ciudadano Tomas Sanchez Colima, dueño en propiedad del terreno que resulta baldio entre los linderos que expresa el dicho librese le el titulo respectivo y dirijase este Expediente a la Junta. Asambleas Departamental para su aprobacion.

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Pro Pico Gobernador Constitucional de las Californias así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe.  
Pro Pico. José Matías Moreno.

Ind. Int.

(6 P.N.)

Hene Solomosa *mapa*

(7 P.N.)

Angeles Junio 9. de 1826.

Vista la peticion con que da principio este Expediente el informe del Sr. Jues 1º de esta Ciudad con todo lo demas que se tuvo presente y ver convinio de conformidad con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 declaro al Ciudadano Tomas Sanchez dueño en propiedad del terreno que resulta baldio entre los linderos que expresa el dicho librese el titulo respectivo y dirijase este Expediente a la Junta. A. D. para su aprobacion. Pro Pico Gobernador Constitucional de las Californias así lo mandó decretar y firmó de que doy fe.

Pro Pico Gobernador Constitucional del Departamento de las Californias.

Por cuanto el Ciudadano Tomas Sanchez Colima Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia la propiedad sin precluso de un terreno <sup>en aumento</sup> al que poseo ~~de~~ <sup>contribuye con</sup> el rancho de los Nietos por el Norte con el rancho de Don Juan Perez por el Sur con el de los Collutes por el Este con la Punta por el Oeste con tierras de Samuel Carpenter; practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones consorciadas, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la



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S. L. N.

de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por decreto de este  
 dia en concederle el mencionado terreno de dandole  
 la propiedad de el por las presentes letras de conformidad  
 con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de  
 Noviembre de 1828 i usava de la aprobacion o desaprobacion  
 de la Junta A. Departamental y bajo las condiciones  
 siguientes. 1<sup>a</sup> Podrá cercarlo sin perjudicar las  
 las traversias caminos y servidumbres, lo disfrutará  
 libre y esclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que  
 mas le convenga. 2<sup>a</sup> Solicitara del Jefe respectivo  
 que le dió la posesion jurisdiccion en virtud de este  
 despacho por el cual se demarcaran los linderos  
 con las vecindades necesarias. 3<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que  
 se le hace donacion es el mismo que demuestra el  
 diseño que obra en el expediente. El Jefe que lo poseiere  
 lo hará medir conforme a ordenamiento que el Sr. D. de  
 Lebrante que resulta a la Nacion para los usos que  
 orea convenientes.

En consecuencia mandado que teniéndose  
 en el presente título por firme y valedero se tome  
 raron de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue al interesado  
 para que presquante y demás fines. Dado en la  
 Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por falta  
 del sello i mude de Julio de mil ochocientos  
 Cuarenta y seis.

Señor.

La Comision de terrenos baldios a examinado el  
 presente expediente promovido por el Ciudadano  
 Tomas Sanchez Colina al parrage en aumento al  
 que pose en el Rancho de Metas que le fue concedido  
 por el Sup<sup>r</sup> Gobierno con arreglo a las leyes de la  
 materia en esta virtud pone a la deliberacion de V. E.  
 la proposicion siguiente.

Se aprueba la concecion hecha al Ciudadano  
 Tomas Sanchez Colina de la extension de terreno  
 en ampliacion al q. pose en el Rancho de Metas  
 de esta Jurisdiccion con la extension que demuestra  
 el diseño en la condicion 3<sup>a</sup> segun el título librado  
 a su favor con fha q. del presente mes de conformidad  
 con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y Artículo 5<sup>o</sup>  
 del reglamento de 21 de gbre de 1828.

Sala de Com<sup>o</sup> en la Ciudad de los Angeles  
 Junio 14 de 1846.

S. Arguillo

Recibido de este  
 Sr. J. R. J. Villa  
 Dado Regim  
 de 1846  
 Arguillo Jefe  
 de 1846

(9 S. L. N.)



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

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

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at the city of San Francisco Cal. the twenty fourth day of November 1852.

Samuel D King.  
Surveyor Gen. Calif

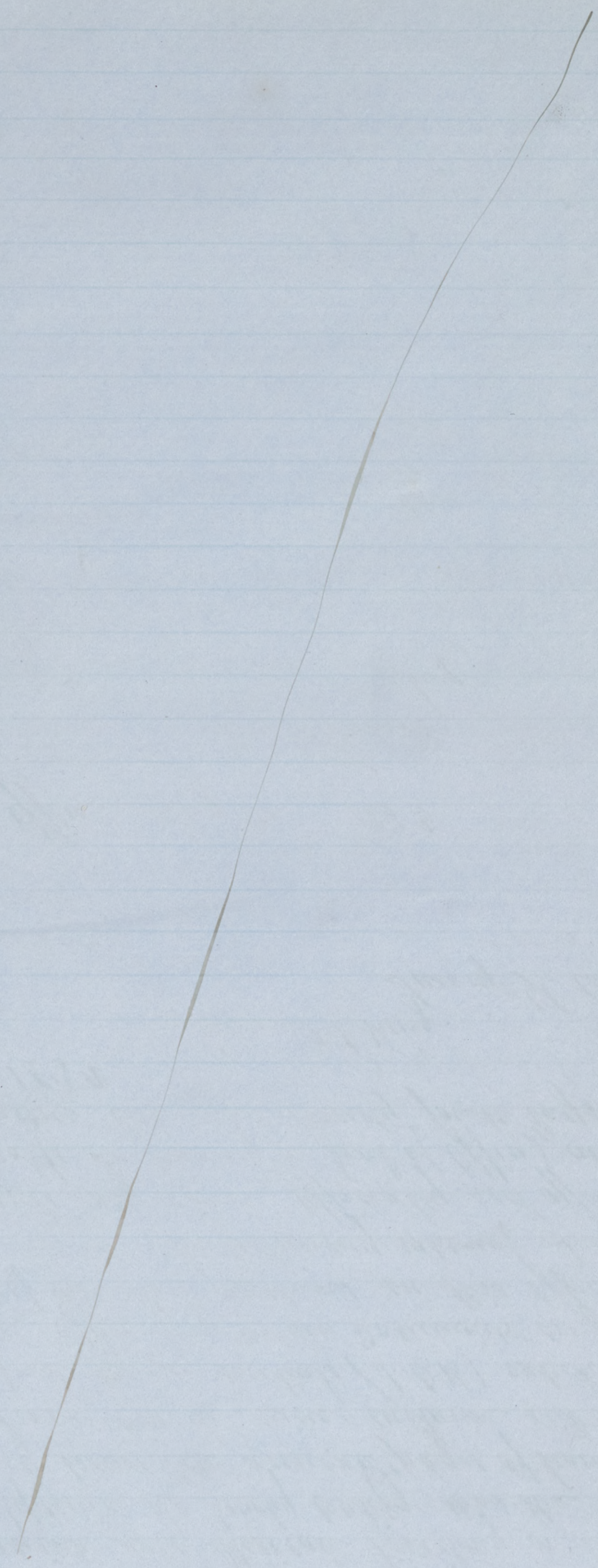
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Geo. Fisher.  
Secy.

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Records of Proceedings at the instance of the  
Citizen Thomas Saundby, Columbia Volunteering a piece of  
land in addition to that he actually possesses in the  
Rancho known by the name of Los Unidos

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Excellent Sir General

I Thomas Saundby, Columbia a  
Mexican by birth and resident of this Capital resp  
ectfully and as best might consistent with Law ap  
pear before your Excellency and say that in an Eastern  
direction with the location which I actually occupy  
in the Rancho called Los Unidos being situated a  
piece of land which is found to be totally and  
entirely vacant in consequence of not being  
in ownership to any body in particular and con  
sidering the necessity I am in with respect to  
not having a useful land with which my  
interests could receive comfort and advantage  
in the future and at the same time observing the dis  
tress in which I see myself reduced with my active  
wounded interests

It is an urgent necessity for me  
to implore your Excellency's goodness that you will be  
pleased to grant me the mentioned land in owner  
ship and in conformity with the colonization  
Law, in the understanding that as soon as poss  
ible I present the corresponding sketch plan at  
present I don't do it by reason of that the time  
is limited me for making my collection

Therefore  
I humbly pray your Excellency to accept of this my  
solicitation and to take the proper information be  
ing in view that the plan I submit as also the addi  
tion which shall result to what I possess of useful  
land, is necessary for me as already said as per  
sonally the use of common paper means not having  
the corresponding stamps me and perceiving to  
the necessary and that there is no public harm

Angelis March 4th 1846

As attorney for the interested party, who does not under  
stand to sign Leguino Procurador Laffrey

In the margin  
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Be it sent to the just Alcalde of this Capital

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in order that when his occupations may permit  
him after perusal citation of the Boundary  
Land owners he will make the corresponding  
ocular inspection of the land solicited and  
after having taken the report he may think necessary  
any he will make his own the interested parties  
to make out the corresponding sketch and deliver  
it to his solicitation which together with all  
he will return to the Government for resolution

Señor Pico

Excellent Sir

In consequence of your Excellency's Superior  
order decree under date 4th of March last I  
am to make the ocular inspection of the land  
which Juan Bolina solicits and by this and  
by the reports taken it appears to be vacant and  
not owned by any person in particular or otherwise  
your Superiority may grant it when if you  
shall approve

Angelis May 26th 1846

Señor Juan Gallardo

Angelis June 9th 1846

Having seen the Petition with which this  
Expediente commences the report of the  
Justice of this city with what else must be  
done in Mexico and was to the purpose in  
conformity with the Law of 18th of August 1824  
and regulations of 21st of November 1828 I  
declare the lot in Juan Sanchez Bolina vacant  
in his own right of the same which results to be  
vacant between the boundaries expressed in  
the sketch.

Let the respective title deed be issued  
and let this Expediente be directed to the  
Departmental assembly for its approbation  
Pico Constitutional Government of both hemispheres  
thus and our decree and sign of which I heartily  
trusting

Señor Pico Pico

José Maria Herrera

Secretary

Angelis June 9th 1846

Having seen the Petition with which this Expediente  
commences the report of the Justice of this city  
with what else must be done in Mexico



and was to the purpose in conformity with the Law of August 18th 1824 and Regulation of 21st of November 1828 I declare the Citizen Thomas Sandy owner in his own right of the lands which results to be vacant between the boundaries passed in the sketch

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Let the respective title deed be issued and let this Esquante be directed to the Excellent Departmental Assembly of Potosi appurtenant Rio Rio Constitutional Government of both Realms in the said order according sign of which I bear testimony  
Rio Rio Constitutional Government of the Department of both Realms

Whereas the Citizen Thomas Sandy of Bolivia a Mexican by birth has volented for his personal benefit and that of his family the ownership of a piece of land in addition to that he possesses belonging upon the boundaries of the Rancho de Los Pintos to the North on the Rancho of San Juan Puyo to the South on that of Los Colletes to the East on La Punta de Oro to the West on the lands of Juan de Campuzano

After having minutely made the necessary investigations in view of the provisions in force in the name of the Mexican Nation I have concluded by order of His Majesty that he own the mentioned lands according to his property of the present title patent

In conformity with the Law of 18th of August 1824 and regulations of 21st of November 1828 under reservation of the approbation of the Excellent Departmental Assembly and under the following conditions

1. He may fence it without prejudicing the crossings roads and frontages he will enjoy or enjoy and exclusively appropriating it to his use or culture that best may suit him
2. He will be one of the respective judges in the gradual possession in virtue of this document by whom the boundaries are to be marked with the necessary land marks
3. The land granted is the same as exhibited in the sketch annexed to the Esquante. The price



who shall possess them if it will cause it to be measured conformable to ordinance leaving the surplus if any shall result to the nation for common purposes

Consequently

provided that the present title deed being held as firm and valid it be entered in the respective book and columns to the interested party for his security and other purposes

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Given in the City of

Los Angeles on this common paper for want of stamped one on the 9th day of July 1846

Sir  
The Committee on vacant lands has examined the present expediente as the instance of the citizen Tomas Sanchez Luchina for the location in addition to that he possesses on the Rancho de Buena Vista,

which was granted him by the Superior Government in accordance with the Law on the subject in this light it submits to you Excellency's deliberation the following proposition

It appears of this

concession made to the citizen Tomas Sanchez Luchina of the extension of land in addition to that he possesses on the Rancho de Buena Vista of this jurisdiction with the extension exhibited in the sketch.

In the third condition according to the title and assent in his favor under date 9th of the present month in conformity with the Law of 18th of August 1824 and article 3th of the Regulation of 21st November 1846

Hall of Committees in the City of Los Angeles  
July 10th 1846

Severino S. Aguillo

Filed in Office August 30th 1853.

George Fisher

Secretary



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Pío Pico Gobernador Constitucional del departamento de las Californias.

L. P. P.

Por cuanto el ciudadano Tomas Sanchez Colima Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia la propiedad de un pedazo de terreno en aumento al que actualmente posee en el rancho de los Nietos, colindante por el norte con terrenos de D. Juan Perez, por el Sur con los Coyotes por el Este con la Puente y por el Oeste con Don Samuel Carpenter; practicadas previamente las averiguaciones concernientes, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido por decreto amovido to the de este dia en concederle el expresado terreno de la propiedad de el por las presentes letras de compraventa con la ley de 18 de Agosto de 1824 y reglamento de 21 de Noviembre de 1828 a reserva de la aprobacion de la Sn. Ma. Asamblea Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

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Doc. H. H. N. 2.  
amovido to the  
Depo of A. J.  
Coronel.

1º Podrá cercar lo sin perjudicar las heredades comunales y servidumbres, lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso i cultivo que mas le convenga.

2º Solicitara del Juez respectivo le de posesion Judicial en virtud de este despacho por el cual se demarcaran las linderos con las mugeneras necesarias.

3º El terreno de que se le hace donacion es el mismo que demuestra el diseño que obra en el expediente. El Juez que lo posesione lo hará mediar conforme a ordenanza quedando el sobrante que resulta a la Nacion para los usos que crea convenientes.

En consecuencia mandado que teniendo por el presente titulo por firme y valeroso se tome razon de el en el libro respectivo y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en la Ciudad de los Angeles en este papel comun por falta del sellado a nueve de Junio de mil ochocientos cuarenta y seis.

Pío Pico. José Matthias Moreno.  
Srio. Int.º

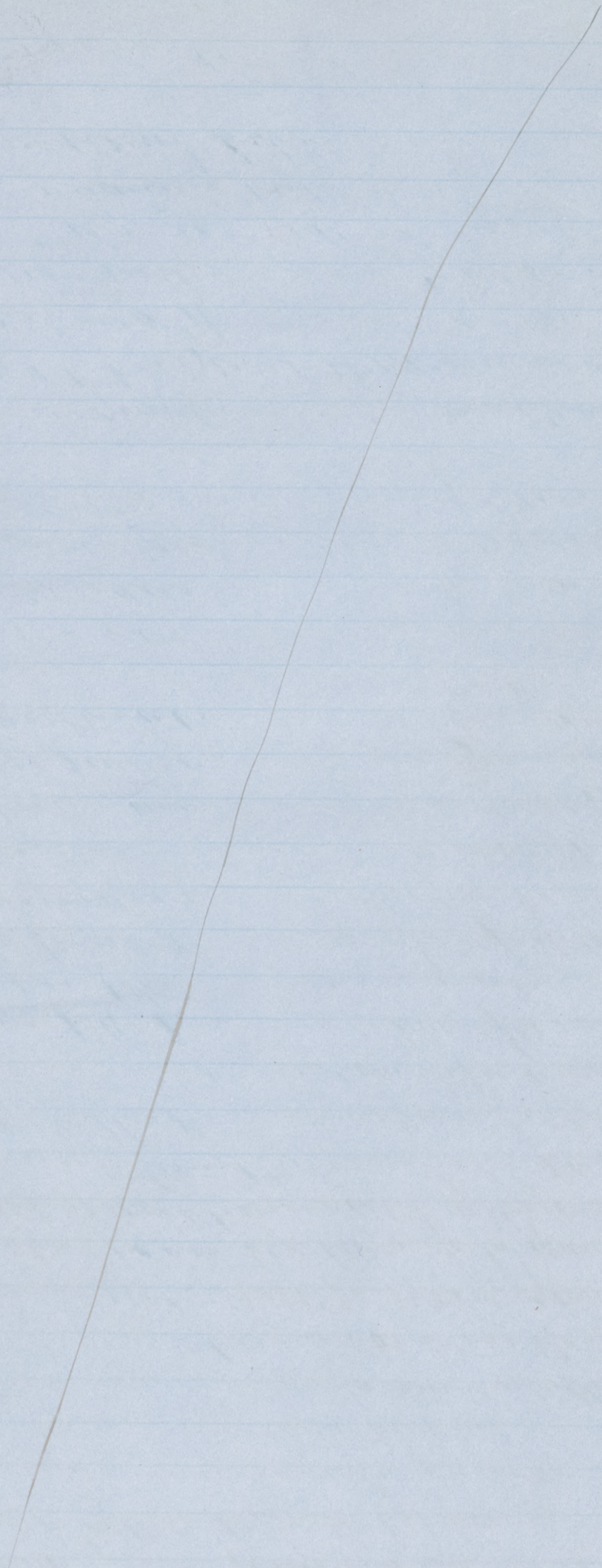
Queo tourada razon de este Superior despacho en el libro respectivo. Angeles fha. ut supra.  
Moreno.

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M. J. W.



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His Most Excellent Government of the Department of the Yucatan

Translation of Whims the letter in Tomas Sanchez, Colonia Doc. 144 No 2 a Mexican by birth has claimed for his possession to legal benefit and that of his family the ownership of a Florida of a piece of land, in addition to that which he actually possesses in the Rancho of Los Puertos bounded on the north by premises of Don Juan Ruiz and the south by the bay of the

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At the East by the Puerto and at the west by Don Samuel Sanchez the said investigations without behalf having first been taken with the exercise of the said curfew in the name of the Mexican Nation's Government and of this day grant to him the aforesaid tract declaring unto him the ownership thereof by these present letters.

In conformity with the Law of August 18th 1824 and Regulation of 21st of November 1828 under sanction of the approval of the most Excellent Departmental Assembly and under the following conditions 1st He may enclose without causing prejudice to the courses highways and rights of any third party and by clearly denoting to it the use or cultivation which best may suit him

2. He shall solicit the respective judge to give him the judicial possession by virtue of this Patent such judge shall indicate the boundaries with the necessary Land marks

3. The tract hereby granted is the same that is shown by the sketch filed with the reports of Preliminary Proceedings. The lands that who may claim possession will cause it to be measured conformably to ordinary usage and that may result remaining further notice to such use as it may deem behooving

Whomsoever I understand the present title being held as firm and valid according to records in the appropriate book and volume to the County interested



for his protection and further costs given at the  
City of Los Angeles on this common paper  
under the stamp of the 9th of July and then  
said eight hundred and forty six  
Per Price

Jose Mentas Purcell  
Secretary ad interim

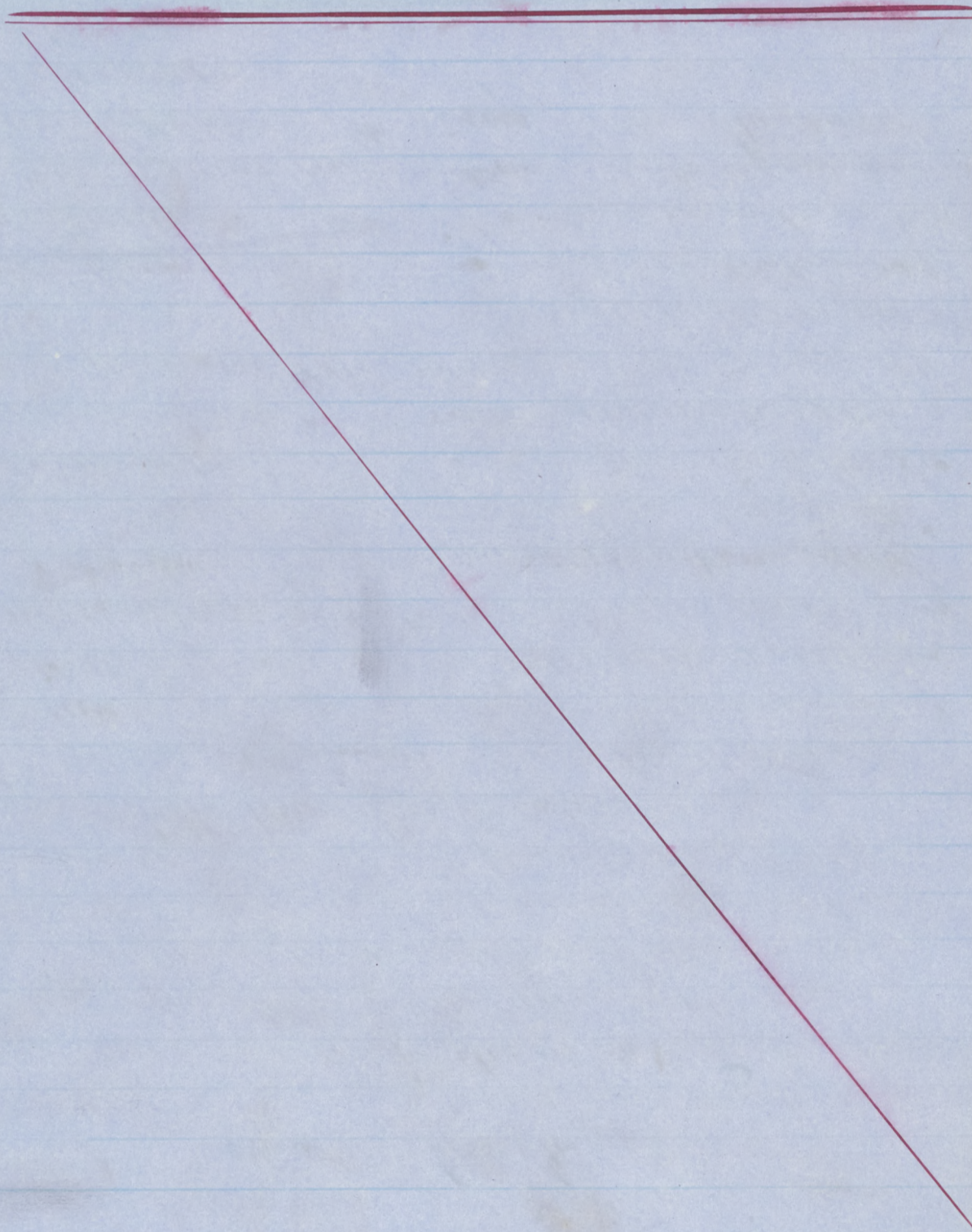
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Sello tercero Dos Reales.

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Maritima del puerto de Monterrey, en el Depart  
amento de las Californias para los años de mil ocho  
cientos Cuarenta y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno.  
(Seal) Numero. Antonio Maria Nieto.

L. S. } En la ciudad de los Angeles del  
Departamento de las Californias a los veinte y tres dias  
del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno  
ante mi Oficio Palomares, Jue 1º de Paz de esta  
referida ciudad y de 1º instancia en la Causa del 2º  
Distrito y por ante los testigos de asistencia a una de  
los instrumentales que al fin se nominaron, actuando  
con los primeros en receptoria a falta de un escribano  
publico, comparecio Doña Maria Josefa Cota, Viuda de  
Antonio Maria Nieto y dijo: que por si y a nombre  
de sus herederos y sucesores y de quien de ellos hubiere  
titulo voz y causa en cualquier manera venose  
y ha en venta real y enajenacion perpetua por juro  
de heredad, para siempre pausas al B. D. Tomas  
Sanchez un pedazo de tierra que esta al Norte de  
su Rancho llamado Santa Tertrudis de las Nietos  
cuyo pedazo contando desde el mismo Norte al Sur  
consta de dos mil doscientas noventa y cuatro varas  
que rematan en unos lancos lindero del Rancho  
de Juan Perez y contando de Oriente a Poniente  
tiene cuatro mil ciento cincuenta y cuatro varas  
y como que tiene titulo y dominio en la citada  
tierra declaro y asegura no tenerla vendida enaj  
-enada y empeñada y que esta libre de todo  
Sello tercero dos reales.

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-itima del puerto de Monterrey, en el Departamento  
de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos  
Cuarenta y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno.  
Numero. Ant. M. Nieto.



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Tomás Sanchez.

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Maritima del puerto de Monterrey, en el Depart  
amento de las Californias para los años de mil ocho  
cientos Cuarenta y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno.  
(Seal) Ximeno. Antonio Maria Obio.

L.S. } En la ciudad de los Angeles del  
Departamento de las Californias a los veinte y tres dias  
del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno  
ante mi Escribano Palomar, Juan 1º de San de esta  
referida ciudad y de 1º instancia en la Casa del 3º  
Distrito y por ante los testigos de asistencia a unas de  
los instrumentales que al fin se nominaron, actuando  
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de sus herederos y sucesores y de quien de ellos hubiere  
título voz y causa en cualquier manera venote  
y sin en venta real y enagenacion perpetua por juro  
de heredad, para siempre jamas al Sr. D. Tomas  
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su Rancho llamado Santa Tertrudis de las Nietos  
cuyo pedazo contando desde el mismo Norte al Sur  
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-enada y empeñada y que esta libre de todo  
Sello tercero dos reales.

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de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos  
Cuarenta y mil ochocientos Cuarenta y uno.  
Ximeno. Ant. M. Obio.



tributo y de otro gravamen real y como tal se lo vende en la cantidad de cien cahuyas de año a dos bien pesos en plata y un barril de aguamiel y declara ser su justo precio y verdadero valor. De la enunciada tierra que no vale mas y en caso de que mas valga hace a favor del comprador gracia y donacion pura mera perfecta e irrevocable con insinuacion y demas firmas legales y desde hoy en adelante para siempre se desapodera desiste quita y aparta a sus herederos y sucesores del dominio, propiedad, posesion, titulo, uso, recurso y otro derecho cualquiera que le compete a la enunciada tierra ella y sus hijos, lo ceden renuncian y traspan con sus acciones reales y personales en el comprador y en quien la suya represente, para que le posea, goce, cambie y le enajene con justo y legal titulo. Se consiere poder irrevocable con libre franquea y general administracion y se constituye procuradora actora en su propia causa para que de su autoridad entre y se apodere de la enunciada tierra. Y al efecto pide se le de #

Jello tercero Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Administracion de la Estuana Maritima del puerto de Monterrey en el Departamento de las Californias para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

L.S.Y

Miengo. Ant. Maria Ocho.

# Copia autorizada de la presente escritura para la debida Constancia y se obliga a que otra venta sera cierta, segura y efectiva al comprador y nadie les inquietara, ni movera pleito sobre su propiedad y en tal caso luego que le otorgarste o sus herederos o sucesores conforme a dho. Seran requeridos, saldran a la defensa en todas instancias hasta dejar al comprador en quietud y pacifica posesion y no pudiendo conseguirlo le rescataran la cantidad que ha desembolsado las mejores, utiles, precisas y voluntarias que a la paron tengan el mayor valor y estimacion que con el tiempo adquirieren y de todos sus gastos, costos y menos cabos que se le siguieren escipiendo para todo ello por medio de esta escritura. Y a la firmem y validacion de la presente, obligo la otorgante su persona bienes movidos y por haber y con ellos se somete al fuero y Jurisdiccion de los S. Jueces que en el presente asunto puedan conocer para que a su cumplimiento lo compelan y apremien por todo vigor de dho.



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y via efectiva como por sentencia pasarlo en autoridad  
Sello tercero Dos Reales.

Abilitarlo provisionalmente por la Notuaria Maritima  
del puerto de Monterey, en el Departamento de las  
Californias, para los años de mil ochocientos cuarenta  
y mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

La. P. y Jimeno. Antonio Maria Osio.  
de cosa juzgada, renuncia su fuero, domicilio y  
residencia las leyes de su favor y defensa con la Gral  
del oro en forma en cuyo testimonio, asi lo otorgue y  
lo mismo sus hijos todos, siendo los instrumentales  
los cc. Joaquin de los Rios y Antonio Coronel presentes  
y verinos vlog fe, no firmando todos los interesados  
por no saber lo hire yo con los de asistencia. =  
Ignacio Palomares. aso. Ignacio Coronel. = Feliciano  
Boyer. = Instrum. Antonio Coronel. = agregado =  
Cuotas = V.º

Conseverado con su original que me remito  
y se habla libro de instrumentos publicos del presente  
año del cual esta fielmente sacado, corregido y confrontado  
taulo en estas cuatro fojas de papel sellado.

En testimonio de veridad.  
Ignº Palomares. aso. Igº Coronel. aso. Rafael Quijado.

Testimonio de la posesion  
del terreno que se otio a Tomas Sanchez Columna.

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En la Ciudad de los Angeles del Departamento de California a los quince dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos Cuarenta y tres anuente a la solicitud que hace Don Tomas Sanchez Colina, para que se le de termino al asunto del terreno que debe darle la Viuda Dona Josefa Cota en cambio del que le quito para darselo al Sr. Don Juan Peres pasese por mi y testigos de asistencia al rancho de Santa Gertrudis Los Nietos y procedase a terminar el negocio y a dar la posesion del terreno al Ciudadano Tomas Sanchez Colina, con todo arreglo a lo que dispuso la Superioridad. Asi Yo Antonio F. Coronel Jefe Segundo de Paz, decreto mande y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho en este papel comun por falta de sellado. = Antonio Coronel. = asst. Basilio Valdez. = Julian Chaves. este papel con arreglo. = vale = firmado = procedase = no vale. =

En la pta. y hallandome en el rancho de Santa Gertrudis Los Nietos hire comparecer a Dona Josefa Cota y Tomas Sanchez Colina, los que siendo presentes les impuse del objeto a que me dirigia al punto mencionado y que iba a trazar las diferencias habidas entre ambas personas y poner en posesion pacifica al mencionado Sanchez. en este acto se les hizo que presentasen sus documentos de contratos y por el consta que el repetido Sanchez era poseedor de un terreno del mismo rancho cuyo terreno era de buena clase apta para las labores y con su riego respectivo, con tal motivo se convino la Señora Cota a dar a Sanchez Colina un pedacito igual en calidad al que salequito, lo que asiento por diligencia que autorice y firme con los de asistencia segun Dno. Antonio F. Coronel - asst. Basilio Valdez - Julian Chaves.

En seguida para la practica de estas obligaciones nombre a los oficiales Condeleros los que por no saber escribir se omiten sus nombres a los que recien su juramento por el que ofreciero desempeñar fidedamente su encargo lo que asunto por diligencia que autorice y firme con los de asistencia segun Dno. = Antonio F. Coronel. = asst. Basilio Valdez = Julian Chaves.

Acto continuo y estando junto de la casa de Tomas Sanchez hire hacer un condel con...



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Se lien varas al que se ataron a sus extremos unos sancos de madera y previa observacion y calculo por mi disposicion se tiro el primer cordel desde la esquina de la puerta de Colima O.O. con direccion al Este por todo el cerco o lindero de Don Juan Peres y su hijo y contaro tres mil trescientas varas que se remataron en el camino real para Santa Ana donde se mando poner una mojenera: desde este punto se tiro el cordel todo el camino real que antes se adicho hasta una mesita donde se llebaro contavlas cuatro mil setecientas varas en cuya mesita se mando poner una mojenera: desde este punto se tiro el cordel rumbo Sur y se midieron y contaron tres mil ochocientos varas que remataron en la orilla de la Cruzada Verde donde se mando poner una mojenera sobre una mesita por termino de lindero de este lugar se tiro el cordel rumbo O.O. dirigiendose a un arbol de la casa donde se midieron y contaron siete mil cuatrocientas varas que remataron en un bajio pequeno: de aqui se tiro el cordel con direccion al Norte y se midieron y contaron trescientas cincuenta varas que remataron en la esquina de la puerta donde comenaron las medidas. = Antonio F. Coronel. Basilio Balder. Julian Chaves.

En este acto tubieron un combenio Don Tomas Sanchez Colima y la Viuda Dona Josefa Lota del que resulto el que pagaria Sanchez a la viuda treinta pesos por el aumento de un pedlaro de tierra para labores y como la viuda habia combeniolo pidieron ambos se midiese el terreno y procediendolo se aumentaron y midieron trescientas cincuenta y seis varas de largo y ciento setenta y dos de ancho cuyas medidas en general las presenciaron la viuda y herederos y lo mismo Tomas Sanchez por lo quedaron satisfechos sin haber echo objecion ninguna pauese por concluidas estas diligencias que autorizo y firmo con los de asistencia segun Dro. = Antonio F. Coronel. = Basilio Balder. = Julian Chaves.

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Desde les testimonio a las partes de las presentes diligencias y notifiquesele a Tomas Sanchez que a queque a este testimonio la primer escritana de venta que forma titulo de propiedad por haber resultado de esta el cambio y posesion que hoy se ha dado. Asi Yo el Juez que Subscribe obedece mande y firmo con los de asistencia. Segun Derecho. —



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Antonio F. Coronel. = Basilio Balboa = Julian Chaves.  
En la fecha se notifico a Tomas Sanchez el auto  
antecedente y quedo entendido claudosele el testimonio  
respectivo. = rubrica =

Concuerda con su original a que me remito  
de la cual se sacó copia y confronto fid y legalmente  
en estas tres fojas utiles de papel comun por falta de  
sellado.

Ant. F. Coronel.

Atta. Francisco Iguera. Atta. Julian Chaves.

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Third Class Stamp Two Eights of one Dollar  
of the Port of Monterey in the Department of the  
California for the years one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty and one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty one  
Ximus Antimo Maria Uria  
at the City of Los Angeles of the Department of  
the California on the twenty third day of the  
month of December one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty one before me Ignacio Palomares  
first Judge of this said City and first Instance  
in the Capital of the 2nd District and before the  
attesting witnesses besides the Special witnesses  
to the Instrument to be named as the said acting  
notarially with the aid of the former for want  
of a Notary Public appeared Doña Maria Josefa  
Uria widow of Antimo Maria Uria and said that  
for herself and in the name of her heirs and successors  
and of others of them might have title claim  
and right of action in any manner the said  
and give in actual sale and perpetual alien-  
ation by means of instrument for her name to Señor  
Don Tomas Saucedo a piece of land which lies at  
the mouth of her rancho named Santa Gertrudis  
Los Mitos.

which piece of land counting from  
the said North to the South contains two thousand  
two hundred and unity five varas which end at  
some widows boundary of the Rancho of Juan  
Perez and counting from the East to the West  
it has four thousand one hundred and fifty  
varas and in as much as she looks little and  
omission in the said land she declares that  
she has not sold aliened or mortgaged the same  
and that it is

Stamp Manca as above  
five from all tax and other actions in con-  
travention and as such she sells to him for the sum  
of one hundred pesos between one and two years  
old one hundred dollars in silver and a barrel  
of aguardiente and she declares that such is the  
just price and true value of the said land that it  
is not in the mine and in case it is in the mine she

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make to the purchaser a true absolute paper and  
inviolable present and gratuity of the balances  
with manual Exhibitions and other legal sanc-  
tions and bona fide from the abandoned persons  
relatives and divers heirs and successors of  
the signary owners possession till claim  
rescued and other right whatever belonging  
thereto in the said Land

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Shall and he shall assign receive and transfer the same with the  
seal and manual actions to the purchaser and  
his representatives, to possess enjoy & change  
and claim the same with just and lawful title  
the corpus up therein inviolable power with  
full reserved and general administration  
and constitutes himself an attorney acting in  
his own cause, that of his own authority he may  
enter and take possession of the said

Land Stamp Clause as above  
And for that purpose the purchaser or  
certified copy may be given herein of this present  
Instrument for all inducements and the covenants  
that said Sale shall be true and effectual  
unto the purchaser and his estate and may sue  
prosecute their covenants his Title

And in such  
a case as soon as the grantor or his order  
-ers shall be required according to Land they will  
undertake the defence through all accounts until  
the purchaser be left in quiet and peaceable pos-  
-sion and if this cannot be obtained they  
will return to him the amount of his outlay  
the improvements whether of title or otherwise or  
arbitrary choice which the purchaser may  
have at the time the advanced value and  
estimation which they may acquire in course  
of time and all his costs expenses and damages  
which may follow

And he doth warrant of him  
for all the above said by virtue of this writing and  
for the quietness and validity of these presents  
that he has his person and property present and  
future and all with submits to the authority and  
jurisdiction of the Honorable Judges who may take  
cognizance of this present matter to the effect that they



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may compel and oblige but to its accomplishment  
by the rigor of Laws and by way of execution as  
in a Law

LS Stamp Clause as above  
passed under authority of an adjudication  
the the Law is the present dominion and  
in the Law in the Law and as per an  
any as in and from a general name of persons  
Legal rights

In testimony whereof the Grantors and  
above mentioned have executed these presents  
the Special witnesses being the citizens Joaquin  
delos Rios and Antonio Leonel present and  
residents of this State which I certify

all the parties  
intention and subject not knowing him present  
under the same into the attesting witnesses

Joaquin Polanco  
attest

Ignacio Leonel      Filiciano Rios  
Special witness      Special witness  
Antonio Leonel      Joaquin delos Rios

Inserted the words in  
a true copy of the original to which paper and  
which is to be found in the book of public instu-  
ments of the present year when from this is faith-  
fully taken with correction and collation in  
three four stamped sheets of stamped paper

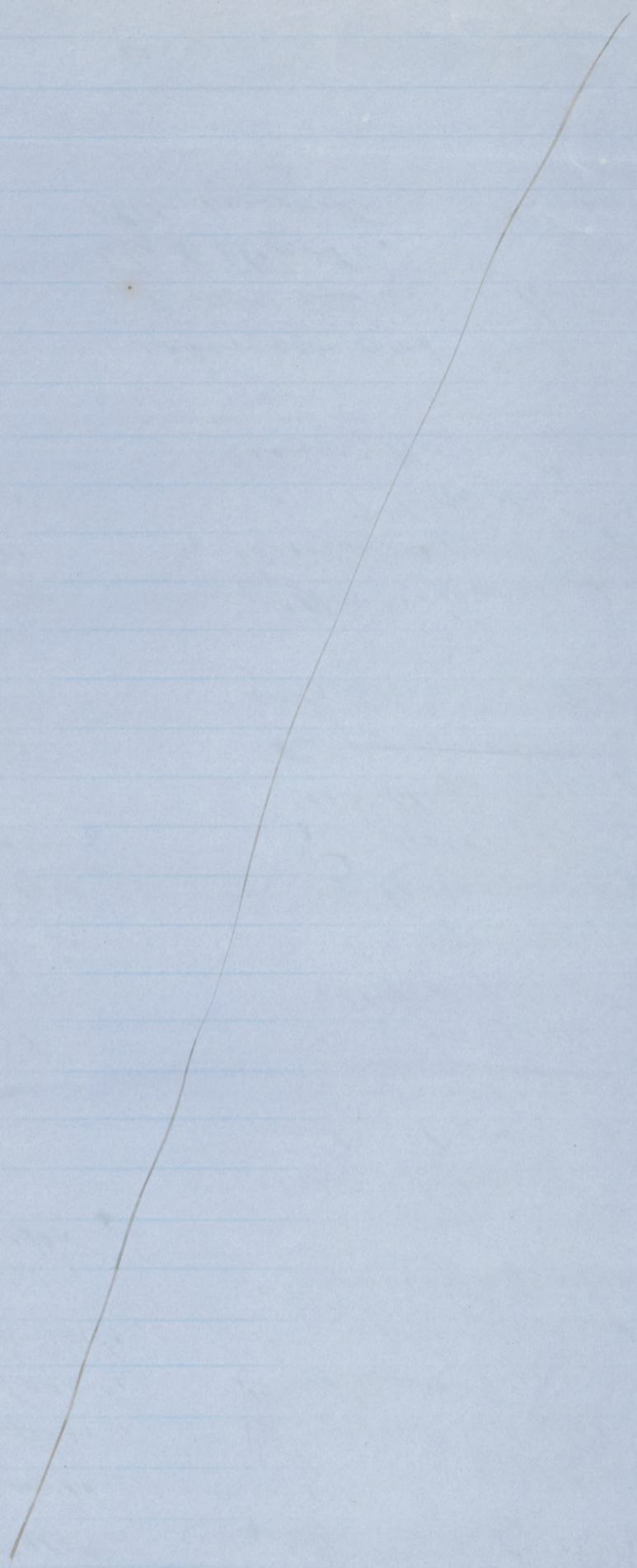
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Ignacio Polanco

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Joaquin Leonel      Rafael Quijada  
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Deputy of A F  
Cervell

at the City of Los Angeles in the Department  
of California on the fifteenth day of the month  
of May One thousand eight hundred and forty  
two in compliance with the Petition which Don  
Thomas Sanchez Coloma makes that an order may  
be put to the matter of the land which the evidence  
shows prefer lot 2 is to give him in exchange  
for that the took away from him to give to Don  
Juan Cruz

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Ordered that I a Judge attesting witnesses  
do repair to the Ranch of Santa Gertrudis Los Montes  
and proceed to terminate the affair and to give  
the possession of the Land to the said Don  
Sanchez Coloma in entire accordance with the  
order of the Superior Government of California  
I solemnly swear that the Peace here so accorded  
and subscribed with the attesting witnesses  
according to Law upon this common paper for  
want of the Stamp

attest  
Basilio Salazar  
Intending Judge in the above proceedings and  
Order same date being at the Ranch of Santa  
Gertrudis Los Montes I summoned before me Don  
Josefa Lota and Don Thomas Sanchez Coloma who  
being present were informed by me of the object  
of my visit said place and that I was going  
to settle the differences existing between the two  
persons and leave the said Sanchez in peaceful  
possession,

At this stage of the proceedings I caused  
them to produce their instruments of contract and  
thereby it appears that the said Sanchez was  
possessor of a tract in the same Ranch which  
tract was of good quality fit for planting and  
provided with facilities for irrigation wherefore  
Don Josefa Lota agreed to give to Sanchez Coloma  
a piece equal in quality to that taken from him  
which I set down in the minutes certifying and  
subscribing the same with the attesting witnesses  
according to Law

attest  
Basilio Salazar  
attest  
Julian Alvarez



Next for the practical part of these proceedings I appointed two official line bearers whose names are omitted they not knowing how to write I made them take the route whereby they proceeded faithfully to discharge their duty which I make a minute of certifying and subscribing the same with the attesting witnesses according to Law  
Antonio Florent

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attest  
Basilio Valdez  
Immediately afterwards and being close to the house of Thomas Sanchez I caused a line of one hundred varas to be measured to the end of which wooden poles were fastened and after observation and calculation measuring circuits the first line was drawn from the corner of the Garden of Bolivia at the west in an east course along the true or bearing of San Juan Peris and there are measured and counted the thousand three hundred varas which terminated in the lightning of Santa Clara where a land mark was named to be placed

From this point the line was drawn along the lightning perpendicular to a small rise of ground which structure was counted four thousand seven hundred varas at which rise of ground a land mark was named to be placed

From this point the line was drawn course south and there are measured and counted the thousand eight hundred varas which ended at the edge of the Cañada where a land mark was named to be placed upon a small rise of ground to mark the termination of the boundary. From this place the line was drawn course west making from one side of the house where there are measured and counted seven thousand seven hundred varas which ended at a small bottom

Hence the line was drawn in a north westerly direction and there are measured and counted three hundred and fifty varas which ended at the corner of the Garden where the measurements are terminated  
Antonio Florent



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attest  
 Basilio Kaldon  
 at this stage of the proceedings an agreement was entered into between Don Tomas Sanchez Leoluna and the widow Dona Josefina Leoluna from which it resulted that Sanchez could pay the widow thirty dollars for the adoption of a piece of land for planting another widow having agreed both requested that the piece of land might be measured and proceeded to add and measure three hundred and fifty six paces in length and one hundred and seventy two in breadth which measurements original were witnessed.

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By the widow and the same Tomas Sanchez who for the reasons satisfied without leaving made any objection, these proceedings being considered as closed I certify and subscribing the same with the attesting witnesses according to Law

attest  
 Basilio Kaldon  
 Licentiated copy is begun to the parties of the present proceedings and Don Tomas Sanchez be notified to annex to this same certified copy the first instrument of sale which forms the title of ownership as it is permitted that result to the exchange and possession given this day

attest  
 Basilio Kaldon  
 Licentiated judge have so read, read and subscribed with the attesting witnesses according to Law

attest  
 Basilio Kaldon  
 On the same day notice was given to Tomas Sanchez of the foregoing proceedings and he accepted the same the appropriate certified copy being given to him

attest  
 Basilio Kaldon  
 A true copy of the original to which I have subscribed and compared faithfully and legally with the original and nothing in common with there being some stamps

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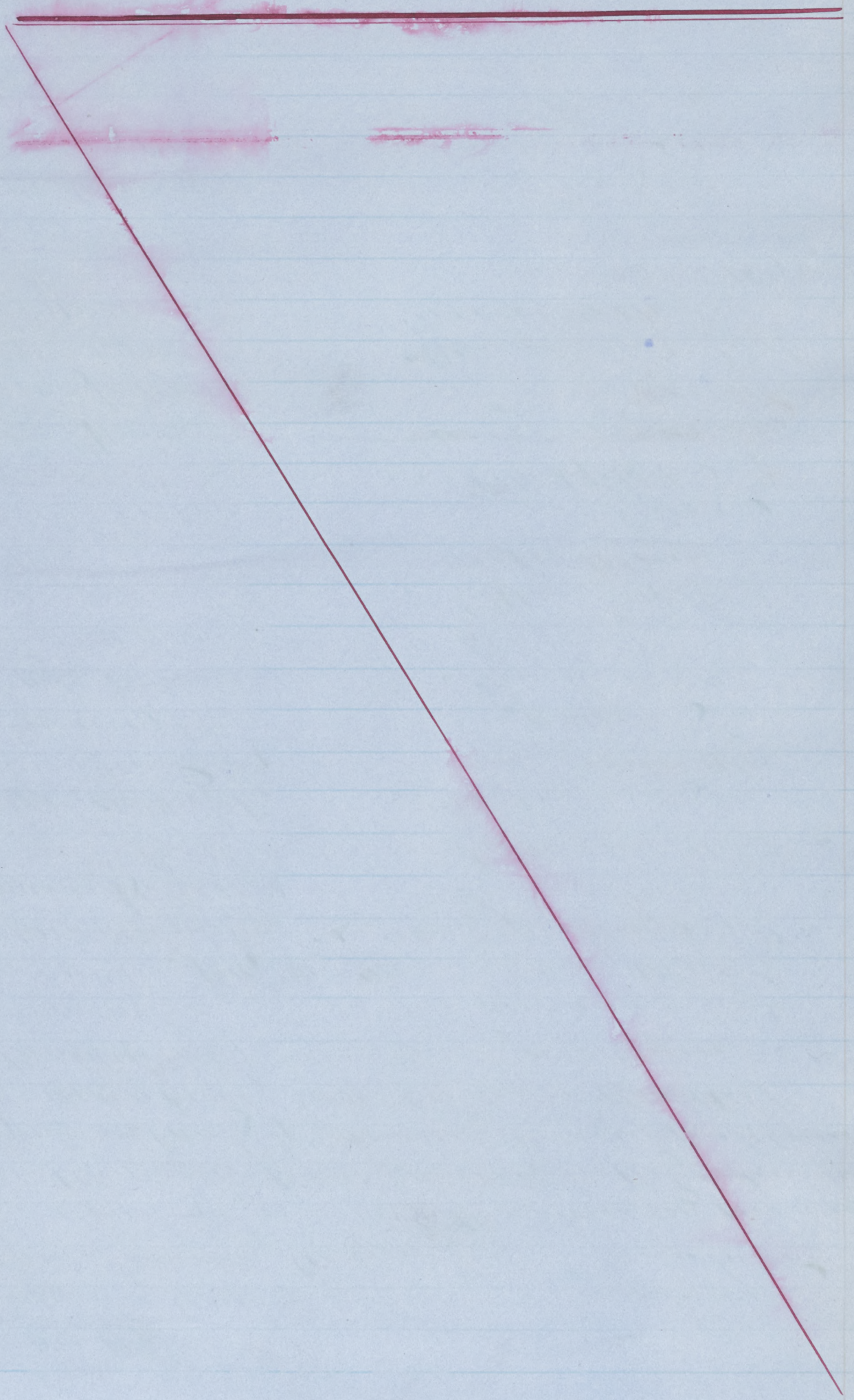
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Thomas Sandoz, Virginia

Stipulation

It is hereby stipulated that the original papers and testimony taken in case number 339 Samuel Sandoz vs. Linn are not to be read and considered in evidence in this case the same as if they had not been taken.

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So far as said papers and testimony may be applicable to this case that Depositions of Thomas Sandoz, Virginia and James Andrew for Samuel Linn vs. Sandoz and the original papers attached to said depositions and made parts thereof copies to be filed in this case by Linn vs. Sandoz.

J. H. McKinnel  
Law Agent  
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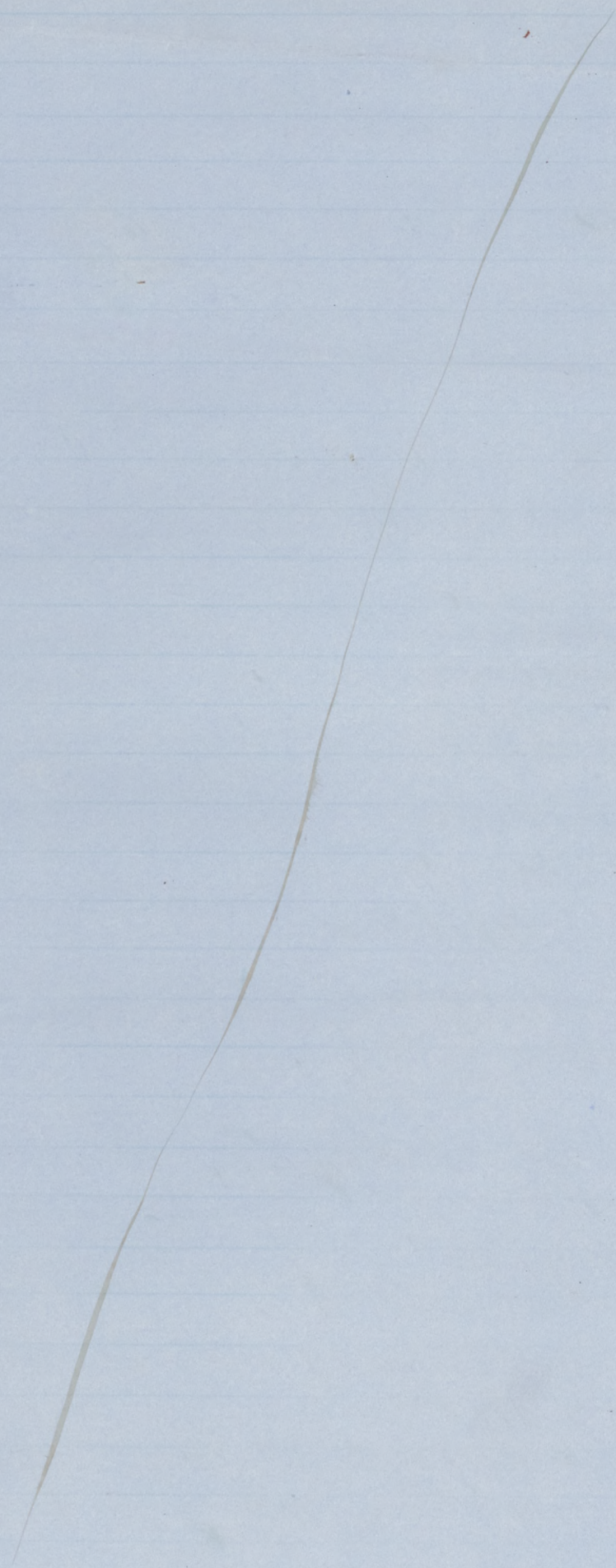
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No. 339.

Los Angeles, October 23rd 1852

Depo of  
T. Sanchez  
Colima

On this day before Commissioner Helms  
Hall came Thomas Sanchez before me a  
native in the name of the claimant  
carpenter petition number 339 and  
was asked under his surname being  
interrupted by the Secretary

The County of Los Angeles  
Associate Law Agent was present

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

Witness's name is Thomas Sanchez  
his age is forty eight years and I  
reside at Los Angeles I am a native of  
California

I am acquainted with  
the Rancho Santa Teresita which is in  
the County of Los Angeles about three  
leagues from this place in a south  
west direction.

I have known the land  
since my boyhood. It was occupied  
by Manuel Muto a long ago as I  
can recollect Manuel Muto and some  
years ago I cannot tell how long

after  
his death his children occupied it,  
Luis Carpentier bought it of the  
widow of Antonio Maria Muto a son  
of Manuel Muto and has occupied it  
ever since that time.

The witness says  
the place had houses and small stocks  
of mules and cattle for carpenter tools  
and saw business and cattle and  
cultivates the land I am an adjoining  
neighbor to him

Instructed by the associate  
Law Agent

I have spoken of any  
adverse claim to the land

Answer as the  
Thomas Sanchez Colima  
witness

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Sworn and subscribed before  
Thomas Hall  
Commissioner  
Filed in Office October 23rd 1852  
Signed

Geo Fisher

Secy

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Signed

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Depo of  
A. Stearns

Los Angeles November 11th 1852  
On this day before Commissioner Thomas  
Hall came Abel Stearns a witness in  
behalf of the claimant Samuel  
Carpenter Petitioner No 339 and was  
only sworn his evidence being given  
in English

The United States asso-  
ciate Land Agent was present

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

My name is Abel  
Stearns My age is fifty four years and  
I reside in Los Angeles I have resided  
in California over twenty three years  
a paper is now shown  
me purporting to be a grant to Josefa  
Lota dated May 22nd 1834.

I am acq-  
uainted with the hand writing and  
signatures of Jose Requena and  
Agustino Zamora. Their signatures  
on said grant declare to be genuine  
said paper is marked covered and marked  
H H No 1

a paper is also shown me  
purporting to be a testimonial of judicial  
possession given in 1835.

I am acquainted  
with the hand writing and signatures  
of Rafael Guadaño, P. de la Serna,  
Ramon Manuel Arago and Agostino



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Their signatures on said paper I believe to be genuine said paper is book number and marked 144 No 2 said Semano at the date of said possession was acting Alcalde

A paper is also shown me purporting to be a transfer from Josefa beta to Leonel carpenter dated December 21st 1843.

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The signatories of Antonio F. Leonel and Juan simple appearing on said paper which I am acquainted believe to be genuine my own genuine signature is also on said paper and was placed there at the time it purports to have been

Said Leonel was an acting Alcalde at the time of such possession and I was an assisting witness said paper is book number and marked 144 number 3

Another paper is also shown me purporting to be a testimonial of Jurisdiction possession to Leonel carpenter given in December 1843.

I am acquainted with the signatures of Manuel Semano, Ignacio Leonel and Felipe Castella and their signatures on said paper I believe to be genuine said Semano was an acting Alcalde at the date of said paper it is book number and marked 144 number 4.

A paper is now shown me containing sundry documents relating to payments made by said carpenter to Josefa beta. I am acquainted with the signatures of Josefa beta Juan Manuel Leonel beta Leonel carpenter Antonio F. Leonel Juan Abelardo Rafael Gallardo Ignacio Leonel Juan Bandine Francisco Campaluzia Topia and Vicente Semano.

There remains of three small papers appearing



on said paper Helme to be their  
private signature said paper is  
numbered and marked 1418 No 5

is also shown no purporting to be a  
certificate of Josefa Lota by Helme  
Lota dated 15th February 1847 Helme  
the signature of Helme is on the said  
paper to be genuine It is numbered  
and marked 1418 No 1.

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From the Ran-  
cho called Santa Barbara this is the  
county of Los Angeles about four leagues  
from this place in an easterly direction

Josefa  
Lota was in possession of the land  
when I came to California and since  
then when I assisted in giving judicial  
possession and remained until until  
his transfer to Samuel Carpenter.

Since  
which until until the present said Car-  
penter has been in possession. Samuel  
Carpenter and Samuel Carpenter are  
the same person. I was acquainted  
with Josefa Lota.

She had a family of  
children and her husband had the sale  
to Carpenter that she wished to see  
the Rancho to raise money to pay  
debts and obtain a smaller piece she  
being unable to occupy that to her  
advantage.

It is such a sale by her in  
the situation of the family was proper  
and necessary. The children were I  
believe all absent from at the time  
of the sale and I think they must have  
known and assented to it.

Heard of no  
objections by any of the family to the  
said four thousand dollars for the  
Rancho as mentioned which was  
at the time considered a sale price  
for the land.



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soon after the sale Josefa Lota purchased  
abuse and unrigged in the vicinity  
of the city which I think must have  
been obtained into a part of the money  
received from her purchase.

That place is  
now occupied by some other person  
believing accused some time or four  
years ago.

When an estate of a deceased  
person was to be sold, or massed, and  
when there was a fiscal in the territory  
to consult him and when not the  
Governor or Prefect and obtain their  
approbation.

It was the duty of an  
Alcalde before whom such a sale was  
made to inquire into the propriety  
of it when minors were interested  
and when an Alcalde allowed and  
sanctioned a sale I should think it  
would be presumed that the necessary  
previous steps had been taken.

Such I  
understand to have been the custom  
in California. In the case of the sale  
by Josefa Lota Antonio F. Lomas was  
Regidor acting as Alcalde.

Josefa Lota  
had abuse on the land in which she  
lived and cultivated some ground  
and had a small number of cattle  
carpenter.

has considerable land under culti-  
vation well fenced, has built a new  
house and has some stock of  
cattle and pigs.

Quintero by associate Law  
Agent

Should Jose Josefa have  
had any right of property in the  
land as widow without the consent  
from Governor Figueroa.

answer she would  
have a right of dower to the Mexican land as stated.

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Do you know anything  
of the wife of Antonio Maria Castro the  
husband of Josefa  
answer I do not  
Abel Stearns  
sworn and subscribed  
Beyonce

Helms Hall  
Commissioner

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Filed in office November 11th 1852  
Signed

Geo. Fisher  
Secy

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Signed  
Geo. Fisher  
Secy

Depo of  
A. E. Corona

Los Angeles November 12th 1852  
Antonio de la Cruz Commissioner  
Helms Hall came Antonio F.  
Corona a witness in behalf of the  
Marquise Samuel Carpanter Pit-  
tman Murder 339 and was only  
sworn his evidence being given in  
Spanish and interpreted by the  
Stentor

The United States Associate  
Law Agent was present

In answer to questions  
by counsel for the Marquise the  
witness testified as follows

My name is Antonio  
F. Corona my age is that of three years  
and I reside in the city of Los  
Angeles

A paper is now shown me  
purporting to be a transfer from Josefa  
Castro Samuel Carpanter to which



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my signature is affixed said paper being marked H. H. number 3 and annexed to the deposited of said steamer's manifest letters in this case

was at said and acted as such a said sale and transfer Josefa Lota in 1843 but the Kinder Santa Barbara at which time the Kinder being absent

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and Heaven's will about to abandon the said which she leaving with around to sell, and Samuel Carpenter leaving of funds to purchase in the appeal to me as Alcalde to authorize the sale

This I refused to do as the title contained a clause prohibiting the sale

When I was the appeal to Governor Montalvo who sent me an official order in writing to authorize the sale which I did as appears by the present paper

In cases of sale of the property (under) of right to the said husband and there was minor heirs tutors were appointed for them

The property may be then divided among them according to their agreement

The property must be if there was no objection made by any of the heirs either judicially or extra judicially

The consent of the minor of age must be given to all or all the tutors of those minors

and the minor gave their consent in this case separately to the sale those who were of age gave it in person and the minors by their mother who was their tutor

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It was accompanied with the family of Josefa Lota and



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with their circumstances they were  
poor and the land was likely to be  
sold immediately and Governor  
Wentworth was a great favor to the  
Indians in allowing them to sell

I think

Wentworth paid about four thousand  
dollars for the land. It was the full  
value of the place at that time as  
I think

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Arthur F. Leonard  
Survey and Subscribers  
Before me

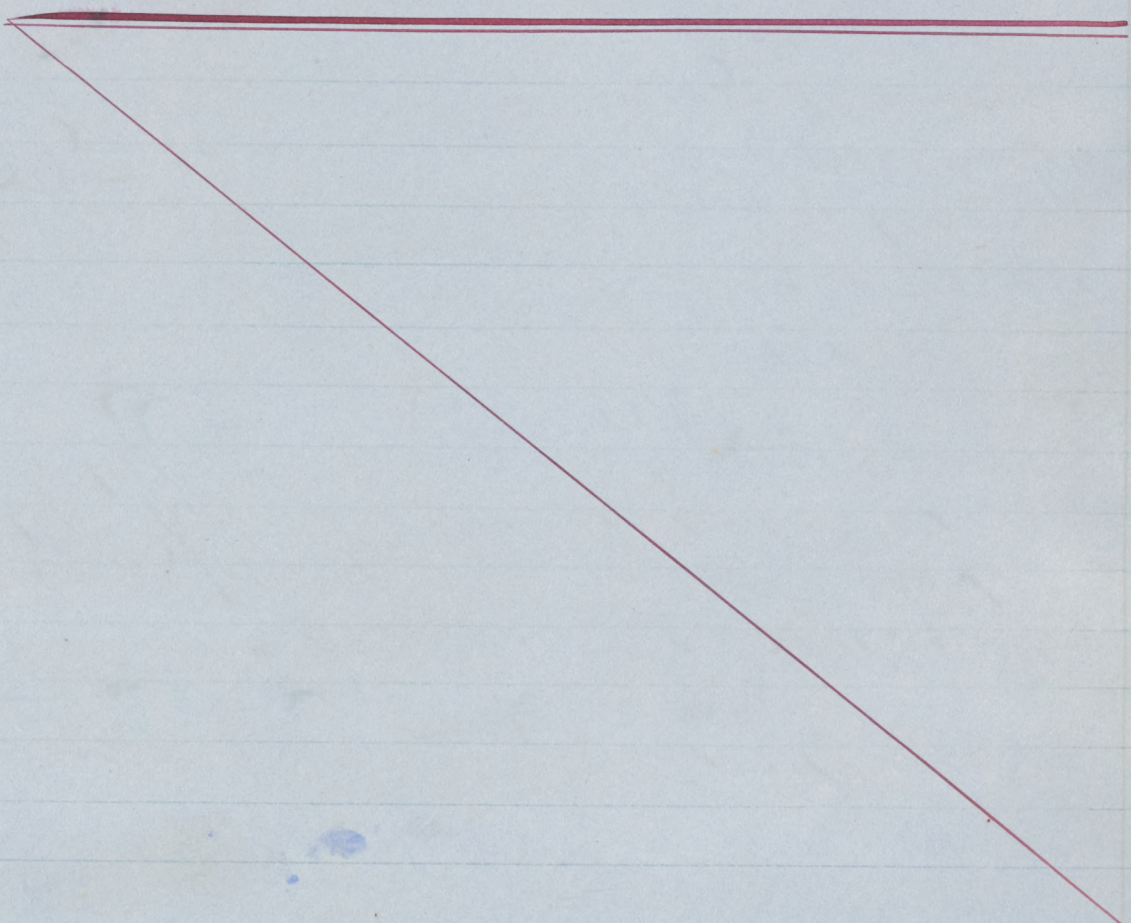
Island Hall  
Commissioner

Filed in Office November 12th 1852  
Signed

Geo Fisher  
Secy

Recorded in Concord B. Vol page 284  
Signed

Geo Fisher  
Secy





339.

4 No 339 por  
21 y 5. m

1833.

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~~No 26.~~

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# Expediente

Expediente Relativo a los Linieros del Rancho  
de Sta Gertrudis que posee el Cui  
ano Juan José Nieto.

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L. G. D. H

Here follows  
map

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N.º 8.

Monteney mayo 23 de 1833. Informe la

Tengo el honor de pasara manos de V. D. la junta representa

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Delegado superior político. En esta Secretaria he contraído una instancia del Ciudadano Juan Estiguió al pueblo de el Nieto de 26 de Mayo de 82<sup>uy</sup> con la yacompa con una de 23 de Enero del año que devídame aprego a este Expediente por tener referencia con nueva pretencion de de Enero último que da materia y ademas; recieniendo los legajos estelchivo antiguo en el año de 1<sup>uy</sup> 84. que sita el Nieto en su solicitud de 26 de Mayo, aparece en el Borrador de Contesta- cion del Sr. Pascola comunicacion que haee al Sr. Amillasa en 20 de Abril de 84 de entre otras cosas dice lo que sigue.

19 de Enero pasado el Sr. Juan José Nieto poseedor del Rancho de Sta. Gertrudis en el pueblo de el Nieto de Los Angeles. con solicitud que me ha hecho de pala- bra es reducido; a como Gobernante desde el año de 83 hasta el de 84. impuesto de 31. acerca del Rancho de el Nieto se ha versado, certi- ficado en los linderos de el Borrador de Contesta- cion de el Sr. Pascola de el Sr. Amillasa en 20 de Abril de 84 de entre otras cosas dice lo que sigue.

Los ganados van au- mentando de modo que es preciso a varios años alguna estension me han pedido algunos sitios que las he con- dido internamente en son a Juan José Donnell quez soldado que era del presidio de San Diego que tiene en el día cuatras manadas de Vacas y como Doscientos Reses en el Rio abajo de D.

simto es de mucha importancia para el interesado, Juan José Nieto me ha presente no halla sido a mi Alcance de mi Gobierno en- tenor ni del de el Sr. Pedro Pajos. El Co- sultado de mucha importancia para el interesado, Juan José Nieto me ha presente no halla sido a mi Alcance de mi Gobierno en- tenor ni del de el Sr. Pedro Pajos. El Co- sultado de mucha importancia para el interesado, Juan José Nieto me ha presente no halla sido a mi Alcance de mi Gobierno en- tenor ni del de el Sr. Pedro Pajos. El Co-

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 Gabriel del a certificar. Dengo p<sup>o</sup> a cuenta  
 Manuel Cheto p<sup>o</sup> de cui. p<sup>o</sup> me a D. O. en los  
 F. G. D. R igual caveza el Ferrninos que lo hago parece  
 dela Sanse Camis que el solicitante pueda  
 no Real de Dicho obtener el testimonio que  
 Mision p<sup>o</sup> el Cnei corresponde.

no ya a los hijos de  
 la viuda Ignacia  
 Carrillo en el del  
 anoy honrado con  
 guo al antecede<sup>te</sup>  
 cap las Orelenez  
 de que han de cui  
 das de Roacarlo  
 continuamente  
 entre dos. V<sup>o</sup>

Esto es cuanto me  
 ha sido posible ad  
 quier del Archivo  
 de Esta Secretaria  
 de mi cargo en em  
 plimiento del supe  
 rior Decreto de V.  
 O. of. antecede  
 Monterey Abril 1<sup>o</sup>  
 de 1833.

Agustin V. Zamorano  
 Monterey Abril 16  
 de 1833.

Con a preparacion de  
 los antecedentes  
 a que se refiere el  
 informe de la Secre  
 taria, remítase este  
 exped<sup>te</sup> al intere  
 sado sobre cartado  
 por esta Vez al  
 Alcalde constitu  
 cional del pueblo  
 de los Angeles p<sup>o</sup>  
 que le dé curso

6. G. D. R con prevencion de que en igual caso al  
 presente. Deura el interesado por si o su  
 apoderado a diligenciar los negocios que

Doy de V. O. su  
 mas atento serbente

Dios y Libertad.  
 Residencia de San Diego  
 17. de <sup>el</sup> Abr<sup>o</sup> de 1833.

José Ma<sup>o</sup> de  
 Beheandía

Don Comand<sup>te</sup> y Jefe  
 Superior politico del  
 Teritorio, D<sup>o</sup> José  
 Quiroga.

Monterey.



le ocurran con este Gobierno. Asi lo decretó  
y firmó el Sr. Jefe Superior político de  
Este Territorio de que doy fe.  
Sigueroa.

Agustín V. Zamoraño Oño

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Dn Comd. Gñal. Sr. José M<sup>o</sup> de  
Becheandía.

Juan José Nieto Dueño del  
Rancho de Santa Gertrudis Vecino au  
siliario del pueblo de S. J. de los Angl<sup>os</sup>  
presentado à las plantas de V. O. en el de  
bido Respeto y reconocimiento que debo, su-  
plicó à V. O. me haga la bondad de darme  
una constancia à Documento del papel  
que anteriormente pedí à V. O. sobre los  
linderos de mi Rancho y V. O. se sirvió  
hacerme la gracia por haverse estancado  
el de mi dif. padre Manuel Nieto pe-  
rez que fué acordado por el que gozaba  
el finado Sargento Retirado José M<sup>o</sup>  
Varengo à quien yqualmente se le dio  
por gracia con mi Dn. padre como fun-  
dacion que fuere de Este Territorio  
por tanto à V. O. pido y suplico en car-  
dadant<sup>o</sup> por medio de su bondad conee  
darme lo qd. es por, extendiéndolo por escrito  
en papel común por no haber en el lugar  
de ningún sello de cuya gracia quedare  
para siempre agradecido.

J. G. D. R

S. Gabriel 19. de Eno de 1833.

Juan José Nieto.

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Señor Jefe Superior político del Territorio  
El Cuidadano Juan José Nieto Radica-  
do en el Rancho de Santa Gertrudis  
de la Alta California, con sus tres her-  
manos, José Antonio, Antonio M<sup>o</sup> y M<sup>o</sup>  
Manuela Nieto: ante la sabia y alta  
penetacion de V. O. se presentan con  
el derecho que les permite, esponiendo  
que desde el feliz año de 1<sup>o</sup> de H. se sirvió  
la superoidad del señor Gobernador  
Dn. Pedro Páez quien en nombre de la  
Majestad le dió la concepcion del referido



52 Rancho como es claro y patente, de Lindero son del Rio de Santa Ana hasta el Rio de San Gabriel, y del Camino Real asta la playa, al finado mi padre Manuel Nieto por mi señor Jefe Superior, hay que añadir que en el Establecimiento de mi finado padre faltaron los documentos que a crediten a esta concepcion en Igual omi hizo la misma gracia al Ciudadano don Inbalido José María Verdugo y habiéndose verificado este Establecimiento solo nos queda el nombre publicado de Dueños, y solo clamamos el Cristianismo y zelo de V. S. nos confirme o autorice el Respectivo sitio para que tengamos en nuestro poder y sostener con el Comercio nuestros entos Caudales y que logren el mejor Sitio nuestros sucesores: Por tanto a. V. S. piden y suplican Rendidamente se sirva el q. en su celeridad y prudencia nos conceda la Gracia que este nuestra instancia solicitamos, si hace lo

10. S. D. R. hayase de Justicia en que nos reconocemos sumamte agradescidos.

Pueblo de los Angeles 25 de Marzo de 1827

Juan José Nieto

11. S. D. R. Pueblo de los Angeles Don Alcalde Constitucional 25 de Ene de 1827 del pueblo de Chusca El contenido en este 2º de los Angeles. Instancia se le ha El Ciudadano Juan Jacinto por sí y a nombre de sus hermanos Antonio M. y de las establecidas Don P. Retrado Guillen en esta provincia de no lea a nombre la Alta California de su esposa M.ª María y desde luego se esuela Nieto y José P. noce no tiene, ni sabe, con el dicho Respetivo q. le acredite su espone. Abiendo lle en lo que lleva cogido a nuestra noticia puesto respecto que que el Ciudadano In la concecion q. obtiene machado y el de tiene y en esta virtud su clase Antonio y José



no se puede cumplir. Abia hem solicitado un decreto que autorizase su espuesto. por cuyo motivo no vemos

En el Archivo de Obligados, a pmas en su existencia en esta serie conocimiento que dicha familia no consta ni tieneas puevon consedidas por Documento qd. a. nuestro finado padre acrequita dicha solida José Manuel Cheto por entidad: Q. a mas si los servicios que tenia como mebeant. tiene pa constar en los Archivos nados con que cubra desde que tiempo haeste los sitios acumulada la presente dicho terreno a la propiedad es no a Estado abandonado eptido que son enca y se a tenido en el Ciudad de Reinte p. a. deo de deo.

En la jurisdiccion El año de 21 por la desta comarca Mayor del Sr. Gobernador Ciudadano con el Sr. Pablo Vicente de Salas cuentia y el Sr. qd. nos mando que metase su propiedad en el Caballada de San de ganado baen nuestros sitios y deo de no y caballar. pcutarlo asi, en dicho

Lomas Lobos. eno seramos des. p. de. de. dicho Rancho y no teniendo nosotros suficientes fuerzas para matar, tem crecido numero de Caballada nos conbenimos con la Mision de Sr. Gabriel para pcutarlo, de metole facultad p. qd. pcuta en sus bienes en nuestro Rancho amcas u la presente e famas amistoadant. pasando y tenemos suficientes Lomas para cubra.

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por tanto. A. V. Duplicamos rendida mt. de sobre elebar esta nuestra instancia a manos del Sr. Comdt. Gen. como y qualmt. aemos presente el numero de nuestro familias qd. por todos somos 26 personas y por cuyo fin Sr. pedimos seno enseve dicho terreno por nuestro poder para la man tencion nuestra. gracia qd. epe remos de. V.

Hecho de Nuestro de los Angeles 23 de ene de 1824.

Es el menor de sus



Subditos q. d. M. B. y por no saber  
escribilo sino con una Cruz f. y Rueso  
firmi por mi el Ciudadano. Esteban Lopez  
a Rueso de Juan José Nieto.

Esteban Lopez

A al antecedito Juan José Nieto le fal  
tase ganado para cubrir su Rencho esta  
Mision de mi Cargo para el proximo. Por  
lo tanto le presentara a Vista un hombre bueno  
nuestro de su porte para q. reciba y oho de  
esta mision para que entepue todo aquel  
ganado que sea suficiente para cubrir  
el sitio.

Mision de D.º Gabriel 23 de Enero  
de 1824.

P. José Sanchez

13. L.D. 12.

Sello de Reseña (Stamp in) Dos Reales  
para los años (the origin) de mil Ocho Cientos  
veinte y seis y Ocho Cientos Veinte  
y siete.

Stamp  
in the original  
for the years  
1828 + 1829

Stamp in the  
original for years  
1830 + 1831

Stamp in the  
original for years  
1832 + 1833

Por Deseo Superior politico  
El Ciudadano Juan Infante  
natural del Estado de Sonora y  
abecine... en este territorio con  
da bastante del Cu - acañand  
Juan José Nieto como derecho ya  
representa, a V. S. con el devoto  
respecto y p. .... el o curno mas  
oportuno hago presente q. ....  
el año de 1822 le fue concedida  
en prop. .... por el Sr. Gobernador  
D.º Pedro Lopez a Manuel Nieto

En Deseo 2.º de Julio  
de 1833. Vista l.º p.º. Que haviendo  
sente instancia; ovid. su. .... deus entre quon  
por notoriedad publica es hace Cabeza nra po-  
la posesion pacifica laerante, signieron en  
y jamas interumpi pacifica Poci. ....  
da con q. Manuel ocupando dicho terreno  
Nieto y sus herederos como li. .... propietarios.  
han sido fu. facto de que en este Estado se  
los terrenos demarcados han a. .... piclo mas  
dos en el Diciembre de veinte y nueve años

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visto el Expediente nombrados curules hasta la  
 en que consta la falta son in... tempidos  
 consecucion de dho en el goce de sus derechos  
 Teneno hechos por el por haviendose estavado  
 Gobernador D<sup>o</sup> P<sup>o</sup> los titulos que legitimavan  
 en dho al merceda propiedad del teneno  
 cionado dho, ocurri varios Deces al  
 con todo lo demas Jefe superior politico para  
 que se tubo pre- que en virtud de las con-  
 stante y ver con- stancias existentes en el  
 nro: de total archivo se le expediera  
 conformidad nuevo titulo mas en vano  
 con las leyes y repetio sus ocurros; hasta  
 Reglamentos que la bondad de V. D.  
 de la materia se sirvio a tenderlo libre  
 y conyccion a dho testimonio de la uni-  
 las condicion en constancia que se enen  
 que señalen se to en el archivo, me da  
 declarar... nro es bastante a combenecer  
 en propiedad la legitimidad con que  
 a... an Jose - han poseido el merceda  
 cheto de los... ado teneno como de demar-  
 ales, Alamitos en el Expediente q<sup>o</sup> res  
 y Palo... to a respectivamente a compano  
 D<sup>o</sup> Manuela en d<sup>o</sup> pofas utiles, a pri-  
 vato de los sen de a. de molo lo por bastante  
 tos: a... Josefa y legal se corra en merito  
 Cota Quilla D. de Justicia como se los  
 Antonio Maria plies, libando el d<sup>o</sup> titulo  
 de Santa La correspondiente y mencio  
 Andis a D<sup>o</sup> Ba que se le de posesion pri-  
 vativa Ruizruica. Que de d<sup>o</sup> de  
 da de D<sup>o</sup> Jose que todos los herederos  
 Antonio... icto disputen de la merced  
 del paraje de la concedida a su finado  
 ... ros. Librese padre suples de V. D. que  
 los... los corres- si no huviere ni con bin  
 ponientes... se expedan por separado  
 ma de aca la los titulos de las partes q<sup>o</sup>  
 pose... juridica a cada uno corresponde  
 que me... den: se p<sup>o</sup> queda demar cada  
 hagase ser en el mismo d<sup>o</sup> en  
 ... partes; y respe estos terminos: el paraje  
 to. a que no se de Santa Gertrudes para  
 pudiesen extender

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José Agüero

Agustín V. Zamorano. Sr

1<sup>ra</sup> G.D.R

José Agüero General de Brigada de los Ejercitos nacionales Mexicanos, Comendante Inspector y Jefe Superior político del Territorio de la Alta California.

Por cuanto D. Juan José Nieto tiene

A. lap. 28 acreditado su derecho a la testamentaria del finado Manuel Nieto y tomando en consideracion la Antigua y pacifica posesion que aquel tiene del paraje conosido con el de Sta. Gertrudis, Los Venitos los Alamitos, las Bolsas y el Rancho de patu en Ontiveros practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto p<sup>ta</sup> las leyes y Reglamentos: usando de las facultades que me son conferidas por decreto de 21 de Julio del año anterior a nombre de la Etacion Mexicana he venido en declarar la propiedad de dicho paraje y de q<sup>ta</sup> se le ponga en pacifica posesion p<sup>ta</sup> las presentes letras con entera conformidad a lo dispuesto p<sup>ta</sup> las leyes y sujeto a las Condiciones siguientes

1<sup>a</sup> Que se sometara a las que estableciere el Reglamento que se ha de formar p<sup>ta</sup> la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entretanto ni el Agraciado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el terreno de que se ha hecho mencion: imponer senos, vinculo, fianza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piedadosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas

1<sup>a</sup> G.D.R 2<sup>a</sup> podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las travecias, caminos y servidumbres: lo disputara libre y leclivamente: destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode; pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> podra desde luego solicitar del Juez respectivo que le de posesion judicial en virtud de este Despacho p<sup>ta</sup> el

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cual se demarcaran los linderos en unos límites de alguna utilidad.

4<sup>o</sup> El terreno de q<sup>d</sup> se hace referencia es de diez sitios de ganado mayor por el mas o menor segun esplica el diseño que corre en el Expediente: el prez q<sup>d</sup> tiene la posesion lo hara medir conforme a Ordenanza p<sup>a</sup> señalar los linderos quedando el sobrante que resulte a la nacion p<sup>a</sup> los usos convenientes.

5<sup>a</sup> Si entranriere a estas condiciones perdera su derecho al terreno y sera denunciabile por otro.

En consecuencia mando q<sup>d</sup> sirviesele de titulo el presente y teniendo p<sup>a</sup> firme y Valido se tome Razon en el libro a q<sup>d</sup> corresponde y se le entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines. Dado en Monterey a 22 de mayo

19. G. D. R de 1834.

Jose Viqueoa

Agustin V. Zamora - Secretario

20. G. D. R

Jose Viqueoa General de Brigada de los Ejercitos nacionales Mexicanos, comandante general Inspector y Jefe Superior politico del territorio de la Alta California. Art. 129.

Por cuanto D<sup>a</sup> Manuela Cheto tiene acreditado su derecho a la hereditaria del finado Manuel Cheto y tomamelo en consideracion la antigua y pacifica posesion q<sup>d</sup> tiene del paraje conocido con el nombre de los Cerros colmado con los parajes de S. Pedro, Sta Gertrudis, los Corfates, Los Alamitos y la costa del mar: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones convenientes segun lo dispuesto p<sup>a</sup> las leyes y Replamentos usando de las facultades que me son conferidas, por decreto de 27 de Julio del año anterior, a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en declarar la propiedad del referido.



pasaje y de q<sup>d</sup> se le ponga en pacífica  
posesion p<sup>r</sup> las presentes letras con entera  
conformidad a lo dispuesto por las leyes  
y sujeta a las condiciones siguientes  
1<sup>a</sup> Que se sometera a las que esta-  
blicare el Reglamento que se hade for-  
mar p<sup>r</sup> la distribucion de terrenos bald-  
ios y q<sup>d</sup> entretanto ni la agraciada ni  
sus herederos podran dividir ni onagar  
el terreno de que se hace mencion, imponer  
cansas, vinculo, panyas, hipoteca ni otro  
gravamen aun q<sup>d</sup> sea por causa p<sup>r</sup>ictiva  
ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

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2<sup>a</sup> G. D. R. 2<sup>a</sup> podra ser arto sin perjuicio de las  
terreias caminios y servidumbres: l<sup>o</sup> de  
prutana libre y l<sup>o</sup> de uso y cultivo de estmen-  
do al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode  
pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabrica  
casa y estana habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> podra desde luego solicitar del juez  
respectivo que le de posesion p<sup>r</sup>ictiva, en  
virtud de este Despacho, p<sup>r</sup> el cual se  
demarcan los linderos en cuyos limites  
pondra a mas de las m<sup>o</sup> honera o algunos  
arboles frutales o silvestres de alguna  
utilidad.

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace referencia  
es de cinco sitios de ganado Mayor pero  
mas o menos segun se explica el dicho  
q<sup>d</sup> corre en el Expediente. El juez que  
diere la posesion lo hara medir conforme  
a Ordenanzas que demandan el sobrante  
que resulte a la estacion para los usos  
enunciados.

5<sup>a</sup> Si enthamare a estas condiciones  
perderá su derecho al terreno y sera  
denunciabile por otro.

En consecuencia  
mando q<sup>d</sup> sirviendole de titulo el prest<sup>o</sup>  
y teniendose p<sup>r</sup> firme y Valido se tome  
razon en el libro respectivo a que corre  
punto y se le entregue al interesado  
para su resguardo y demas fines.



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Jose Aguirre

Ajustm. V. Zamorano. Secretario

22 L. D. R. Monterey Mayo 1<sup>o</sup> de 1834.

Aprezuese con el diseño al Expediente de la materia.

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Remite à V. O. el diseño que de marca el terreno de el Rancho de los Nietos hecho en General con el Orden correspondiente à sus linderos y anejos à sus medidas segun la Escala subida en el diseño por lo que suplico à V. O. no retarde los títulos.

Angeles Mayo 3 de 1834.  
Dr. Jefe sup. Luciano Grifalva.

Político. n. 3

23 L. D. R. Jose Aguirre General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Mexicanos, Comandante en Jefe Inspector y Jefe Sup. politico del Territorio de la Alta California.

à la p. 30) Por cuanto D<sup>na</sup> Josefa Cava Viuda de D<sup>no</sup> Antonio M<sup>o</sup> Nieto tiene acreditado su derecho à la testamentaria del finado Manuel Nieto y tomando en consideracion la antigua y pacifica posesion que tiene del paraje conocido con el Nombre de Sta. Gertrudis, colindante con la Misiva de D. Gabriel y Rancho de los Coyotes y los demas: practicadas previamente las diligencias y averiguaciones en sermiente y segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y Replamentos usando de las facultades que me son conpadas por decreto de 2<sup>o</sup> de Julio del año anterior à nombre de la E<sup>ta</sup> eun Mexicana he venido en declarar la propiedad del referido paraje y de que se le ponga en pacifica posesion por las presentes hechas con entera conformidad à lo dispuesto por las leyes y replamentos y sujeto à las condiciones siguientes.

Que se someterà à las q<sup>ta</sup> estableciere el Replamento q<sup>ta</sup> se ha de formar por la distribucion de terrenos Valcivos y que entretanto ni la agraciada ni sus herederos



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nothem dividir ni enajenar el terreno de que se ha echo mención, imponer censo vinculo panza, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa pialosa, ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

22. G. D. R. 2ª podra cercarlo sin perjudicar las heredades, caminos y servicios; los sitios putana libre y exclusivamente destinandolos al uso o cultivo que mas le aconvide; pero dentro de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara habitada.

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3ª Podra desde luego solicitar del juez respectivo q. le de posesion juridica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se demarcan los linderos en cuerpos limites pondra a mas de las mofonas algunos arboles putales o silvestres de alguna utilidad.

4ª El terreno de que se hace referencia es de cinco sitios de ganado mayor. poco mas o menos segun Coplica el diccionario que corre en el Expediente: el juez que diere la posesion lo hara medir con un glo a Ordeanza, p.ª señalar los linderos que siendo el sobran te que resulte a la vez para los usos envintes.

5ª Si continuiere a estas condiciones perdiera su derecho al terreno y sera denunciable p.ª Otro.

En consecuencia mande q. enviendole de titulo el preo.ª y teniendose p.ª firme y Valido, se tome Reason en el libro a que corre opon de y se le entregue a la intercedida p.ª sus quando y demas: Dado en Monterey Mayo 22 de 1834.

José <sup>el</sup> Figueroa  
Agustin V. Zamorano. S.º

25. G. D. R.

José <sup>el</sup> Figueroa, General de Brigada de los Ejercitos Nacionales Mexicanos, Comandante genl. Inspect. y Jefe Superior Político del Territ.º de la Alta California, a los p.ª y  
Por cuanto D.ª batrina



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Prinç Unida de D. José Antonio Nieto tiene  
 acreditado su derecho a la <sup>1a</sup> testamentaria  
 del finado Manuel Nieto y tomándolo en  
 consideracion la entrega y pacifica pose-  
 sion que tiene del parage conocido con el  
 nombre de Las Bolsas colindante con los  
 parages de Los Alamitos, de Los Coyotes,  
 Rio de Sta. Ana y la Costa practicada  
 mericamente las diligencias y averigua-  
 ciones concernientes segun lo dispuesto  
 p<sup>a</sup> las leyes y Replamientos: usando de  
 las facultades que me son conferidas  
 por decreto de 2<sup>uy</sup> de julio del año p<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>o</sup>  
 a nombre de la Etacion Mexicana he veni-  
 do en declararle la propiedad de dicho pa-  
 rase y de q<sup>d</sup>. se le ponga en posesion pacifica  
 p<sup>a</sup> las presentes letras en Virtud conformi-  
 dad a lo dispuesto p<sup>a</sup> las leyes y sujetos  
 a las condiciones siguientes.

26. G. D. R

1<sup>a</sup> Que se sometera a las que Establecien  
 el Replamiento que se ha de formar p<sup>a</sup>  
 la distribucion de <sup>los</sup> terrenos baldios  
 y q<sup>d</sup>. entretanto ni la aparciala ni sus he-  
 rederos podran dividir ni enagenar el terreno  
 de que se hace mención: imponer a su vir-  
 culo, fiança hipoteca ni otro gravamen alguno  
 sea p<sup>a</sup> causa p<sup>o</sup> ni pasarlo a manos  
 muertas.

2<sup>a</sup> podra ser usado sin perjudicar las honre-  
 rias camino y servicios: lo disputara  
 libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al  
 uso y cultivo que mas le acomode, pero dentro  
 de un año a lo mas fabricara casa y estara  
 habitada.

3<sup>a</sup> podra desde luego solicitar del juez  
 respectivo que le de posesion juridica en  
 Virtud de Este Despacho p<sup>a</sup> el cual  
 se demarcaren los lindes en cuyos lmi-  
 tes pondra a mas de las mojoneras  
 algunos arboles frutales o silvestres de  
 alguna utilidad.

4<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se hace referencia  
 es de siete sitios de ganado mayor por lo mas  
 mas o menos segun explica el census que



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que corre en el Expediente: el juez qd  
diere la posesion lo hara medi conforme  
à Ordenanza p<sup>a</sup> señalas los linderos  
quedando el sobrante que resulte à la  
nacion para los usos convenientes.

Si en consecuencia à estas condiciones  
perdiera su derecho al terreno y sera denun-  
ciable por oho.

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En consecuencia  
mando qd viniendole de titulo el presente  
y teniendole p<sup>a</sup> firme y valedero se tome  
Razon en el libro à qd corresponde y se  
le Entregue à la interesada p<sup>a</sup> su segu-  
rido y demas fines.

Dado en Monterey à 22 de Mayo de 1834

Jose Riqueroa

Agustin U. Zamorano: Secretario.

2<sup>a</sup> y 3<sup>a</sup> G. D. R. Sello tercio Dos Reales.

Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Aduana  
maritima del puerto de Monterey en el  
Departamento de las Californias, para  
los años de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y  
mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y uno.

Limeno

Antonio Maria Osio.

Sello

Señor prefecto de este Distrito

Ampl. Oct<sup>o</sup> y del Señor Prefecto de  
este Distrito.

1831. Como lo pidiere Juan B. Leandry de  
de la parte apegue esta vecindad ante V.  
se al Expediente p<sup>a</sup> por el ocuro mas cor-  
respectivo y de se respondo y como me o  
uenta p<sup>a</sup> esta vez haya lugar digo: que en  
f<sup>a</sup> à la Dec<sup>ta</sup> viniendo à mi derecho el  
del despacho del que consta en los docu-  
mentos anteriores o relati-  
vos al Rancho de los Cor-  
p<sup>a</sup> del sup<sup>o</sup> como ves la Escritura de venta  
amiento. (del mismo à mi favor por  
D<sup>o</sup> Juan Jose Nieto, è de

Arjiello

mercer de V. D. que se corra apegar al  
titulo que le fue conseedido al Exposedo  
Nieto y demas documentos la copia



autorizada qd. debidamente acompaño pa  
 qd. obra los efectos necesarios a la legitimidad  
 28. L. D. R. con qd. justamente posees otro Rancho pues  
 en ello espero alcanyar de V. D. la gracia  
 que impetro. Dyo no procede de malicia  
 y lo necesario.

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Angeles Ocho 2. de 1841

Lucm. B. Leandry

29. L. D. R. En la Ciudad de los Angeles a treinta  
 y uno de Agosto de mil Ocho Cientos treinta  
 y nueve. ante mi Machado Alcalde  
 primero Constitucional en turno que ac-  
 tivo por receptoria a falta de Escribano  
 publico, comparecieron Juan José Cheto Cha-  
 stinal y Vecinos del Rancho de Santa Ter-  
 truenis de esta municipalidad y dijo: Que  
 por si y en nombre de sus hijos, herederos, sub-  
 cesores y de quien de ellos hubiere titulo  
 vny y causa en cual esquiera memoria, ven-  
 de, y sea en venta Real y enajenacion per-  
 petua para siempre jamas, a Dn Juan  
 Bautista Leandry los bienes, Raices y  
 semovientes de su propiedad en el Rancho  
 llamado los Collotes con mas su finis y  
 señal y con ellos el derecho que le asista  
 a dicho Rancho de los Collotes qd. esta en  
 la comprension de esta misma municipa-  
 lidad cuyo terreno le pertenece en posesion  
 y propiedad y se compone de diez sitios de  
 ganado lindos con los parages de Santa Ter-  
 truenis; los Venitos, los Ucanitos, las Bolsas

30. L. D. R. y el Rancho de Juan Pacifico Antiveros  
 que es concedido por el Gobierno al poblador  
 Manuel Cheto rependado dicha con-  
 cesion al Otorgante, en Veinte y Ocho de  
 Julio de mil Ocho Cientos treinta y tres  
 por cuyo titulo le corresponde su pose-  
 sion, el cual declara y aseguia no tener  
 otros bienes, Raices y semovientes, su-  
 puros, y señal en su derecho a dicho  
 Rancho, vendidos, enajenados ni empe-  
 ñados y qd. estan libres de tributo memoria  
 Capellanía, vinculo patrimonial fianza  
 y asi Otro gravamen Real, perpetuo,



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temporal, Especial, general, tacito y expreso y como tal se los vende con todos las Entradas, salidas, fabrica, Centro, Vuelo, usos, costumbres, regalios, servidumbres y demas cosas anexas que ha tenido tiene y le pertenece segun derecho por la cantidad de dos mil pesos que tiene en hegado y pasaron a su poder, Real y Efectivamente, siendo mil quatrocientos pesos en Efectos, cien Reales, en quatrocientos pesos y doscientos pesos en moneda de plata usual y corriente que contra dos los importaron de cuya Entrega y Recibo se da por satisfecho el expresado Juan Jose Nieto que confiesa haberlos recibido como pagado de Ellos a su voluntad que por tanto renuncia la Excepcion que pudiera oponer por no constar de precepto Ley 9 tit. 1. parte 5. formalizada a favor del comprador la misma forma y Eficacia tanta de pago que a su seguridad conduca y asi mismo de claro que el justo precio y verdadero Valor de los referidos bienes Raices y semovientes, en mas el precio y señal, y con ellos el derecho que se asiste a otro Remate, son los dos mil pesos que no vale mas ni halla quien tanto le haya dado por ellos y si mas valen o Vales por el exceso en poca o mucha suma hare a favor del comprador y de sus herederos y sucesores, gracia y donacion

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una perfecta e irrevocable, en su vida con insinuacion y demas formalidades legales y renuncia la Ley 2. tit. 1. lib. 10 Nov. Re- copulacion que trata de los contratos de Ventas, trueques y de otros en q. hay lecion en mas o menos de la mitad del justo precio y los quatro años que se piden para pedir su rescision o suplemento a su justo valor, los que da por pasados como si efectivamente lo estuvieron y desde hoy en adelante para siempre desahogada desiste quita aparte a sus herederos y sucesores del dominio propiedad, posesion y goce



- curso y otro cualquiera derecho q.  
 le compete a los enunciados bienes y  
 semovientes el feudo y señal y con ellos  
 el derecho que le asiste a dicho Rancho  
 los cede, renuncie y tras pase con las ac-  
 ciones Reales y personales, Utiles mistas  
 directas y ejecutivas en el comprador  
 y en quien la compra representa para q.  
 los posea goze e ambre, enagenar y dis-  
 ponga de ellos a su eleccion como de  
 cosa suya adquirida con legitimo y justo  
 titulo. Le confiere poder irrevocable con  
 este, franco y general administracion y  
 constituye procurador actor en su propia  
 causa, para q. de su autoridad o judi-  
 cialmente se apodere de los nominales  
 bienes Raices y semovientes el feudo y  
 señal y con ellos el derecho a dicho Ran-  
 cho y de ellos tome y prenda la Real  
 tenencia y posesion que por derecho le com-  
 pete: Y para que no necesite tomar la me-  
 jide que le de copia autorizada de esta  
 Escritura con la cual sin otro acto de as-  
 persion, ha de ser visto habiela tomado  
 apenado y terminado de le y en el inte-  
 rim se constituye su inquilino tenedor  
 y precario poseedor en legal forma. Y se  
 obliga a q. dichos bienes Raices y semo-  
 vientes el feudo y señal y con ellos el dere-  
 cho de dicho Rancho, sera cierta segura  
 y efectiva al comprador y a los suyos en

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34. L. D. K  
 on libre uso y nade le inquietara ni  
 movera pleito sobre su propiedad el pose-  
 eion, goze y disfrute, ni contra ello apa-  
 recera gravamen alguno y si se le inquie-  
 tare, moviere o apareciere luego que el  
 Otorjante y sus herederos y sucesores  
 sean requeridos conforme a derecho  
 saldran a la defenya y lo oiguran  
 a sus expensas en todas instancias  
 y tribunales hasta ejecutarlo y defau-  
 dal comprador y a los suyos en su libe-  
 rro y quieto y pacifica posesion y go-  
 bernienolo conseguir le daran otros



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igual en Cito y Vente y en comodidad  
 y en su defecto le restituieren la cantidad  
 de lo que ha desembolsado las mejoras  
 utiles, necesarias y voluntarias que a la  
 sazón tenga el mayor valor y Estima  
 con que con el tiempo adquiriera y todos  
 los gastos daños intereses o menoscabos  
 que se le oprimieren e imputaren por todo  
 lo cual de lo ha de proveer efectuar solo  
 en virtud de esta Escritura y jura  
 mento del q. la posea o de quien le re=  
 presente en quien dijere su impate y  
 le releva de otra prueba. La observan  
 cia de todo lo referido obliga a su persona  
 y bienes habidos y por haber; renuncia  
 las leyes de su favor y defenda y con  
 fiera amplis proveer a los D<sup>os</sup> jueces q.  
 de este negocio deven conocer conforme  
 a derecho para q. le apremien a su cum  
 plimiento como por sentencia definitiva  
 de juez competente pasada en autoridad  
 de cosa juzgada y consentida q. por tal  
 lo resiba y lo firmo con mi go y los de mi as  
 sistencia siendo testigos instrumentales  
 D<sup>o</sup> José Ant<sup>o</sup>. Remirez y D<sup>o</sup> Manuel  
 Requena de Este Vecindad.

Antonio machado # a. Ruego y  
 encargo del Otorgante.  
 manano. R. Roldan

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Asa                           | Asa              |
| Don. Piva                     | Narciso Botello  |
| Instrumental                  | Instrumental     |
| J. Ant <sup>o</sup> . Remirez | # Manuel Requena |
| hechado = testigos No. Vale   |                  |

36. L. D. R. concuerda con su Original a que me  
 Remito que ceeste protocolado en el  
 libro de instrumentos publicos llevado  
 en ambos fuogados en el presente año  
 Esta fielmente sacada corregida y  
 enmendada, escrita en estas 6 hojas  
 de papel comun por no haber del sella  
 do respectivo. que autorizo y firmo con  
 los testigos de mi asistencia en la  
 Ciudad de los Angeles del Departa

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mento de Californias a los treinta y  
nueve dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y nueve.

En testimonio de Verdad = Ant. Machado  
Asa Asa  
Dño Polomares # Narciso Botello

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Ignacio M<sup>o</sup> Alvarado D<sup>o</sup> de  
hoy de esta ciudad v.

Certifico que la presente es  
fidelmente sacada del tes-  
timonio de la Escritura Original y  
no consta la autotiso y firmo con los  
testigos de mi casa de Jim. Cro. Doppé  
angel. Octub<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> de 1841.

Ignacio M<sup>o</sup> Alvarado  
Asa. Asa.  
D<sup>o</sup> Ocampo # Felipe Castillo

Office of the Surveyor Ge-  
neral of the United States for Califor-  
nia.

I Samuel D. King Surveyor  
General of the United States for the State  
of California, and as such now having  
in my Office and under my charge and  
custody a portion of the Archives of the  
former Spanish and Mexican Territory  
of Upper California do hereby certify  
that the thirty six pages of tracing pa-  
per preceding and hereunto annexed  
numbered from One to thirty six inclu-  
sive and each of which is verified by  
my initials (S. D. K.) exhibit a true  
and accurate copy of certain Docu-

Filed in Documents now on file and forming part of  
file Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> the said Archives in this Office.  
1852.

Geo. Fisher  
Secy

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto signed my name officially  
and affixed my private seal (not  
having a seal of Office) at the City of  
San Francisco this twentieth day of  
October A. D. 1851. Saml. D. King  
Survey. Genl. Cal.



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Translatario of Expediente

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Translation  
of  
E. Expediente

Having the honor of passing to the hands  
of your Excellency the accompanying repre-  
sentations which the Sr Juan Jose  
Suñer has made me on the 19th of June  
last, in which he is the possessor of the Rancho  
of Santa Barbara contiguous to the  
Puerto of San Diego of San Angeles

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This  
request which on various occasions  
has been made me by word of mouth  
to the effect that the Government of the Terri-  
tory from the year 25 to the 33 in-  
cludes all that concerns the ranch of  
Suñer has been conversant of it

The  
cities what are its boundaries and  
what the same means, they are those  
that were designated to the authorities  
of Suñer by means of the Government  
San Diego

The subject is one of much  
importance to the party interested, but as  
Juan Jose Suñer has not up to the present  
epoch there has not been or there  
has not met the archive of the records of  
my former Government for its preservation  
of the memory, precisely what could be  
certified.

Having to do with my sup-  
plication upon the subject to your Ex-  
cellency in proper terms, I am sure that the  
petitioner may obtain the corresponding  
taking.

I am your Excellency most  
obedient servant  
President of San Diego February 15th  
1833

José María de la Cruz  
Sr Commandant General  
and Superior Political Chief  
of the Territory  
Don José Figueroa  
Secretary



Protesting March 23rd 1833  
Report to the Secretary office  
Teguerra  
Superior Political Chief

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In this Secretary office I have met with a petition of the citizens Juan Jose Nieto of the 26th of March 1827 and with it an accompanying ordinance of the 23rd of March which is only joined to this expedient to have reference to the new decree of the 19th of January past which presents the matter.

And more over referring to the bundles of the Account books in the year of 1784 to which date in his petition of the 26th of March appears there appears a rough draft of contracts of the San Joaquin the common custom which he makes to Sr Arce Laga on the 20th of November 1784 which among other things says what follows copied verbatim

Cattle any amount in such a manner that it is necessary to various purposes to give them some attention they have some parts of land which have been granted to them but no arable is granted to Juan Jose Dominguez who was a soldier from the Province of San Diego that he has this day purchased of Juan and about 200 cattle on the Resolution from San Felipe and to Maricao and to for equal reason I have granted that of the San Joaquin

As the travelled road from San Joaquin according to the diagram and to the San Joaquin I have been with the arrows hands and signs to the person under the order that they shall take care to give frequent riders between the two &c

This is what it has been possible for



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me to obtain from the Archives of  
the Secretary's office under my charge  
in fulfilment of the Superior's decree  
of 1833 by calling them precedents

Montevideo, April 1st 1833

Agustín V. Zamora and  
Montevideo, April 16th 1833

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into the colle-  
ction of the preceding to which the  
report from the Secretary's office refers  
let this expediente be remitted to  
the interested Agent by order of his  
office to the Constitutional Account  
of the Pueblo of Los Angeles, that he  
may give him directions in the advice  
and what is proper in a case like the  
present. The party interested may proceed  
by himself or an attorney to take legal  
proceedings in the business which devolves  
upon this Government thus occurs  
and requires the Sr. Patricio Superior  
Chief of this Territory, which he  
attests

Agustín V. Zamora  
Secretary

William Anderson & Son  
Citizen Jose M. de la Cruz  
Juan Jose  
that owner of the ranch of Santa Fe has  
as auxiliary neighbor of the Pueblo  
of our Lady of Los Angeles, humbly and  
with all due respect which some  
supplicants of J. H. that you will read  
in the minutes to give me a copy  
(a instancia) of the paper which has  
to give J. H. concerning the  
occurrences of my ranch which if it  
was pleased to obtain from me for the  
reason that it had been lost from my  
deceased father Manuel Pantoja  
which was given to him who in paper  
is with the late retired Sergeant Jose  
Ma. Arango to whom equally in as it  
prior by law with my father as Pantoja

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or formans of this Territory to be  
I ask and supplicate of your Honor  
to kindly present your natural goodness  
to grant me the return which I look for  
aspirating into this common paper  
for want of the seal for which I am  
most humbly as always your much  
obedient

Juan Jose Nieto

San Gabriel January 19th 1833

Superior Political Chief of the  
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The citizen Juan Jose Nieto established  
in the Ranch of Santa Barbara of Alta  
California with his three brothers Jose  
Antonio and Juan Manuel Nietos  
in possession of the same and high and  
illiquid of the Government with what  
the Court of Justice is permitting them  
and assuming that since the happy  
year of 1784 the Superior Governor Don  
Pedro Fages was pleased in name of  
the nation to give complete title to the ranch  
referred to as is clear and evident.

The  
boundaries of which are from the  
Ranch of Santa Ana to the River of San  
Gabriel and from the main road to  
the sea coast granted to my late father  
Manuel Nieto. But my late father the Superior  
Chief who is to add therein the established  
right of my late father the documents  
which prove said concession signed  
by said Superior Chief are lost.

Which was  
signed the same year that the same  
the same form to the letters in material Jose  
Juan Nietos and this has been having been  
proven that only remains to be the  
settled name of said ranch and we only  
wish the Christian zeal of you to  
to compare or arrange to us the Santa  
Barbara tract that it may appear in  
our power that we can sustain with  
better spirits our limited means.



and that our successors may obtain  
it by a simple result or termination  
whenever we ask of the Community that  
it may please you with your charity  
the Providence to grant us the favor which  
we solicit in this our Petition if it  
may be possible and we are very  
very much obliged

Pueblo de Los Angeles,  
25th of March 1833

Jose Juan Nieto

Mayor Alcalde Constitucional of the Pueblo  
of our Lady of Los Angeles

Recibido en  
gran Jose Nieto for himself and in  
the name of his three brothers Antonio  
Man and the others Sargant, Guadalupe  
Cata in the name of his wife Maria  
Manuela Nieto and Jose Antonio with  
all due respect and reverence.

The having  
received information that the brothers  
Antonio Machado and one of the same  
class Antonio Ignacio Alcazar have  
solicited lands of our ranch for  
which reason we are obliged to advise  
you that said lands were granted to  
our late father Jose Manuel Nieto for  
services which he had done as appear  
in the Archiv from which time until  
the present said lands has not been  
abandoned and has been kept with  
all due care

In the year 1821 by order  
of the Governor Don Pablo de Sola  
and were commanded to receive the  
lands from our ranch and not owning  
them in said year we should be the  
patrons from the Ranch and we are not  
having sufficient funds to sell said lands  
a number of times we agreed with the  
Mission of San Gabriel to execute the  
mandate given in the power to pasture  
their cattle in the ranch. More over  
we present the present be taken

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amicably and we have sufficient cattle  
to cover the Ranch. Wherefore we supp-  
licate of your Honor to be pleased to pass  
this our Petition to the Honors of the  
Commandant General. The Curia  
have present as the number of our  
familias which in all are 24 persons  
and for which we do not ask that you  
will leave us this said land in our  
power for our maintenance. We expect  
the favor of you.

Pueblo of Los Angeles January  
23rd 1821

This is from the last of your  
servants that the demerit of his papers  
beams, and not knowing how to write  
I sign it with a cross and your Esteban  
Lopez sign it from the request of your  
good friends.

Esteban Lopez

If the foregoing may give you to know  
full in stock to cover this Ranch this  
mission man my change by the mis-  
ing this of training well being him  
in person of a good man chosen in  
his part that he may receive them  
and another person of this mission  
that he may deliver all of the said  
stock as they be sufficient to cover  
said tract.

Mission of San Gabriel 23rd January  
1821

Fray Jose Sanchez

Pueblo of Los Angeles 25th of Jan 1821

has been visited in the course of this  
petition that it was necessary to request  
some documents of the customs  
established in this Province of Alta  
California and found it was an  
order that there is a good number  
order to the department which it  
carries respecting the Curia which  
it carries and in virtue thereof we can  
translate it spirit can be extended.



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In the Archives which exist in this  
Secretary's office it does not appear  
that there is any document that gives  
credit to this petition.

But if there is doubt  
enough to cover the leagues already grown  
into extensive property which are in  
the nature of residing by citizens in the  
jurisdiction of this Territory there are  
citizens who of the quantity and number  
of the property can take account of the  
stock of cattle and horses.

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James Gorba

To the Superior Judicial Court  
The Citizen Luciano Guj'albu native  
of the State of Sonora and resident of  
this Territory into sufficient power of  
attorney from the latter Juan Jose and  
whole right and cause present to your  
Court with due respect and at the most  
proper time would make known  
that in the year 1784 there was granted  
to him by his Excellency the Governor Don  
Pedro Fages to visit to Don Manuel Santa  
the possession of land which is set forth  
in the papers which I have the honor  
to accompany with this

He having and  
his heirs amongst others he with his  
the favor of attorney was the head or  
principal and continued in peaceable  
possession occupying the said land  
as legitimate owner, that they have  
continued and maintain this state  
of things for more than twenty five  
years that have elapsed until the present  
date without having been molested  
in the enjoyment of their rights. That  
the said papers having been lost which  
legatize their property in the land  
he applied many times to the Superior  
Judicial Court in and by virtue  
of the existing evidence in the Archives  
he would give him a new title but on  
that and he repeat his solicitations

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until the funds are of your I am ready  
 for the fair to return it given: from  
 testimony of the only proof that could  
 be found in the Archives. But it is  
 sufficient to make known the legatly  
 into which he has possession, the above  
 mentioned land, as is set forth in the  
 proceedings, which I respectfully transmit  
 in fine brief leaves to the end that  
 granting it to be sufficient and lawful  
 you will in case of justice put down  
 the corresponding title and conveyance  
 that to him be given permanent possession

and  
 assigns that all the heirs should  
 enjoy the same, can now be decided  
 father I supplicate your Honor if these  
 should be in common that separate  
 titles may be given for the part that  
 corresponds to each one as is design-  
 ated in the diagram of those lands, the  
 part called Santa Bertina, to Doña  
 Josefa Calvo and her children as the  
 widow of the deceased Antonio Maria  
 until the part called Las Zalsas, to Doña  
 Catalina Ruiz and her children as  
 widow of the deceased José Antonio Ruiz  
 the part called the Herreros to Doña Manuela  
 Ruiz and the Balance which comprises  
 the place called the Coyotes Alamos  
 Palo Alto & for the heirs who give me  
 power of attorney Don Juan José Calvo  
 as the head of the family has de-  
 manded to effect these divisions for the  
 benefit of his relatives and to avoid  
 all claims for litigation he sincerely  
 asks that possession may be given to  
 each one of the corresponding part to  
 each one in such division

I petition  
 your Honor to be so kind as to grant  
 my request and that I may obtain the  
 fair and justice I implore I repeat that  
 it is not through malice and that  
 it is necessary &c



San Diego 26th July 1833  
Maurice de Falla  
San Diego July 27th 1833

Represent  
Petition Examined the peaceable and  
non interrupted possession into  
which Manuel Nieto and his heirs  
have enjoyed the lands according to  
the public notoriety and marked in  
the Diagrams

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Having seen the Instance  
shown in the said lands ungranted  
by Juan Pedro Fages to the above  
mentioned unto with every thing else  
which belongs present and shall be  
concurrent.

In full conformity with  
the Laws and regulations of the real  
councils subject to the conditions which  
they import they are declared owners  
of the lands estate to Juan Jose into  
the place called Coyotes, Alamos  
and Palo Alto, to Don Manuel  
into the place called Peritas to Juan  
Jose into the middle of San Antonio  
Mania into the place called Santa  
Catalina.

To Juan Batavina into  
the middle of San Jose Antonio into  
the place called Las Balsas.

Qui Thom  
The corresponding titles it is ordered  
that judicial possession be given  
to them as they have claimed.

Because  
the parties to be informed and as respects  
the titles which cannot be issued  
until they arrive at the Capital

Have  
them certified testimony of this power  
issued to all who shall come  
in the mean time as a safe guard  
to the parties interested.

José Figueroa



Supreme Potlitical Chief  
of this Territory Lewis J. Adams  
admiral and signer which latter

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Jose Figueroa  
Agustín N. Zamarrón  
Secretary

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Seal of the Third Class Two Reales  
for the years one thousand eight hundred  
and twenty six and eight hundred  
and twenty seven

Stamp for 1828 + 1829 } wanting 21st December 1833  
Complete  
what is contained in the  
provisional decree of the  
11th of the present year  
that by whom the judicial  
proceedings shall be given  
to the parties with refer-  
ence to the amount and  
contents of said possession  
which they have been  
having

Stamp for 1830 + 1831 }  
Jose Figueroa  
General of the said court  
commenced in the  
Supreme Potlitical Chief of  
the Territory

Thus I command it done and  
signed in which latter  
signed  
Jose Figueroa  
Agustín N. Zamarrón  
Secretary

Filed in Office September 11th 1852  
signed  
Gen. Fisher  
Secy  
Received in America at Bras 13p 406  
signed  
Gen. Fisher  
Secy



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Sello pumero Diez pesos:

Habilitado provisionalmt. por la Aduana  
Maritima de Monteray para los años de  
mil Ocho cientos treinta y tres y mil  
Ocho cientos treinta y cuatro.

Veigueroa

Jose Rafael Gonzales

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Jose Veigueroa General de Bri-  
gada de los Ejercitos Nacionales Mexi-  
canos, Comandante general Inspector  
y Jefe superior politico del territorio  
de la Alta California.

Por suerto Dona Josefa Cota Quicia  
de Don Antonio maria Cheto tiene acre-  
ditado su derecho a la testamentaria  
del finado Manuel Cheto y tomándolo  
en consideracion las antigüedades y pacifica  
posesion que tiene del paraje conocido  
con el nombre de Santa Gertrudis co-  
sidente con la Mission de San Gabriel  
y Rancho de los Coyotes y los demas  
practicados: previamente las diligencias  
y averiguaciones concernientes segun  
lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos  
usando de las facultades que me son  
conferidas: por decreto de veinte y siete  
de julio del año anterior a nombre de la  
Gobernacion Mexicana he venido en declarar  
la propiedad del referido paraje y de  
que se le ponga en pacifica posesion por  
las presentes letras con entera conformidad  
a lo dispuesto por las leyes y sujeta a  
las condiciones siguientes.

1<sup>o</sup> Que se sometera a las que estableci-  
ere el Reglamento que se ha de formar  
para la Distribucion de terrenos baldios  
y que, en el tanto ni la apreciada ni  
sus herederos podran dividir ni enajenar  
el terreno de que se ha hecho mencion  
imponer senso vinculo pignorativo  
ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa  
pudorosa ni pasarlo a manos muertas  
2<sup>o</sup> podra ser arado sin perjudicar las  
avenidas, caminos y servicios de sombra.







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November 28

D  
Translation  
of  
Title

Jose Figueroa General of Brigade of the  
National Army of Mexico Commander  
and General Inspector and Director  
Civil Chief of Upper California

Whom as

Don Juan Jose de la Cruz the owner of Don  
Antonio Maria Muto has proven his  
right in the use of the late Spanish  
lands and considering the ancient and  
peaceable possession which he holds  
in the place known by the name of Santa  
Ines adjoining the Mission of San  
Gabriel and the Rancho of the Coyotes  
and the Serretos.

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The regular proceedings  
having been gone through with together  
with all the investigations concerning  
the matter according to the direction of  
the laws and regulations respecting  
the authority conferred upon me in the  
name of the Mexican nation by the  
decree of the 27th of July of the present  
year.

I have concluded to declare it  
the property of the above named and  
that the title in the above premises  
will be the present letters and in virtue  
conforming with the direction of the laws  
and subject to the following conditions  
1st That the title conform exactly  
to the conditions which the regulations  
shall establish to which he is to conform  
for the distribution of public lands.

And in the meantime until  
the parties party nor his heirs can  
divide or alienate the land of which  
mention has been made nor  
constitute mortgage here nor other  
incumbrance though it be superior  
nor nor pass it into another  
And he may enclose it without prejudice  
to the cross roads and easements he  
may have or may have in the future.

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restoring it to that use or culture which  
may best suit her interests. The term  
of one year at the most shall be used  
above and it shall be intimated.

3rd The Magistrate requires of the  
proper Judge to give judicial possession  
by virtue of this Dispatch, by which the  
boundaries shall be designated within  
the limits of which the said place  
in addition to the lands marked some  
fruit or fruit trees of some utility.

4th The lands to which reference is made  
contains free leagues of grazing land  
with the same or less according to the  
explanations of the Magistrate which  
accompanies the Expediente.

The Judge  
who shall give the possession shall  
have it measured, conformably to the  
ordnance for indicating boundaries  
reserving the couplets that may result  
to the Nation for common use,  
5th If the said boundaries these  
conditions shall be put on paper  
to the land and it may be accompanied  
by another person.

Wherefore I order  
that the present survey be put to  
and being held from the said place a correct  
boundaries in the relations book  
and that this be delivered to the party  
interested for his protection and further  
use.

Given at Montevideo May 22nd 1834  
Jose Figueroa Secretary of the Government

Notice is taken in the book of entries  
of this upon the administrative of land  
at leaf 30 in 28 which rest with the  
office under my charge number 22 May  
1834

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In witness See  
Record in book 3 fol 13 p 414  
In witness See



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Copia à faire  
De De Samuel Carpenter

Ande 1845.

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En la Ciudad de Los Angeles del Departamento de California a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y tres: Yo Antonio Coronel juez de primer nombramiento de esta Ciudad y su demarcacion dije: que Anuncio a la Solitud verbal que ha hecho Don Samuel Carpentier para que le sea posecion jurada en el Rancho de Santa Gertrudis (alias) los Nietos y del que adquirio el derecho por venta que hizo de este Dona Josefa Cota segun consta de los Documentos presentados en este juzgado de mi cargo pasese por mi y testigos de asistencia y procedase a la posecion indicada. Asuyo decreto, mande y firme con los testigos de asistencia. Antonio Coronel Coronel

Basilio Valdez - cosa

Cosa Felipe Valenzuela.

En seguida mande Oficio a los Senores Colindantes Don Juan Perez, Don Tomas Sanchez y Dona Terenciosa Uribe; y no habiendo manifestado ninguna excepcion les dije procedia al reconocimiento de linderos y posecion respectiva lo que asienta por diligencia que autorize y firme con los de asistencia segun derecho.

Antonio Terencio Coronel

Asistencia

Asistencia.

Basilio Valdez # Felipe Valenzuela  
A. Continuacion y hallandome en el Rancho de Santa Gertrudis y tomados las diligencias practicadas cuando se le dio posecion del sitio a Dona Josefa Cota se leyó a la Vista de los Colindantes mas como no manifestaron ningun alegato sino que reconocian por veritas y legales causas; procedi a poner en posecion del derecho y propiedad al Senor Don Samuel Carpentier por lo que ya convenidas y revisados los linderos se dieron por satisfechos todos y por concluido el Acto lo que autorize y firmandolo con los de



Asistencia y los que supieron.

Antonio <sup>el</sup> Franco Coronel

Asistencia

Asistencia

Basilio Valdez # Felipe Valenzuela

Entreguense estas diligencias al Señor Don Manuel Carpentier para que le sirva de recordado. Asi yo el juez que suscribi el decreto mande y firmé con los de Asistencia segun derecho. Antonio <sup>el</sup> Franco Coronel

Asista

Asista

Basilio Valdez # Felipe Valenzuela

En la fecha se entregaron en tres folios utiles - Rubrica = por pecuniamiento de cada parte se protocolaron.  
Coronel = Rubrica

Concuerda en su Original de que doy fe y se saca del libro de instrumentos publicos del mismo año de mil Ochocientos noventa y tres y se saca hoy a las tres de Octubre de mil Ochocientos noventa y cinco en tres folios del papel comun por falta de sellado.

Act. Sanchez

Asa

Asa

J. J. Coronel

Felipe Castillo

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but no opposition was manifested  
the former given being recognized  
certain and legal.

Proceeds to put  
in possession of right and property  
Samuel Carpenter by which the Pen  
ndaris being agreed upon and  
ruined, and given to the satisfaction  
of all.

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And to conclude the act of  
possession all of which I am leaving  
depending on my assistants and their  
wholesome cognizance thereof.

Antonio F. Coronel  
assist  
Bautista Valdez      Felipe Valenzuela  
assist

Three pro curators to Samuel Carpenter  
that they will run for his protection  
thru the Judge that subsists in ac  
cruis, ordains and signs with those  
of my assistance according to law

Antonio F. Coronel  
assist  
Bautista Valdez      Felipe Valenzuela  
assist

date they were delivered in three useful  
leaves, by request of the party interes  
ted they entered in the judicial means  
Coronel

It agrees with its original to which I  
refer from which this is faithfully  
taken, carried and compared, and  
appears in the Book of public Instru  
ments with its common paper for want  
of the seal in the useful leave sent  
as above

Antonio F. Coronel  
assist  
Martin Aragon      Juan Dominguez  
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Sello primer Ocho pesos:

Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana  
na Maritima del puerto de Monterey en el  
Departamento de las Californias para el  
año de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta y tres.  
Micheltoena Manuel Castañares

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Sello En la Ciudad de los Angeles  
del Departamento de las Califor-  
nias a los veinte y un dias del mes  
de Diciembre de mil Ocho cientos cuarenta  
y tres ante mi Antonio Garcia el Coronel  
Jefe de primer nombramiento de Botas re-  
pública Ciudad y su demarcacion y por  
ante mis testigos de asistencia en que  
nos actuo por receptoria a falta de Boer  
como publico a mas de los instrumentales  
que al fin se nominaron empuecio  
Doña Josefa Cota de Cheto, viuda de Antonio  
maria Cheto, a lo que doy fe conoço  
y digo: Que siendo dueña del Rancho  
de Santa Gertrudis, segun aparece del  
titulo que aqui se presenta: por si a nombre  
de sus herederos, subsecos y de quien de  
Ellos hubiere titulo loz y causa en cual  
esquerra manera vende y da en venta real  
y enagenacion perpetua, por fin de heredad  
por siempre jamas al señor Don Samuel  
Carpenter y a los suyos el derecho y propie-  
dad que tiene en el nominado Rancho  
de Santa Gertrudis que se compone en los  
sitios de sanado Mayor (menos un pedazo  
que toca a Tomas Sanchez y es de la pro-  
piedad de este sr. cuyo terreno de co-  
ntada Santa Gertrudis, le pertenece y  
no se halla vendido, enagenado ni empe-  
nado que esta libre de tributo, memoria  
Capellanía vinculo, patronato, panya  
y de otro gravamen real perpetuo, temporal  
Especial, general, facili y otros y como  
tal se lo vende, con todas las entradas  
salidas pastos, ahovaderos montes, Aguas  
Vejas, dehesas, censos usos costumbres  
patricas estenciones, Regalias y servidumbres

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y demas cosas anexas que ha tenido y tiene y le pertenecen segun derecho en cantidad de cuatro mil veinte y cinco pesos que seran dos mil veinte y cinco pesos en plata y dos mil en Efectos a precio de buque a mas pagara los derechos de la Escritura; in empujendose en esta Venta el precio y señal con que se sirve el Rancho. Del precio convenido se da por satisfecha la Otorgante, que no tanto renuncia la excepcion que pudiera poner por no en otorgar de presente la ley y titulo 1º. part. 8.ª. promulgada a favor del comprador la mas firme y eficaz carta de pago que a su seguridad conduzca y asi mismo declara que el justo precio y verdadero valor del referido terreno es el puesto en esta Escritura que no vale mas ni hallo quien mas le diere, y si mas vale o valer media del Exceso en poco o mucha suma hace a favor del comprador, de sus herederos o sucesores, gracia y donacion pura y perfecta e irrevocable en su vida y demas puestas legales, renuncia la ley segunda titulo 1º. novisima recopilacion que trata de los contratos de Venta trueque y otras en que hay lecion en mas o menos de la mitad del justo precio y los cuatro años que prescribe para pedir su rescision o suplemento a su justo valor, los que de ahora pasados como si efectivamente lo obtuvieron y desde hoy en adelante para siempre se desahodera desiste quita y aparta a sus herederos o sucesores del dominio propiedad, posesion, titulo de posesion y otros cualesquiera derechos que le competen al renunciado teneno lo cede renuncia y traslada con las acciones Reales, personales, mixtas, dueñas y ejecutivas en el comprador o en quien el suyo represente, para que lo posea gose e embre enajene como de cosa suya adquirida con legitimo y justo titulo le enprie poder irrevocable en libre pancia



y general administracion y le constituye  
 procurador actor en su propia causa para  
 que de su autoridad o judicialmente  
 entre y se apodere del nominado terreno  
 y del tomo y prenda la Real tenencia  
 y posesion que por derecho le compete y  
 para que no necesite tomarla; prode se  
 le de copia autorizada de esta Escri-  
 tura en la cual sin otro acto de apren-  
 sion ha de ser visto haberla tomado  
 y trasfido dele. En el interin se consti-  
 tuye su tenedora y poseedora prode  
 en legal forma, y se obliga la Otorgante  
 de que dicho terreno sera cierto seguro y  
 efectivo a el comprador y que nadie le  
 inquietara ni movera pleito sobre su po-  
 sicion, gozo y disfrute ni contra ello apa-  
 recerá gravamen alguno o si se le inquietar  
 moviere o apareciere luego que la Otorgante  
 y sus herederos sean requeridos conforme  
 a derecho saldran a la defenza y le  
 siguieren a sus costas en todas instan-  
 cias y tribunales hasta ejecutarlos  
 y dejar al comprador y a los suyos en  
 libre uso quieto y pacifica posesion y no  
 pudiendo conseguirlo le daran otorgada  
 en valor fabricka, situ renta y como clida  
 des o en su defecto le restituiran la can-  
 tidad que ha desembolsado, las mejoras  
 utiles necesarias y voluntarias que a la sazón  
 tengan el mayor valor y estimacion que  
 con el tiempo adquirieran y de todos los  
 gastos e intereses que de le siguieren e  
 movieren para todo lo cual de le ha de  
 poder ejecutar en virtud de esta Escritu-  
 ra o juramento del que la posea o  
 en quien difiere su parte y lo releva de  
 otra nueva. La observancia de lo  
 referido obliga la Otorgante su persona  
 y bienes habidos y por habes y con ellos  
 se somete al juicio y jurisdiccion de los  
 señores jueces que de este negocio deven  
 conocer conforme a derecho; como si  
 fuese en sentencia pasada, renuncia



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su fuero y domicilio y veindad las leyes de su favor y defensa en cuyo testimonio asi lo Otorgo y firmo conmigo y lo de asistencia segun cito. siendo los instrumentales los C. C. Vicente Guerrero y Marcelo Redona.

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Antonio <sup>ex</sup> Coronel # Josefa Cota  
Asa <sup>Asista</sup>  
Juan Temple # Tomas Sanchez  
Instrumental Instrumental  
Jose Vicente Guerrero # Manuel Redona

Concuerda en su Original a que me remito y se halla en el libro de instrumentados publicos de este año del que se sae, correjo confrontu pel y legalmente en estas cines por utiles.

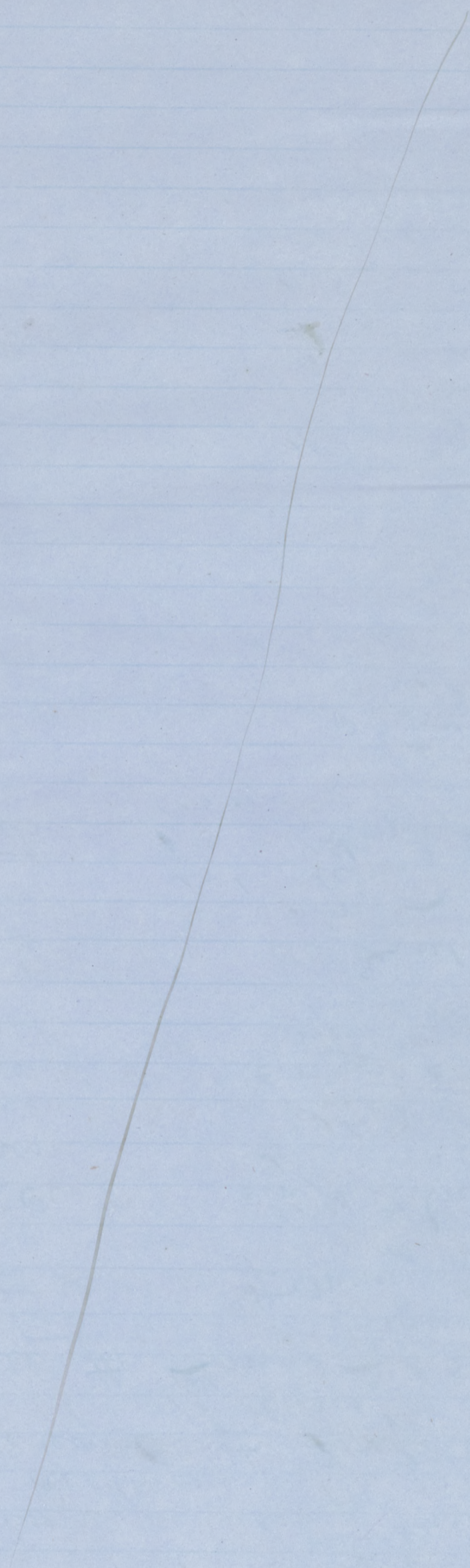
En testimonio de Verdad  
Ant. <sup>ex</sup> Coronel

Asa. Asa  
Abel Stearns J. Temple

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Seal of the first class Eight Dollars  
 Qualifying Provisionally for the Maritime  
 Customs House of the Port of Monterey in  
 the Department of the California for  
 the year 1843

Nicholas Naimé Castanars  
 The City of Los Angeles of the Depart-  
 ment of the California on the 21st day  
 of the month of December 1843 before  
 the Court & before Judge of the  
 first Appointments of this of said  
 City and its Provisional and before  
 his assistant witnesses with whom  
 I act as delegate Judge, there being no  
 notary Public besides the District  
 notaries which to this end were  
 appointed appearing Dama Josefa  
 Lota de Nieto the widow of Antonio  
 Maria Nieto whom I call and know  
 and she said that being owner of the  
 Rancho of Santa Barbara as appears  
 by the title duly presented for me to  
 do in the name of her heirs successors  
 and what ever she should or may have  
 title or a right or whatever manner  
 she has and she is in actual sale and  
 alienation of the same to pass from father  
 to son for ever to Don Samuel Carpen-  
 ter and to his heirs the right and  
 property which she has in the Rancho  
 Rancho of Santa Barbara which is  
 composed of five leagues of grazing land  
 except for a single piece which be-  
 long to Tomas Sanchez and is of the  
 property of that Santa Barbara which land  
 of the said Santa Barbara belongs  
 to her and has not been sold nor mort-  
 gaged which is free from tax account  
 church tithes and all forms of tribute  
 civil or other in any manner actual  
 spiritual temporal or any other  
 implied and express and as such it  
 is sold together with all the entries  
 outlets pastures watering places  
 for cattle groves meadows for grazing



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Spain's rights as is customs buildings  
 extensive privileges and easements  
 and all other things annexed which  
 it has had, or has, and of which right  
 belong to it for the sum of five thousand  
 - pounds and twenty five dollars which  
 will be two thousand and twenty  
 five dollars in silver and two thousand  
 and dollars in effects after the ship  
 price besides usual pay the expenses  
 of the writings, the old brand and  
 can mark with which the ranch  
 is served being in division in this sale  
 She

who makes conveyance acknowledged  
 as the receipt of the price agreed upon  
 and the temporary revenues the receipt  
 she might make from the fact that  
 the land does not appear in sum  
 to not Law 9 title 1 part 5 the former  
 - always in favor of the purchaser the most  
 firm and effective letter of payment  
 which may conduce to his security

and  
 therefore she declares that the just price  
 and true value of the aforesaid lands  
 is that put in the writings that it  
 is not worth more nor worth any  
 person give more and if it be worth  
 more or worth less than the  
 price set little or much shall go  
 to the favor of the purchaser his heirs  
 and successors by grace and gift pure  
 full perfect and irrevocable in form  
 and other legal validities.

She  
 guarantees the Law 2 title 1 last abridge  
 - which treats of contracts of  
 sale and exchange and others in  
 which there is a loss of more or less  
 than half than just price and the four  
 years within which its abrogation  
 may be demanded or the supplement  
 of its just value all of which she  
 admits as having passed as if



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they had, especially transfers  
 and from this day hence forward and  
 from the date hereof all power  
 rights takes away and separates her  
 heirs and successors from the dominion  
 property possession title voice voice  
 and every other right that pertains to  
 the said land, she grants, conveys,  
 and conveys with the actions, real  
 personal mixed, direct and indirect  
 to the purchaser or whom your heirs,  
 assigns and assigns in all that he may  
 possess, enjoy or change, all as a  
 thing that belongs to him in equity and  
 legal and just title the same as  
 him from irrevocable with free  
 frank and quiet administration and  
 he constitutes him attorney, claimant  
 or plaintiff in his own behalf and  
 that of his own attorney or judicially  
 he may enter and be possessed of the  
 said land and that he take of  
 it and since the actual occupation  
 and possession which by right he may  
 take and since it may not be  
 any to take possession actually he  
 acts that an authorized copy of this  
 instrument may be given him by  
 which without other act of possession  
 it may seem that he has taken it in  
 possession and it is transferred to him

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for  
 the present time he is constituted  
 its possessor and for certain holden  
 and the vendor obligates himself that  
 the said land shall be certain peace  
 and effect to the purchaser and  
 that nobody shall molest him  
 nor make litigation against his  
 possession enjoyment or property  
 nor shall any man or woman  
 against it that he shall be and  
 estate or litigation shall be moved  
 or appear as soon as the vendor and  
 his heirs shall be required according



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to Law they shall come forward  
in defence and shall answer at  
their own expense in every instance  
and before whatever competent  
final decision and to leave to the  
purchaser and his heirs or assigns  
the peace quiet and peaceable  
possession thereof

and not being  
able to secure it to him they shall  
give him another equal in value  
and standing situation and con-  
veniences or in default of this they  
shall restore to him the amount  
they have received (or be liable therefor)  
for the improvements and expenses  
and voluntary which at the time  
or times may have greater value  
and estimations than they obtained  
or had at the time they were made  
and shall pay the expenses and interests  
which may have arisen or been  
caused for any thing which shall  
have been given back to him by  
virtue of this instrument or of the  
order of him who has possession  
yet or of him who receives his part  
and returns it from other proof

and  
for the assurance of the foregoing  
the donor obliges his person and  
goods and to his heirs and with  
these his servants to the authority  
and jurisdiction of the judges  
that ought to have cognizance  
thereof lawfully to Law as if  
it were a decision passed the same  
unless the same shall be of his  
particular demand and account  
the same in his person and for his  
defense and all legal expenses  
he might have recourse to for  
obtaining whereof this shall be committed  
and signed in the presence of his  
witness according to Law the



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Instrumentatus being the citizens  
Vicente Guerrero and Narciso Medina  
Antonio F. Leonard

Joséfa Leta  
assist  
Johns Sanden, Juan Temple  
Just  
José Vicente Guerrero, Narciso Medina

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This agrees with its original to which  
I refer and is found in the book of  
public documents of this year from  
which this was taken corrected  
and compared faithfully and  
legally on these fine respect leaves  
testimony of truth

Antonio F. Leonard  
assist  
Alfred Stearns, J. Temple  
assist

I certify so far as I can see ought  
and the Law permits that in the  
year eight hundred and forty three  
I executed an instrument of bar-  
gain and sale before the just judge  
of this city in which I granted to  
Saman Carpenter the right that  
remains to me in the Rancho  
known by the name of Santa  
Catalina, after previous payment  
for the said party.

and the same which  
appears in the instrument of said  
for such consumation the said Saman  
Carpenter remaining owner  
of said party. And at the request  
of the persons interested I give the  
present in the City of Los Angeles  
on the 15th of September 1847 on com-  
mon paper that being recorded

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at  
the request of my sister Joséfa Leta  
who does not know how to sign  
in name  
Leonardo Leta



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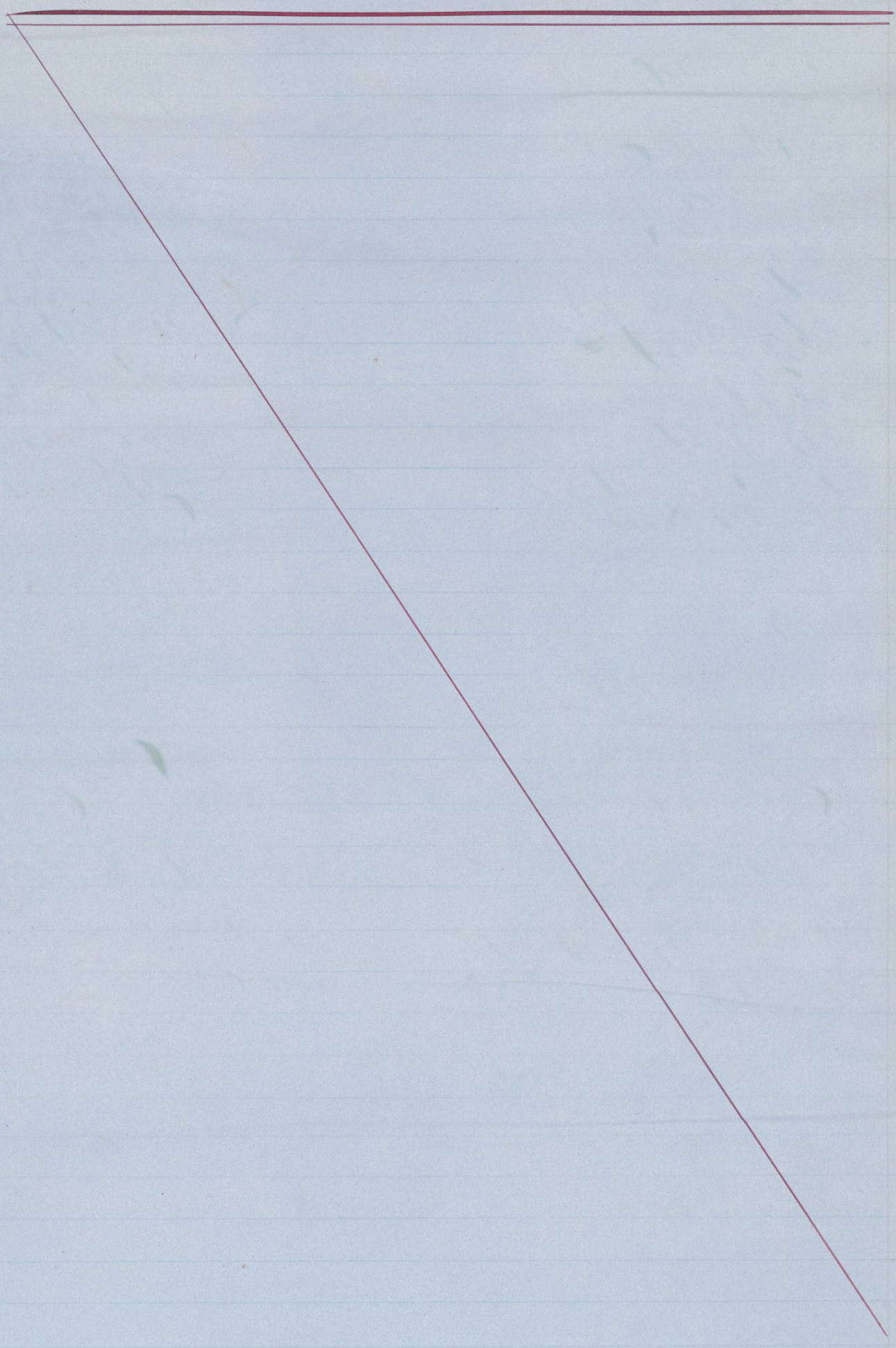
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Abel Stearns  
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Don Alcalde Constitucional  
manía Josefa Cota viuda de D<sup>na</sup> Ant<sup>da</sup> M<sup>ca</sup>  
Victo y Dueño del Rancho de Sta Gertrudis  
ante V. con todo Respeto y conforme a derecho  
pareso y ojió: Que conforme al Despacho  
que originalmente le acompaño se ha de  
servir V. pasar al mencionado Rancho  
y posesionarme de los sitios que en el se  
indican; practicar el Respectivo Especto  
y luego darne de el un testimonio p<sup>ra</sup> mi  
Resguardo.

Por tanto V. V. duplico se  
digne en merito de p<sup>ra</sup> decretar en favor  
de mi solicitud devolveme ambos orig<sup>es</sup> con  
la providencia q<sup>e</sup> estime p<sup>ra</sup> conveniente y  
recebirme esta esposicion en el presente pa  
pel por no haberlo del sello que corresponde  
a cuya reposicion me comprometo.

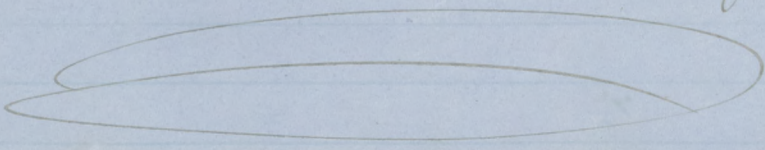
Quo no proceder de malicia  
Pueblo de los Angeles 10 de Febrero  
de 1835.

Esto se firmo +  
Pueblo de los Angeles Febrero 11 de 1835  
por presentado y admitido según derecho  
procedase a darle a la intercedida la  
posesion que solicita previa la disposicion  
que solicitara yialmente del Ayuntamiento  
D. Abel Stearns que debe asistir a las  
medidas -

Alvarado

Año de 1835.

Especto practicado de la Remi-  
-dida y posesion de los sitios de  
Sta Gertrudis, de los sitios  
Propiedad de D<sup>na</sup> Josefa Cota





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Juzgado 2º Constitucional de los Angeles  
 Como las urgentes atenciones ocurridas en  
 Este Oficio no dan lugar a que yo pase per-  
 sonalmente a dar la correspondiente posesi-  
 on a D<sup>ra</sup> Josefa Cota de Cheto del terreno  
 que tiene declarado en su favor he venido  
 en nombrar a V. para que asociado con  
 el apurimensor Don Abel Stearns se condu-  
 ca V. al mencionado terreno llamado San-  
 ta Gertrudis y la posesion en debida forma  
 con anexo al titulo que le confiere el seño-  
 r Jefe politico y que le acompaño.  
 Dios y libertad Angeles Marzo 10 de 1835.

Domingo Romero

Don D<sup>n</sup> Rafael Guirado Regidor del Ayuntamiento.

Pueblo de los Angeles 10 de Marzo de 1835  
 Por recibir el presente oficio y atento  
 a lo Comiso que en el me confiere el  
 seño Alcalde 2º Constitucional para  
 que pase a poseer a D<sup>ra</sup> Josefa Cota  
 de Cheto de los sitios y Rancho de su propie-  
 dad conocido con el Nombre de Santa  
 Gertrudis de Chetos y habiendo convenido  
 con el Apurimensor Don Abel Stearns  
 para que remida los enunciados terrenos  
 con total anexo que erre en el Expedite  
 de la materia previamente practicado  
 y q<sup>e</sup> existe en poder del seño Jefe Supe-  
 rior politico pasese p<sup>r</sup> mi y los testigos de  
 mi assist<sup>a</sup> al Expedite sito y procedase  
 a verificar la posesion indicada con total  
 anexo al titulo y le confirió el mismo Jefe  
 Ciudadano Rafael Guirado, Regidor  
 del Ilustre Ayuntamiento y juez comi-  
 sionado asi lo decreto, mande y forme  
 con testigos de asistencia según otro doc<sup>o</sup>  
 fee.

Rafael Guirado

Ass<sup>o</sup> Policarpo Leal # Manuel Romaldo Ass<sup>o</sup>  
 En el Rancho de Santa Gertrudis a los  
 Once dias del mes de Marzo de mil  
 Ocho cientos treinta y cinco.



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El juez que suscribie habiendo hecho es-  
tacion de colindantes comparecieron y  
hechos saber el Objeto de mi Comision  
les estuse que manifestarian los docu-  
mentos q<sup>e</sup> acreditan tener d<sup>to</sup> a aquellos  
tenenos pues iba a remi<sup>er</sup>los y poner en  
posesion de ellos a D<sup>na</sup> Josefa Cota de  
Cheto, cuyo Rancho hera colindante por  
el Norte con tenenos ocupados p<sup>r</sup> D<sup>n</sup>  
Juan Crespin Perez; por el sur con los cer-  
ros propiedad de Dona Manuela Cheto  
de Cota, por el sur Este con el Rancho de  
los Coyotes propiedad de D<sup>n</sup> Juan L.  
Meto y por el Oeste con el Rio de San  
Gabriel que divide los tenenos de D<sup>n</sup> An-  
tonio Maria Lizo; y habiendo presentado  
algunos documentos que acreditan  
haber d<sup>to</sup> a aquellos tenenos, les dije que  
iba a proceder y cumplir con mi comision  
lo q<sup>e</sup> pongo por diligencia q<sup>e</sup> autorizo y  
primo en testigos de asistencia segun d<sup>to</sup>

Rafael Guirado

Asist<sup>a</sup>Asist<sup>a</sup>

Policarpo Leal # Francisco Ronaldo

En el mismo Rancho dea-  
mes y año yo el propio juez nombre dos Ofi-  
ales medicos y dos Cardeles para verifi-  
car la remida a quienes despues de haber  
aceptado su nombre y nombre, prometieron  
desempenar fielmt<sup>e</sup> su cargo y no firmo  
ron por no saber, lo hice con los testigos de  
Asist<sup>a</sup> segun d<sup>to</sup> - voy fee.

Rafael Guirado

Asist<sup>a</sup>Asist<sup>a</sup>

Policarpo Leal # Francisco Ronaldo

En el mismo Rancho y a los doce  
cuas del mes de marzo de mil ochocientos  
veinte y cinco el que suscribe a efecto  
de verificar la remida y posesion de D<sup>na</sup>  
Josefa Cota, y previos todos los requisitos  
de ley, hizo medir un Cordel constante  
de ciento treinta varas el cual fue ex-  
aminado y reconocido por el agrimensor



Don Abel Stearns y puesto en unos Ancoos y ha sido de sus Estemos por una observacion y calculo del Comercio Agunensin se tiro el cordel por su disposicion en la Villa del Rio de San Gabriel en el paso conocido de Bartolo rumbo al Este y por principio de medida se puso un palo de Damos en señal de mojonea y se fueron midiendo y contando dos mil doscientas varas que remataron en un punto conocido: luego tomando el Rumbo Este once grados al Norte, se fueron midiendo y contando tres mil trescientas varas y remataron en el camino Viejo de Santa Anna en donde se puso en señal de mojonea un palo de Damos en cada Estemo del camino se siguió el Rumbo Este diez y ocho grados al Sur y con direccion al mismo camino Viejo de Sta. Ana pasando el cordel por unos sampnes fremdeo, se midieron diez mil seiscientas varas que remataron en una media alta donde se puso en señal de mojonea un palo de Damos y es punto que divide el Rancho de los Coyotes. saliendo de Este Rumbo y tomando al Oeste treinta y medio grados al Sur se midieron y contaron diez y seis mil seiscientas varas que finalizaron en la Sanja de Agua de Cos Nieto donde puso por mojonea un palo de Damos en cada Villa cuya sanja es linea divisoria y Esquina de los Calletes y Cerros. Luego se tomó el Rumbo Oeste diez y ocho grados al Norte, y se fueron midiendo y contando 6050 varas que remataron en la villa del Rio de San Gabriel en donde tambien se puso un palo de Damos en señal de mojonea; y tomando el Rumbo rumbo Norte, se midieron y contaron diez mil cuatrocientas varas que remataron en el mencionado paso de Bartolo Coloy se ceneurp la remida de estos sitios a satisfaccion de las Interesadas a lo que pongo por diligencia que autorizo y firmo en testigos de Asist<sup>a</sup> deprimero.



Rafael Guirado

Assist<sup>as</sup> Policarpio Leal # <sup>ve</sup> Francisco Barnaldo  
ingles 19 de Mayo de 1835.

(Correjo)

Estando conchudas las presentes diligencias de remediada y posesion dada a D<sup>na</sup> Josefa Cota de los sitios de Sta. Terhudas a su satisfaccion, remitase al Señor Alcalde para su conocimiento. Cancelasele a la interesada testimonio de lo practicado.

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Rafael Guirado. Rejido del Juste Ayuntamiento y comisionado p<sup>o</sup>. Esta posesion asi lo decreté mande y firmé con los de Asistencia segun dho.

Rafael Guirado

Assist<sup>as</sup> Policarpio Leal # <sup>ve</sup> Francisco Barnaldo  
Razon. En la fha de remitieron al señor Alcalde las diligencias que se mencionan en el D<sup>o</sup> anterior autorizado en papel comun por no haber del Dello en correspondiente, y para constancia lo rubrique

Concuerda en su Original a que me referi y esta pelmentet sacado, correjido y confrontado en este papel comun por no haber del que corresponde; lo que autorizo y firmo con testigos de Asistencia segun dho ayo fee

Rafael Guirado

Ass<sup>as</sup> Policarpio Leal # <sup>ve</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> Barnaldo  
ingles: Mayo 21 de 1835.

contiene este testimonio con el Espect<sup>o</sup> que original obra en el Archivo de mi cargo y como Alcalde 2<sup>o</sup> de este pueblo lo autorizo y firmo ante los testigos de mi asistencia segun dho.

Dominjo Romero

Ass<sup>as</sup> man<sup>o</sup> Arraza # <sup>ve</sup> Hugo Rerd.

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of Juridical  
Possession to  
J. Cotadeveto

To the Constitutional Magistrate  
Maria Josefa  
Widow of the late Don Antonio de  
Cortés and owner of the Rancho of Santa  
Cristina before your Honor with respect  
and in conformity to Law present myself  
and state

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That according to the original  
dispatch which I accompany I request  
please your Honor to pass to the Rancho  
referred to and give me possession of  
the leagues that are in it and order to ex-  
cute the proper proceedings and immedi-  
ately give me testimony of it for my  
security.

Wherefore I pray that you will order  
in virtue of justice to decide in favor of my  
petition and return me both original  
documents with the proceedings, your own  
decrees, expedient and receipt from  
me this explanation on commission  
papers for want of the seals which cor-  
responds which I obligate myself to re-  
place I assure that I possess not from  
Mexico &c

Public of Los Angeles 10 February 1835  
Dios nos ayude a write +  
Public of Los Angeles February 11th 1835

Having  
been presented and admitted according  
to Law for end to give to the party interested  
the possession which she requests after  
penning arrangements which she will  
pursue of the Mayor Don Alonzo Stearns  
who should assist at the measurement to

Alvarado  
Second Const. Court of Los Angeles

as witness  
business occurring in this office do not  
permit me to proceed in person to give  
the corresponding possession to Doña  
Josefa de Cortés of the lands declared  
in her favor I have concluded to appear  
with the Mayor Don Alonzo Stearns  
who should assist at the measurement to



aguard, land, called Santa Gertrudis  
and give her possession in due form  
agreeably with the title which the Political  
Chief has conferred and which I have  
sent to you

God and Liberty

Angels March 1st 1835

Domingo Romero

To Don Rafael Garrido  
President of the Illustrious Council  
Provincial of the Angels  
1st of March 1835

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Having received  
the present official notice which  
was to the Commission, I have  
been upon me by the said Constitutional  
Magistrate that I shall proceed to give  
possession to Dona Josefa de la Cruz  
of the leagues and ranches respectively  
known by the name of Santa Gertrudis  
de Nitos and having agreed with the  
Surveyor Don Abel Stearns to resume  
the aguard, lands in full conformity  
with and as set forth in the proceeding  
in the matter formerly executed and  
which exists in the possession of the  
Political Chief

Let us pass myself  
and assistant witnesses to the tract  
referred to and let us proceed to verify  
the desired possession with full  
compliance to the title which the same  
Chief has conferred

The witness Rafael  
Garrido President of the Illustrious  
Council and Commissioned Judge  
Don Jacinto Orlandi and signed with  
my assistant witnesses according to  
Law which I attest

Rafael Garrido  
assist  
Francisco Barral de  
Calleto Ranch of Santa Gertrudis on  
the 11th day of the month of March 1835  
the Judge who subscribes having

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summons the adjoining neighbors  
that appeared and I informed them of  
the object of my commission and  
desired them to show their documents  
to prove their right to those lands

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That  
I was about to resurvey them and to  
put into their possession a Josefa  
Lota de suito whose Rancho was bounded  
and on the north by lands occupied by  
Don Juan Luis Pineda

On the south  
by the little mountains the property  
of Don Manuel Quinto on the east the  
land of the Rancho of the Coyotes the  
property of Don Juan Garcia

On the  
west by the River of San Gabriel which  
divides the lands of Don Antonio Antonio  
Lugo and no documents having been  
produced that would give them title to  
said lands. I told them that I would  
proceed and comply with the my commission  
which set down aspects of the proceed-  
ings in the matter which I am doing  
and signed to my assistant witnesses  
according to Law

Rafael Garrido

assist

assist

P. Seal

Francisco Barnada

On the same Ranch day month and  
year the proper Judge nominated  
two officials and learned and two measuring  
officials to verify the measurement  
who after having accepted the appoint-  
ment promised to discharge their  
duty faithfully and not sign  
their names because they could not  
write which I did with my assistant  
witnesses according to Law

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Rafael Garrido

assistant

assistant

P. Seal

Francisco Barnada

On the same Ranch and the 12th day



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of the month of March 1835 he ordered  
 - under the office of surveying the re-  
 measurements and possession of Don  
 Jofe Lota and having performed the  
 - units all the requests of the Law I  
 had done measure which contains  
 130 varas which was examined and  
 recognized by the Surveyor Don Abel  
 Stearns placed between two stakes and  
 its extremities fastened them to

after  
 previous observation and calculations  
 of the Surveyor the cord was extended  
 on the bank of the Rio San Gabriel  
 at the possession by the name of Bar-  
 tolo came last,

and from the begin-  
 ning of the measurement there was  
 placed an Alder stake as a mark  
 and they measured and counted 200  
 varas which terminated at a cut  
 Alder tree,

Thence taking the course East  
 11° North they went measuring and  
 counting 330 varas which terminated in  
 the old road of Santa Ana where was  
 placed the sign of a land mark an Alder  
 stake on each side of the road

The course  
 now continues East 18° South and in  
 admission by the same old road of  
 Santa Ana and passing the cord over  
 some old hills there were measured  
 10. less varas which terminated on high  
 table land where was placed for a land  
 mark an Alder stake and it is opposite  
 which divides it from the Rancho  
 of the Luyates

Leaving this direction  
 and taking a course West 30° South  
 there were measured and counted 16. less  
 varas which ended at the irrigating  
 ditch of the water (Sanja de Agueda  
 Los Viejos) where was placed for a  
 land mark an Alder stake



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on each Bank which atch is the line  
— and here and a corner to the corogates  
and Corogates

Then the course was taken  
west 180 North and then went on  
— going and counting 6000 paces which  
terminates at the Bank of the River  
San Saturn where also was placed  
an iron stake for a land mark.

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and  
taking up the River course North West  
more measuring and counting 10,000  
paces which terminates at the open  
end pass of Bartola,

with this the  
insuring of this tract was concluded  
to the satisfaction of the parties interested  
at present. I set down as a part  
of the proceedings which I am making  
and sign with my assistant  
according to Law

assistant                      assistant  
P. Leac                      Francisco Barralca

Angels, March 17th 1835

The present  
proceedings of Resurvey being concluded  
and possession given to Juan  
Pascua Uda of the lands of said  
lands to his satisfaction and claim  
the same matters to the judge pro  
his information taking of the pro  
ceedings being given to the party inter  
ested

Rafael Guirado President  
of the Glustering Town Council and  
Commissioner to give this possession

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This  
I declare and sign with my  
assistant witnesses according to Law  
Rafael Guirado

assistant                      assistant  
P. Leac                      Francisco Barralca



At this ante the proceedings were sent to the judge and the proceedings were taken in the foregoing manner.

on common paper for want of the proper seals and for the preparation of the Latin in the Rubric.

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This agrees with the original to which I refer and it is faithfully taken corrected and compared with the common paper for want of the proper seals.

Francisco de Paula Sancho and Segismundo de la Cruz witnesses according to Law and Custom

Francisco de Paula Sancho assistant  
Francisco Barnal assistant

eight hundred and thirty nine

This testimony corresponds with the original proceedings which are registered in the Archives under my charge at the judge of this town. I refer to the fact of Sancho and Segismundo de la Cruz witnesses according to Law and Custom.

Francisco de Paula Sancho assistant  
Francisco Barnal assistant

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Don Felix Secretary

Records in Archivo B. No. 13 P. 413

Don Felix Secretary



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Opinion of  
the Board

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vs.  
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} First portion of the  
Rancho Santa Gertrudis in Los Angeles  
county and another  
portion of land ad-  
joining the same gran-  
ted to claimant as  
an Extension

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Two parcels of land are claimed in this case. The first was conveyed to the claimant by Josefa Lota and her children as appears by an official document duly executed before the first Justice bearing date December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1841 which is proved and filed with the case. The second parcel of land was given to the claimant in 1843 with some difficulty about the boundaries with the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1843.

This tract of land is a part of the Rancho called Santa Gertrudis de los ninos which is shown by the return with the case was granted to said Josefa Lota by Governor Figueroa May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1834 and of which she obtained gradual possession March 12<sup>th</sup> 1835.

This property was a portion of the large Rancho known as the Santa Gertrudis tract which was occupied and cultivated for many years by the several members of the Nieto family of whom the deceased husband of Josefa Lota was one. After the death of the property after her husband's death the portion called Santa Gertrudis was assigned to her and the grant above mentioned issued to her by Governor Figueroa.

Her title has already in case No 339 in the same court been presented been held good by the Commission and the title after granted the present claimant to the portion now claimed to her is valid and must be confirmed. The other portion of land described in the Petition and of which her former title is asked is alleged to have been granted directly to the Petitioner. The grant is alleged in the Petition to have been made on or about the month



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day of July 1846 In the Grant which is presented  
it is apparent that an attempt has been made  
to change the date from July to June but on  
an inspection of it and of the Certificate in  
the case, we have no doubt that its true  
date is that specified in the Claimants Pe-  
tition July 9th 1846

In another case (Hall  
Number 301) we have expressed the opinion  
of this Commission that the portion of the  
Grant to Grant land in the same region  
and since said treaty ceased on the 7th of  
July of that year

This Grant being made sub-  
sequently to that day was without effect and  
the claim founded on it cannot be sustained  
This portion of the Petitioners claim will therefore  
be rejected

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George Fisher

Secretary

Decree of  
Corporation

Thomas Sanchez Coloniz

The United States

In this case concerning  
the proposed allegations  
it is adjudged by the  
Commission that the claim of the said Petitioner  
to the lands hereafter described is valid and it  
is therefore decreed that the same be confirmed

And  
as to the other portion of the land described in  
the Petition of said Claimant for aboriginal  
title it is adjudged that his claim thereto  
is not valid and as to such portion of it is de-  
creed that his application for aboriginal  
title be denied

The land of aboriginal confirma-  
tion is truly made is that which is occupied  
by said Claimant and is a part of the Rancho  
called Santa Gutierrez granted to Josefa Corta  
by Manuel Requena May 22nd 1834 which  
portion was conveyed by said Grantee to said Thomas  
Sanchez Coloniz and is bounded and described  
as follows to wit commencing at the corner of the  
Rancho of said Claimant at the west end of the



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of the Garden of said Blancart at the west  
end thereof running on an East course along the fence  
or boundary of Don Juan Nery then thousand three  
hundred varas terminating in the high way to Santa  
Ana where a land mark was agreed to be placed when  
the judicial possession of said lands was given  
towards Colima in 1843

Then along the high way  
four thousand four hundred one hundred and  
one varas of ground where another land mark was agreed  
to be placed then in a South course then thousand  
eight hundred varas

Termination at the edge of  
the Cañada Verde where a land mark was agreed  
to be placed upon a small rise of ground to make  
the termination of the boundary. Thence course  
west and in a direction towards the end of the  
course four thousand four hundred varas where  
end at a small bottom

Thence in a westerly direction  
three hundred and fifty varas terminating at the  
corner of the Garden at the place of Embarrumbent  
Repunne for further description to be had to the  
compradore from said Josefa Lota to said Blancart  
and also to the testimony of judicial possession  
given to said Blancart both of which are ample  
in this case

Alphus Felch

R. Aug. Thompson

S. B. Powell  
Commissioner

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Secretary

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And it appearing to the satisfaction of this Board  
that the land hereby adjudicated is situated  
in the Southern District of California it is here  
ordered that two transcripts of the Proceedings and  
of the division in this case and of the papers and  
instruments upon which the same are founded be  
made out and duly certified by the Secretary and



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of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk  
of the United States District Court for the  
Southern District of California and the same be  
transmitted to the Attorney General of the U.S.  
States.

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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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I, *George Fisher* Secretary to  
the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private  
Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the  
foregoing *One hundred & sixteen* pages, numbered from  
1 to *116*, 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. *475* on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein

*Tomás Sanchez Colima* is

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "*Santa Gertrudes*"



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

*Geo. Fisher*  
*Secy*



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

No. 272.  
THE UNITED STATES, 272

vs.

*Tomás Sanchez Colima,  
'Santa Gertrudis'*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD  
FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 272

*July 12<sup>th</sup> 1855  
C. E. Lear  
Clerk  
By A. W. Clark  
Deputy*

*950 115  
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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

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Washington, 10. October 1855.

475] "Santa Gertrudes" —

Thomas Sanchez Bolivia, Claimant.

You will please take notice that in the above case, decided by the Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California in favor of the claimant, and a transcript of the proceedings in which was received in this office on the 1st day of August, 1855, the appeal in the district court of the United States for the *southern* district of California will be prosecuted by the United States.

*DeWitt*



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South. Dist. of Cal.

Thomas Saucher Comd.  
~~Appell.~~

vs.

The United States, Applt

Appeal Notice.

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Filed Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1855

L. E. Lam.  
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In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California.

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

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Tomás Sanchez Colima, appellee

vs

The United States, Appellant.

Docket No. 272.

Transcript No. 475.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1852, Tomás Sanchez Colima

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 Santa Gertrudes

in the County of Los Angeles State of California, which said petition is referred to for a description of the land claimed, a copy of which appears in the transcript hereafter referred to. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1854, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioner. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 12<sup>th</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. 475; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition.

That on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 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: <sup>namely</sup> on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1855, the said Attorney-General of the United States filed, or caused to be filed, in behalf of the United States, a notice with the Clerk of said District Court of the United States, that the appeal in said cause from the said decision of the said Commissioners, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California, would be prosecuted by the United States. Your petitioner further represents, that the land claimed, as aforesaid, is situate in the Southern District of California, and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court. Your petitioner further represents and insists, that the said claim is invalid; and the said decision of said Commissioners is erroneous, and ought to be reviewed, reversed and set aside, for many errors and imperfections of law and evidence, apparent in said certified transcript of the proceedings and decisions of said Commissioners in said cause, filed and appealed from as aforesaid. And your petitioner denies all and singular, each and every allegation in the said petition of said claimant, presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimant has any valid right or title to said land claimed as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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



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

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

P. Ord.

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

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Filed this 5th January  
A.D. 1857  
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J. M. Coleman  
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**United States of America,** } SS.  
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TO

*Emma Sanchez Salina*

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

GREETING :

*P. Ora W. S. My praying*  
*Said Court to review the decision of the Board*  
*of Land Commissioners of the 12th December*  
*1854 confirming your claim to the land*  
*called 'Santa Barbara'*  
*in the County of Los Angeles*

and that you, and each of you, are required to appear at said Court, in said City, within ten days after the service hereof, if served on you within the County of Los Angeles, and within twenty days if served on you in the County of San Diego or San Bernardino, and within forty days if served on you in any other County of said State, exclusive of the day of service, and answer said petition, or that judgment by default will be taken against you, and each of you, and the prayer of the said petitioner will be granted, with costs.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this *24th* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*seven* at Los Angeles aforesaid.

*C. Sims* Clerk.  
*J. M. Cleman*  
*Dep*



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Publication 2.-  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Thomas S. Colima  
vs  
The United States  
vs.

Given March 27, 1857  
Edwin Clark  
J. H. Colman  
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Received February 2<sup>d</sup> 1857  
Edward Hunter  
U.S. Marshal  
Dr. M. L. Goodman  
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I served this Summons, along with the proper copy of the Petition, upon Th. Sanchez  
Colima by delivering to him personally  
at Los Angeles, in the Southern District of California, on  
the 2d day of March, A. D. 1857.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this  
2 March A D 1857  
Edwin Clerk.  
J. H. Colman  
sep

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



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California Land Claims  
Attorney General's Office  
20 Feb. 1857.

Sir:

In the case of the claim of  
Thomas Sanchez Colina, confirmed  
to the claimant by the Commission.  
Case no. four hundred and seventy-  
five, (475), appeal will not be pro-  
secuted by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,  
Curtis

Prattis M. Ely  
U. S. Attorney  
Los Angeles-



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Given 4<sup>th</sup> March 1858

for 8<sup>th</sup> June 1857

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J M Coleman  
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In the District Court of the United States for the Southern  
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On Motion of P. Ord Alley of the United States for  
the said Dist, And on suggestion to the Court  
that it is not the intention of the United States to  
pursue further the appeal in the above  
cause, it is ordered by the Court that the  
appeal in said cause be dismissed, & that  
the Claimant have leave to proceed upon  
the decree of the Commissioner heretofore  
rendered in his favor, as a final decree.

Isaac S. K Ogden  
U S District Judge



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Dismissal of Appeal

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