

CASE No.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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SAN FRANCISCO GRANT

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JACOBA FELIS

CLAIMANT



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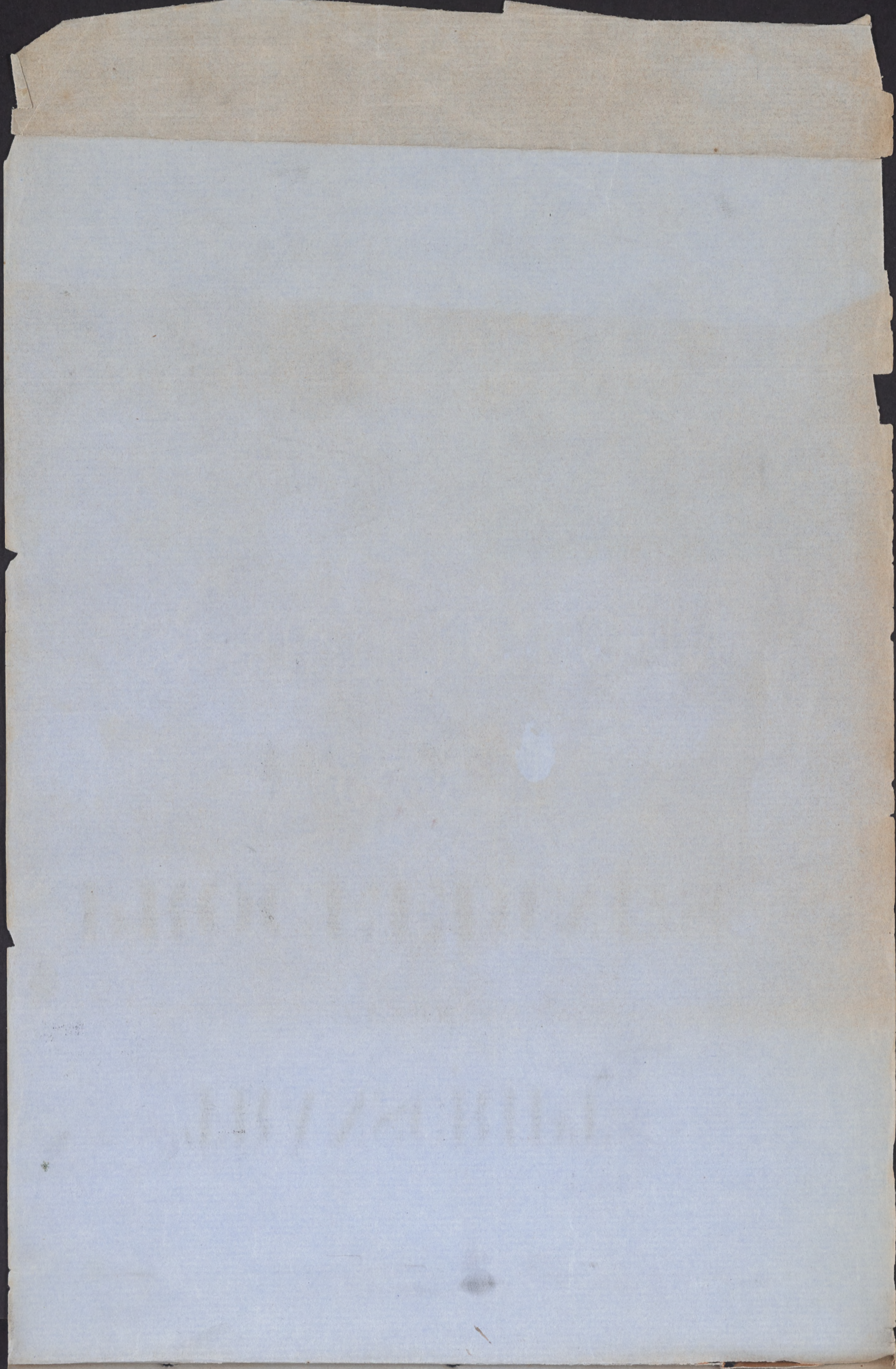
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OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

IN CASE

NO.

*318*

*Jacoba Felix*

CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*San Francisco.*



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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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Be it Remembered, that on this *Second of September*, 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 *Jacoba Felis*,  
for the Place named  
*"San Francisco"*  
was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 318, and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript.)

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

*San Francisco, December 13 1852.*  
In Case no. 318, *Jacoba Felis* for the place named "*San Francisco*," the deposition of *Miguel de la Guerra*, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner *Wilbur Hall*, was filed;

(Vide page 6 of this Transcript.)

*San Francisco, March 16 1854.*  
In the same case the deposition of *Ine M<sup>o</sup>. Covarrubias*, a witness in behalf of the claimants, taken before Commissioner *R. Aug. Thompson*, was filed;

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)

*San Francisco March 18 1854.*  
In the same case the counsel for the claimants filed the following Substitution of counsel, to wit;

(Vide page 7 of this Transcript.)



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San Francisco April 25<sup>th</sup> 1854.

3 In the same case the depositions of Manuel Felix,  
Alexis Gocey, Antonio Mac. Lugo, Pedro Lopez, & Agustin Olvera,  
witnesses in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commis-  
sioner G. J. Burrill, were filed:

(Vide pages 27, 28, 20, 15, 13 of this Transcript)

In the same case the deposition of Agustin Olvera, a  
witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commis-  
sioner G. J. Burrill, was filed:

(Vide page 30 of this Transcript)

San Francisco, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of Pablo de la Buena, a  
witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner  
Peter Sott, with "Exhibit 1. P. S." annexed thereto, was filed:

(Vide page 37 of this Transcript)

San Francisco July 10<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of Agustin Olvera, a  
witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Commissioner  
G. J. Burrill, was filed:

(Vide page 39 of this Transcript)

San Francisco October 30<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the deposition of M. S. Vallejo, a  
witness in behalf of the claimant, taken before Com-  
missioner Peter Sott, was filed:

(Vide page 41 of this Transcript)

San Francisco, November 28<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Case no. 318, on motion of the counsel for claimant with  
the consent of the U. S. Land Agent, was ordered to be placed  
at the foot of the 3<sup>d</sup> class cases on the Trial Docket.

San Francisco December 5<sup>th</sup> 1854.

In the same case the counsel for the claimant filed  
the following Stipulation to wit:

(Vide page 5 of this Transcript)



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San Francisco December 26<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
Case no. 318 was submitted without argument and  
taken under advisement by the Board,  
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San Francisco January 2<sup>d</sup> 1855.  
In the same case Commissioner Alpheus Selch delivered  
the Opinion of the Board confirming the claim;  
(Vide page 77 of this Transcript.)  
and the following order was made, to wit:  
(Vide page 81 of this Transcript.)  
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Petition

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Republic Commission to ascertain and settle Private Land Claims in California  
Don Jacobo Felix Ygnacio del Valle Juan del Valle Magdalena del Valle Jose Antonio del Valle Jose Ygnacio del Valle and Concepcion del Valle who certify that they claim a certain tract of lands in the County of Los Angeles in said State situated in the Valley of the River Santa Clara

Commencing at the Junction of a creek called the Arroyo of Rio or Perico with the said River thence as an acre of said River including the valley on both sides thence to and including the well situated thence upon both sides of said River up to and including a place called La Solidad

Said land was granted to Don Antonio del Valle on the 22nd of January 1839 by Don Juan B Alvarado Governor in turn of the Department of California and as such authorized to make said grant in the name and in behalf of the Mexican Nation

Said grant was intestate on the 12th of June 1841 when said land descended and came to said claimants to wit to the said Jacobo Felix as the mother in virtue of the rights of Community and to said other claimants as the children and heirs at Law of the said grantee

Said land has been occupied and possessed by said grantee and his successors since the date of the grant

The original Grant of said land together with a translation of the same are herewith filed and papers taken as a part of this Petition by them Attorneys Jones Tompkins & Stoddard

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Filed in Office September 29th 1852

Signed

Geo. F. Fisher

Secretary

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Signed

Geo. F. Fisher

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Deposition of Miguel de la Barra  
deposited in the office of the Commissioner of the Land Office  
at Los Angeles November 29th 1852  
On this day before me Commissioner of the Land Office  
at Los Angeles Miguel de la Barra a native of  
Spain and of legal age and of sound mind and memory  
being duly sworn and being interrogated by the Secretary  
of the United States Association of Land Agents was sworn  
and answered as follows

The United States Association of Land Agents was sworn  
and answered as follows  
I am a native of Mexico and was born in the town of  
San Francisco de Asis in the State of Mexico

My name is Miguel de la Barra my age is twenty nine years  
and I reside at Santa Barbara

My father Antonio de Valle is a native of Mexico but  
I cannot state the time

My father Antonio de Valle is a native of Mexico but  
I cannot state the time  
My father Antonio de Valle is a native of Mexico but  
I cannot state the time

It was occupying  
Antonio de Valle when first he  
settled there about 1840 people in it  
raising cattle and horses. He cultivated  
the ground raising corn and wheat  
and other cereals

After the death of Antonio  
de Valle the Ranch was  
in the same manner by Ignacio de Valle  
the executor to occupy the same time



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He is one of the sons of Antonio de Valle  
Magui de la Sierra  
born and residing

Residence  
Belmont Hall  
Commissioner

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Filed in Office December 13th 1852

Signed  
Geo Foster

Secretary  
Recorded in Curia Book page 317

Signed  
Geo Foster  
Secretary

Deposition  
of Jose M  
Covarrubias

Case Number 318  
United States Land Commissioner  
San Francisco March 6th 1854

Antonio de la Cruz Commissioner R  
and Thompson came Jose Maria  
Covarrubias attorney in behalf of  
claimants Jacoba Felix et al case  
number 318 who after being duly sworn  
deposed as follows by his sworn being  
interposed by the Secretary

Present Claimants  
Attorney and US Land Agent  
I answer to questions  
interposed states his name is Jose Maria  
Covarrubias his age forty five  
years and his name is Santa Barbara  
California

Questioned by claimants Attorney  
Look at the account mentioned your  
deposition Exhibit not answers to the  
initials R. J. and further answers and  
state whether you are acquainted with  
the signatures think whether they are  
genuine or not and upon matters of  
knowledge

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Answer I am acquainted  
with the signatures of Juan B. Alvarez



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and Juan (Jimmie) Hance of the same  
thru write and can furnish with  
their hands writing their signatures on  
said document all genuine

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Answer

State whether

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Yours San said document is false  
and if so when where and in whose hands  
it was when you saw it

Answer

In 1839 the

Governor Juan B. Alvarado being in  
Santa Barbara he issued the title or  
document of said land was present and  
San Captain Castanao wrote the  
body of said document he was Capt  
and of Cavalry and sent to the Com  
missioner General said not see it  
after it was signed

Answer by same

Department the Rancho of San Fran  
cisco claims in this case of 20 state  
where it is situated having been  
known it was all open then in  
relation to its occupation cultivation  
and improvement when any where  
it was first occupied and in what  
manner

Answer

March 1839

said Rancho for nearly twenty years  
It is situated in the present county of San  
Diego but was formerly within the  
jurisdiction of Santa Barbara

Reply

said Rancho was granted to Don Antonio  
de Valle it belonged to the Mission of San  
Francisco it was occupied by the  
Mission who had on it an adobe house  
cattle and some also Corrales  
In 1839 the year it was granted to Don  
Valle he was sent the occupation of it



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he repaired the old building and went  
thence to live with his family he also  
planted an it stocks of cattle and horses  
and cultivated a portion of the land  
He continued to occupy and reside in  
said Rancho until his death which  
occurred in 1841 or 1842 since then his  
widow and family have continued said  
occupation and residence to the present  
time

In witness whereof

State of California

The names of the widow and children  
of Antonio del Valle of so name there  
or such of them as you determine

answer

Know the name

of the widow but not those of all the  
younger children The widow's name  
is Jacaba Felix The eldest son is called  
Juan del Valle Salvador The  
names of Magdalena del Valle and  
Jose Antonio del Valle children of said  
Antonio I know the other children but  
do not recollect their names

Given & examined by me

States Law Agent

In witness whereof

and subscribed in the year 1839

answer

Residing with

my family in Santa Barbara at the  
distance of about twenty four or six leagues  
from Francisco Rancho of San Francisco

In witness whereof

was Antonio

del Valle connected with others and  
office in the mission of San Francisco

answer

In 1839 he had

no such connection previous to that  
time when he was in the office of administrator



trator of said Mission

Question by same

In what

months after year 1837 and your visit  
said Ranch of San Francisco

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Answer

I do not recollect

in that year nor in 1844

Question by same

In what office

was the document of which you have  
spoken written

Answer

It was written

in the house temporarily occupied  
by General Alvarado at Santa Barbara

Question by same

Where

besides you are present when said  
document was written

Answer I do not

recollect

Question by same Was

it written on stamped paper

Answer

I do not recollect

exactly but I think there was no stamped  
paper at that time in Santa Barbara

Question by same Are you

intimately acquainted with General  
Alvarado's manner of signing grants

Answer I am

Question by same

Was it not

his uniform practice when there was no  
stamped paper to express that fact in  
the grant itself

Answer It was the usual

custom to note the fact of the want of  
stamped paper in the document itself  
though it may have happened that it  
was sometimes omitted

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Instructed by same who was  
Governor Alvarado's Secretary in 1839  
Answer Manuel  
Jiminez

Instructed by same  
was not  
Manuel Jiminez particularly accurate  
and correct in the discharge of his  
official duties

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Answer That he has always  
been my opinion of them

Instructed by same  
was it not the uniform practice when a  
man was issuing to make a note or  
record of it in a book kept for that  
purpose

Answer  
It was not just the  
practice to make records of the entire  
document and after wards it was usually  
considered necessary to make a minute  
or note of it

Instructed by same  
after the  
minute or note had been made was it not  
the uniform practice to state the fact of  
such records having been made on the  
document or till which was submitted  
to the interested party

Answer That was  
the practice

Instructed by same when  
did you first see Antonio del Valle or  
San's Raulo San Francisco

Answer I first saw him  
at San's Raulo

Instructed by same when  
you were there occupying it

Answer He had been living  
in Santa Barbara with his family and  
then left in 1839 to go and live on  
San's Raulo

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Question by same

In what manner do you identify the document herein before spoken of as the one you saw written by Custumana

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Answer

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Answer that del Valle has solicited that tract of land and that it was being granted to him. I also know that Custumana was up to the grant and Rodriguez this being in his hands writing

I have perused said document to ascertain that it was a grant of land to Antonio del Valle. I do not know that I could now distinguish the said document from another written by the same person at the same or any subsequent time of the same tenor and effect

Examination in

Chief Justice

Question by Claimants

Council

What was the date of the instrument which you saw written in 1839

Answer I do not know the precise date but know it was written in the month of January 1839

Question by same when and how first seen and how long after have you seen it

Answer I first saw it in 1835 when it belonged to the Mission and was sent in 1842 and since I have frequently passed there in 1842 the widow and children of Antonio del Valle residing there and whom I have passed there since

J. M. Covarrubias



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Summ to and subscribers before me  
March 10th 1854

M Aug Thompson  
Commissioner

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Deputacion Office of the Commissioner of Thompson  
of Augustin Burrill of Los Angeles California  
Alvora Deputacion of Thompson Burrill Commis-  
sioner duly qualified public taking of testimony  
to be used before the Board of Commissioners  
to ascertain and settle the Private Land  
Claims in the State of California

Personally  
appeared Augustin Alvora a witness in behalf  
of Jacoba Felix and other claimants for  
the land named San Francisco  
and called to docket of the said Board  
with number 318 whereupon a true  
oath and duly as follows

I Justice asked by Com-  
missioner

I Justice what is your  
name and place of residence

Answer My name is  
Augustin Alvora born thirty four years of  
age and reside in the City of Los  
Angeles

I Justice

Were you ac-  
quainted with Jose Antonio de Valle and

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Victor de Valle if so state whether they  
are alive or if not when and they are  
and how and if you became acquainted with  
the fact of their death



Answer

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When they were admitted they are  
both dead Victor and about the month  
of June 1850 Sanborn's corps pre-authorized  
and in the year 1853 I recollect to have  
Sanborn's journal

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Question

As you are  
acquainted with the custom which prevails  
prevails among the Missions concerning  
the management and control of Rancho's  
belonging to the same yet separated from  
the Mission proper

Answer

I am acquainted  
with the custom above spoken of the  
Missions formerly had many Rancho's  
separate from the Mission proper and  
each of which separate Mayor Sums were  
made

Each of these had their limits  
well established and in collecting cattle  
and Mayor Sums could not pass over  
these limits and collect cattle from the  
other Rancho's of the Mission

When this  
because I have had in Missions each  
Mayor Sums had to give his accounts to  
the Padre or administrator and was  
responsible for the management  
and number of cattle upon his  
Rancho

Question asked by C. C.  
Wain by acting San Agent  
Question

Concerning the  
instances in which you have known the  
custom spoken of in your examination  
will be to prevail

Answer When first  
arrived in this country I was a great deal



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at the various missions as they were  
the most settled points and always  
sanctis custom their same time at  
the mission San Gabriel and first only  
San the Mayor James giving their  
accounts to the administrator but I  
associated with the administrator  
the various Ranchos of that mission  
and examining them

There are others  
pointed out to me by various admin-  
istrators of the missions of San Gabriel  
San Luis Rey San Juan Capistrano &  
the limits that separate Ranchos belong-  
ing to the same missions. It was a relief  
of the mission of San Juan Capistrano

Agustin Olvera

sworn to and subscribed  
supreme this 18th day of  
April 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

I hereby certify that G. E. Horn Esq  
was present at the time the above and  
gave his testimony as a witness  
for and behalf of and by the authority of  
J. H. McKim Esq Law Agent  
Los Angeles April 15th 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

Filed in office April 25th 1854

signed  
Geo Foster  
Secretary

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signed  
Geo Foster  
Secretary

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Deputee office of the Commissioner G Thompson  
Burrill at Los Angeles California  
supreme G Thompson Burrill Commissioner



which qualifies fully taking of testimony  
before the public Board of Commissioners  
to ascertain and settle the Private Land  
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Personally  
appeared Antonio Marquez a witness in  
behalf of Jacobo Felix and others claim-  
ants of the land named San Francisco  
numbered in the Order of the said Board  
with number 318 who for a path across  
the land and for the settlement

Question asked by Counsel  
for claimants

Question What is your  
marriage and place of residence

Answer My name is  
Antonio Maria Lopez I am eighty one years  
of age live in the County of Los Angeles

Question Have you any  
interest in the result of this claim

Answer None not  
I answer

Answer I am acquainted  
with the tract of land called San  
Francisco and do not know how your  
know it

Answer  
I am acquainted  
with the tract of land called San Fran-  
cisco passed through there in the year  
1825 the Rancho was established by the  
Messrs. Pizarro, Pizarro and another and  
has been called presumptive San  
Francisco

Question What were  
the boundaries of San Francisco

Answer  
The Cuesta of  
San Francisco at the foot of which is a  
narrow place where there were studs  
in posts going a little east and the west  
here where there was a piece which was there



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in the year 1825 in a decayed state the piece was placed thro' to divide the lands of San Benito and San Fernando between which there has been a question of boundaries pieces were also placed by the mission of San Fernando about that time at the Rancho.

Question asked by C. C. Thomas acting Law Agent

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Question Where did you first know the Rancho of San Francisco answer First knew the Rancho in the time of Padre Peder but do not recollect the year

Question How often did you visit the Rancho during the time of Padre Peder

Answer Have visited it a great many times

Question Where did you live during that time

Answer Lived in Santa Barbara

Question How far is the Rancho situated from the Ocean

Answer It is about eight or nine leagues from the Ocean

Question What is the Northern boundary of the Rancho

Answer The Northern boundary is all mountains

Question Are there any particular land marks on this boundary if so state what they are

Answer I do not know of any as there are no neighbors the land being all mountains

Question How do you know this to be the Northern boundary

Answer Because there is no other

Question What is the Southern boundary of this Rancho

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Answer The location of San Francisco

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9 Question Are there any particular land marks on this boundary  
Answer There is none but the Point

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10 Question How do you know this to be the San Francisco boundary  
Answer I know it because throughout the gate and bars there

11 Question By whom and when were the bars placed there  
Answer They were placed there by the deacons of the Parish in the year 1813 or 1814

12 Question Were you present at the time these bars were placed there  
I do not know as you know that they were placed there at that time and by that person

Answer Because I saw them there and they told me so

13 Question What is the Eastern boundary of San Francisco

Answer The location of Tolmie's situation on the arroyo

14 Question Are there any particular land marks on this line of estate where they are

Answer There was a corral there placed there by the mission it was about the year 1813 or 1814

15 Question What is the western boundary of this Ranch

Answer Rio

16 Question Are there any land marks on this line of estate where they are

Answer Yes there was a fence

17 Question By whom and when was this fence built



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Answer True or was placed there by the accused Panie Pedro in the years 1813 or 1814

18 Question What is the shape of the Ranch of San Francisco

Answer It is a location in the middle of the two mountains

19 Question To open in the points of the Compass

Answer See next

20th Question How does it open show that the lines as you described assuming North South East and West pass or follow those directions

Answer Answer them by the stars which have been pointed out to me

Autum <sup>ms</sup> Ma <sub>mark</sub> Largo

Mean to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April A.D. 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

I do hereby certify that G C Thom Esq was present at the time the above and foregoing testimony was taken a true and correct copy of and by the authority of J N McKim Esq Law Agent

Los Angeles April 17th A.D. 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

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Signs  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Deposition  
of Alexis  
Gadey

Office of the Commissioner of the  
Bureau at Los Angeles California  
Bureau of Land Commission  
Qualifies for the taking of testimony  
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Personally  
appearing Alexis Gadey a witness in  
behalf of Jacoba Felix and other claim-  
ants public land claims San Francisco  
Mountains on the Coast of the San Joaquin  
with number 318 whereon a certificate  
is made and forth as follows

Question asked by  
Council full claimants

Question what is your  
name age and place of residence

Answer My name is  
Alexis Gadey I am thirty five years old  
and reside in the County of Santa  
Clara

Question Have you any  
interest in the result of this claim

Answer I have not

Question are you ac-  
quainted with the tract of land called San Fran-  
cisco of Socorro it generally

Answer

I am acquainted  
with this tract of land by having seen it at  
different times I have it told on the  
high waters of the Santa Clara River  
which runs through it forming a valley  
of a quarter to a half a mile wide and near  
some miles long from there it branches  
off into different creeks which forms small  
valleys

On the Northern and Southern sides  
claims of rugged mountains The Ranch  
contains about four square leagues of valley  
land and the rest of the Ranch are



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barron rugged hills I would not consider  
the four leagues of valley land to contain  
more than one league and a half of first  
rate land and the balance would be  
- prairie second rate covering with sage  
brush

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4 Questions

Answer

I am acquainted with the surrounding section of  
County of what position does the  
tract of land hold as regards the white  
settlements and the various wild  
Indian tribes

Answer

I am acquainted

with the surrounding section of coun-  
- ty and have known it since the year  
1849 I am also well acquainted with  
most of the Indian tribes with the excep-  
- tion of this tract of County there is not  
any other land suitable for small  
settlement.

This is a private Ranch  
in more exposed and dangerous situation  
than any other in the County of San  
Angel as regards hostile Indians

I am

employed by the Government in the manage-  
- ment of Indian affairs in this state

Questions asked by G. C. Brown

acting Law Agent

Answer  
I must have heard of the land  
you visited the Ranch of San Francisco

Answer

Since 1849 I think

21 I have passed through twenty or twenty five  
times and during some of these visits I  
have stopped as long as twenty days and  
not stopping at the house but riding  
through the claim looking for possible  
grains and trails



I instructed Sir John to measure the Ranch measuring or as you call measure it

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Answer to your and Sir John's letter to the San Francisco Ranch by hearsay

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I instructed Sir John to measure the valley lands to contain altogether about four square leagues

Answer by measuring the valleys will I have your maps prepared by and compare a pretty correct idea of quantity

I instructed Sir John to measure the difference between ten square leagues and two leagues square of land

Answer Sir John's square contains more land than four leagues

Examined in detail by Council for Land Grants

I instructed Sir John to measure the Ranch of San Francisco since your first letter

Answer

I first saw the Ranch in 1849 when I stopped at the house and purchased cattle there was some corn planted there there was a good many cattle on the Ranch I did not know then who was the owner there was a man named [unclear] there and since that time I have seen the Ranch to be occupied by cattle and to be cultivated every year without exception to the present time since 1851

I have known the owners at which time I asked for a record on the Ranch whose names were Ignacio de Valle and Jose Salazar there are two houses there one at the lower end occupied by



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The Major Joins of Juanes del Valle and the other near the upper end occupied by Salazar I judge that now and in 1851 there are only were Four Thousand head of cattle on the Rancho

I Inquire Do you know of any settlers on the Rancho answer I do not

I Inquire What is the distance of this Rancho from the City of Los Angeles

answer Near Forty miles I Inquire asking by C. E. Thompson acting Land Agent

I Inquire are the same houses on the Rancho now that were there in the year 1849

answer The upper one is the same house the lower part of the Rancho I did not visit in 1849 but in 1851 I did and know that it is the same one

I Inquire of what is the house which you saw in 1849 built and state particularly as to its size

answer The house is built of adobe and is about thirty five feet long and six ten or eight feet wide and covered with tile

I Inquire How much corn was planted there in 1849

answer I do not know the quantity exactly I think ten or there a and the field was larger than five

I Inquire were the cattle which you saw on the Rancho in 1849 claimed by any body else by whom

answer I should think they were claimed by some body as we purchased some from a man stopping at the upper

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house the cattle there has the same  
brand that they have now in well as  
that from this circumstance that  
previous to reaching the home hills  
about and carrying the partition of the  
house that has the brand upon it the  
house and pair the man first  
Buntwin

Do you know  
if you know the name and name of  
Salazar working upon that Ranch if not  
I would question that they own it  
answer

I do not know that  
they own it but I know that they  
own a piece of the place by purchasing for  
providing since in 1851 and was determined until  
an order had come from the government  
this place

Since that time I have purchased  
all kinds of heads of cattle from those men  
which were determined to be cattle same  
Ranch a large portion having the same  
brand which I know in 1849  
Alexis Salazar

I am to send Subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup>  
the day of April 1854  
G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

I do hereby certify that C. C. Horn Esq was  
present at the time the above and foregoing  
testimony was taken acting for and behalf  
of and by the authority of J. B. McKim  
Esq Sheriff of the County of San Diego  
San Diego April 17th 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner  
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Secretary



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Depositum of  
Mammal  
Felix

Office of the Commissioner of Thompson  
Burrill at Los Angeles California  
Before me S Thompson Burrill Comm  
issuor duly qualified public taking  
of testimony to census of public lands  
of Commission to ascertain and settle  
the Private Land Claims in the State  
of California

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Personally appearing Mammal  
Felix a witness in behalf of Jacoba Felix  
and other claimants public lands  
namely San Francisco Mountain public  
lands of the said Board with number  
318 who upon oath deposes and says the  
affairs

Instructions acting by Counsel  
for claimants

1 I understand what is your  
name age and place of residence  
Answer My name is Mammal  
Felix I am thirty seven years of age and I  
reside in Santa Ana in this County

2 I understand have you  
any interest in the result of this claim  
Answer I have not

3 I understand all you are ac-  
quainted with about a tract of land called San  
Francisco of so state all questions of the  
occupations of the same by Don Antonio  
de Alcala Acenas

Answer  
I am acquainted  
with the above named tract of land in  
1839 when Don Antonio founded the  
Rancho Guadalupe near Los Angeles in that same  
year Don Antonio sold the Rancho to the  
Rancho about a million and a half of  
Cattle and in the same year he went  
west to live with his family consisting  
of Doña Jacoba his wife and three or  
four of his children he also put in about  
four hundred head of horses and four hundred

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heads of sheep and in the same year  
planted aples of which I about Ten  
fanagas of sugar and some pines and some  
and some of Beans

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Answer from that year  
he continues occupying the Rancho and  
sawing considerably every year he also  
planted out among your uncle's lifetime  
of his death which was about the year  
1841 or 1842 and which took place on  
the Rancho

4 Question After the death  
of Don Antonio de Valle by whom was  
in what manner was the Rancho  
occupied

Answer

After his death Don  
Jacobo his widow continues occupying  
the Rancho in the same manner and Don  
Ignacio his son took up the management  
of the Rancho living there  
himself and his continues living there  
until the commencement of the war  
at which time left the Rancho and  
have not visited it since

5 Question What is the  
distance from the Arroyo Prieto to the Arroyo  
Toluca

Answer I think it is about  
four leagues to find Laguna de San Juan  
it measures

Question Asst. of G. L.  
Thomas Esq acting Law Agent

Answer At what age  
were you appointed Mayor of the  
Rancho of San Francisco and until what  
year did you continue to occupy that  
position

Answer I was about nine  
two or twenty years of age I do not recollect  
exactly I am sure that however you can  
make the calculation and I continue



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on the Rancho in that capacity  
until the year 1843

I Trust you did your  
reside until ten up to the  
Rancho from the year 1839 to the  
year 1843

Answer said with the  
exception of about two years the  
Mammal Felix

sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 18th day of  
April A.D. 1854

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I Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner  
do hereby certify that C. E. Thomas Esq  
was present at the time the above and  
giving testimony was taken acting  
in and as of and by the authority of  
J. H. McKim Esq. Law Agent  
Los Angeles April 18th 1854

I Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner  
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Geo. Fisher

Secretary

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Secretary

Deposition of Peter Lopez  
Office of the Commissioner of Thompson Burrill  
at Los Angeles California  
Before me I Thompson Burrill Commissioner  
qualified and qualified for the taking of  
testimony before the Board of  
Commissioners to ascertain and settle  
the Private Land Claims in the State  
of California Personally appearing Peter  
Lopez a witness in behalf of Jacob  
F. D. and other claimants for the  
land claimed San Francisco Mountains

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on the Docket of the said Board with  
Number 318 upon each of which  
and said as follows

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judgments

Question asked by Council

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1 Question What is your  
name age and place of residence

Answer My name is

Pedro Lopez I am forty eight years of  
age reside in the Mission of San  
Francisco

2 Question All your interests

in the result of this claim

Answer I am not

3 Question

Acquire acquainted

with the track of plain called San  
Francisco if you have any knowledge  
of where possession was made what  
boundaries has it where you first  
found it

Answer

Have been acquir-

ed with this track of plain since  
I was abled first found it in the  
possession of the Mission of San  
Francisco is situated on the lower  
side of the San Francisco Mountain  
surrounded by mountains

Its northern

boundary is the Arroyo River which  
comes out of the mountains on the  
north and runs to the Mission San Fran-  
cisco which is also called Santa Clara  
From thence crossing the River and  
looking to the south to a large oak tree  
(Kobbe) which oak is situated on  
the southern side of the River on the  
top of a hill there is no other oak there  
but this which is well known thence  
from the Kobbe passing about to the  
east through the hills until it reaches



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the door (La Puerta) or bar which is  
in the highway from San Fernando  
to San Francisco at the very foot of the  
mountain of San Fernando which the road is  
very narrow when there is an oak tree  
(Encina) which oak tree grows very  
as a post to which the bars were tied in  
such a manner that the road was com-  
pletely fenced up as there was mountains  
on either side and the road is very narrow  
so that cattle could not pass from thence  
in a straight line to the Arroyo Fobungia  
Fobungia

thence following said Arroyo in a westerly  
direction until it empties into the River  
Santa Clara thence westerly until it strikes  
the high hills

Thence in a westerly direction  
following the tops of the high hills to the  
Arroyo Piro until north and on the same  
after track of land there is nothing but  
mountains and barren hills

4 Question How do you  
know that these are the lands

Answer

Because I know that  
the Mission of San Fernando did occupy  
it before the time of the first mission the  
lands of the mission had a fence near the  
Arroyo Piro as a boundary mark between  
the Mission of San Fernando and the  
Mission of San Benito and in order that  
their cattle might not run together

The  
fence ran from hills to hills crossing  
the River. Hence this fence to have been  
there in the time of Padre y Barron of the  
Mission of San Fernando I can tell the  
year but it was many years before the  
grant to Don Antonio del Valle regarding  
the bars or gate I know that they were  
there at the time that Don Antonio

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obtaining the grant under the the survey  
being still in because the manager  
of the mission of San Fernando had a  
corral there

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This was many years ago  
when Diego Olvera was manager I think  
this was a great while before he went  
to San Antonio del Valle

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During this  
time I was living in the city of San  
Antonio Texas and San Antonio  
in an endeavor to San Fernando and  
measure the value of some and coming  
a great deal

I think

When San Antonio del Valle  
running his grant  
for San Francisco and when San Antonio  
del Valle occupied it

Answer

I think San Antonio  
del Valle running his grant in  
the year 1839 San Antonio del Valle occupied  
the land as he running the grant  
and running a daily stock of the Rancho  
Cattle and horses which I assisted in  
bringing from the Rancho of San  
Pablo

The cattle place there the first  
year consisted of six hundred head  
and a quantity of mares and mules which  
I did not recollect the number of any this  
same year San Antonio del Valle went  
with all his family to reside there and  
there was a house there in which they  
lived

and the same year he planted what  
between the house and there is a large  
or swamp the whole of which he purchased  
in 1840 the Rancho San Antonio continued  
living on the Rancho until he died  
his family consisted of his wife three



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sons and daughter all of whom live in  
the Ranch

Trustees acting by C. E.  
Thom acting Law Agent  
Trustees

What do you  
mean you first became acquainted with  
the Ranch San Francisco and have been  
yourself since

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answer  
I do not know  
exactly but when I first became acq-  
uainted with it was very young I may  
have been about twelve or thirteen years  
old I have been in the habit of visiting  
the Ranch very often since I first heard  
it and when I was Mayor I saw of the  
Mission of San Fernando almost  
daily

Trustees

You state that  
you first saw the Ranch of San Fran-  
cisco when you were a child and state  
further that at that time the said  
Ranch was in the possession of the  
Mission of San Fernando now as you  
already arrange acquire that information  
answer

Answer that the  
Ranch belongs to the Mission of San  
Fernando because they had a mayor  
down there and had it stocked with  
cattle

Trustees San Francisco is the  
Ranch San Francisco situated from  
the sea

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answer I do not know  
Trustees do you know  
the points of the compass  
answer

I do not know  
north south east and west



Question of what forms  
the Ranch

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Answer It is a line on the  
Northern boundary of the mountains  
shown of no land marks until line  
to Justice Tom Run as  
shown that that is the northern line  
of the Ranch

Answer shown it from  
the deceased De Valle who told me  
that he had Pitkin's fruit

Question What is  
the boundary of the Ranch San Fran-  
cisco on the South

Answer The mountain  
that is in front of San Francisco

Question State packed  
already each land mark with line

Answer The hills the  
bars at the gate and the Arroyo Tub-  
ingo

Question How do you  
know this to be the southern boundary  
of the Ranch

Answer I know it from  
the deceased Antonio de Valle who told me  
that he had Pitkin's fruit there

Question What is the  
Eastern boundary of the Ranch San  
Francisco

Answer The Arroyo Tub-  
ingo which runs from South to North

Question What is  
the western boundary of the Ranch San  
Francisco

Answer The Arroyo Pri-  
ano and Arroyo those are all the land  
marks shown of

Question Do you  
measure or do you see the  
Ranch San Francisco measure,



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Answer There are no missing  
the Ranch nor have I any other  
person mentioned it

132 question Where are  
of what was the place between the mission  
of San Francisco and San Bernardino  
near the Arroyo Piri built

Answer The place  
was built in the time of Padre Ybarra  
and was built of wood

14 Question In what  
year did Don Antonio de la Torre take  
possession of the Rancho San Francisco  
with his family

Answer I think it was  
about the year 1839

15 Question What sort  
of house was there in 1839 by whom  
was it built and what were the dimensions

Answer The house was  
built of adobe and covered with tile it  
was built by the Mission I don't recollect  
the dimensions

16 Question In what  
part of the Rancho is the house situated

Answer About the middle  
of the Rancho on a little hill

17 Question How much  
wheat was sown in the year 1839

Answer I do not know  
the number of fanegas that were sown  
the crop was quite large and the harvest  
was excellent

18 Question How far are  
your fields from the Rancho San Fran-  
cisco in the year 1839 and where have  
your fields since

Answer They are in Los  
Angeles since that time they have  
in different places

19 Question Did the cow  
herd of cattle & horses belong to Don Antonio de la Torre

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Answer Augustus Amstutz  
his mark within  
Examination in Chief  
Answer

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Question Were you Mayor  
Donor of the Mission of San Fernando  
primaries to 1839 and if so state in what  
year

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Answer Augustus to J. C. Thom acting Law Agent

Answer Was Helme  
it was in the year 1835 when the deceased  
Antonio del Valle was administrator of  
that Mission

Question Was there  
at that time a Mayor Donor of the  
Rancho of San Francisco if so who was  
he

Answer Augustus to J. C. Thom acting Law Agent

Answer Yes there was his  
name was Francisco Lopez brother of  
mine

Question

In the manage-  
ment and collection of cattle was there  
any boundary respecting between the  
Rancho of San Fernando and the Mission  
proper if so what was that boundary

Answer Augustus to J. C. Thom acting Law Agent

In the manage-  
ment of cattle the Rancho of San Fran-  
cisco confined itself to the other side of the  
Cuesta and the servants of the Mission  
proper did not pass the Cuesta

The  
boundary was the whole range of the  
Mountains of San Fernando there was  
other pass for cattle in the whole range  
except the Cuesta



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Justinis acting by C. E.  
Thom Acting Law Agent  
Justinis

Under whom  
was your brother acting Manager  
of the Ranch San Francisco in the year  
1835 and having done he continues to act  
in that capacity

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Justinis  
My Brother was  
acting under the direction of Don Antonio  
mi del Valle and continues acting as  
manager the administrative affairs of the  
ranch which was not quite two years ago  
which time Don Anastasio Carrillo  
became Administrator

his  
Pedro + Lopez  
March 3

From to any subscribers  
before me this 12th day  
of April AD 1854

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

I do hereby certify that C. E. Thom has  
was present at the time the above and  
giving testimony was taken acting  
for and behalf of any by the authority of  
J. B. McKimble Esq. Law Agent

G Thompson Burrill  
Commissioner

Filed in Office April 25th 1854

Sign'd  
Geo. Fisher  
Secretary

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Sign'd  
Geo. Fisher  
Secretary



Office of the Commissioner J Thompson  
Burrill at Los Angeles California

Deposition before me J Thompson Burrill Commissioner  
of - issuing duly qualified parties taking of  
Agustin Alvarado testimony to be used before the Board of Com-

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missions to ascertain and settle the  
Private Land Claims in the State of  
California

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Personally appearing Agustin  
Alvarado a witness in behalf of Jacoba Felix  
and others claimants for the land running  
San Francisco Mountains on the District of  
the said Board with number 318 who upon  
oath deposes and says as follows

Questioned by Counsel  
for claimants

Question What is your  
name age and place of residence

Answer My name is Ag-  
ustin Alvarado I am thirty four years of age  
and reside in the City of Los Angeles

Question Are you inter-  
ested in the result of this claim

Answer I am not

Question Were you ac-  
quainted with Antonio Al Valle of Sonora  
and were any what family or relation

Answer

I was acquainted  
with Antonio Al Valle he died about the  
year 1841 in the Rancho of San Francisco  
he left a wife named Jacoba Felix and  
married with Jose Salazar

He also left some  
children to wit Ignacio Jose Antonio Victor  
Jose Ignacio Maria who married with  
Austro Lucrecia and Maria the wife of  
Don Punita and in the year 1843 leaving  
one only daughter named Maria Josefa  
Gabriela he also left another daughter  
named Magdalena who married with  
Doctor H. Blanchman and another daughter



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by the name of Concepcion who is still known  
-arrived know all of these facts by general  
reputation as well as by my personal  
knowledge

Agustin Alvarado  
sworn to and Subscribed  
before me this 12th day of April  
A.D. 1854

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J. Thompson Burriel  
Commissioner

Thence certify that G. E. Thom Esq. was sworn  
at the time the above and foregoing testimony  
was taken acting for and in behalf of and by the  
authority of J. H. McKune Esq. Law Agent  
Los Angeles April 12th 1854

J. Thompson Burriel  
Commissioner

Filed in Office April 25th 1854

Geo Fisher

Secretary

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Signed

Geo Fisher

Secretary

Deputations  
of Pablo de la  
Guerra

United States of America }  
State of California }  
San Francisco }  
March 18th 1854

This day personally came before Peter S. ...  
a Commissioner for taking testimony to be  
used before the Board of United States  
Land Commissioners in said State Don  
Pablo de la Guerra

A witness in behalf of the  
Claimant in case Number 318 entitled ...  
of said Board wherein Jacoba Felix et al  
are claimants and said witness being  
and sworn on oath as follows in English as  
follows to wit

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The United States Law Agent

is present  
Justices



1 Question What is your name age and residence

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Answer My name is Pablo del Villar my age 34 years my residence Santa Barbara County California

2 Question

Is it at the

Map appearing on envelope Exhibit 1 to deposition of Pablo del Villar P. L and state whether you are the original of which this purports and if you are any where

Answer

I recognize this

Map as a copy of an original one which I made either in 1837 or 1838 in Santa Barbara at the request of Don Antonio del Valle I gave it to him after I made it

3 Question When and where you again saw the original

Answer

Some time in 1839

or 1840 I saw it in the office of the Secretary of state among the Archives at Monterey I saw it afterwards in 1844 in the hands of Don Antonio and Juan del Valle and again yesterday at the Surveyor General's office in this city

4 Question Did you compare

the original with the copy of your signature copy

Answer I did compare

them and it is a true copy

Witness Examined by

Law Agent

5 Question Have you seen or

been on the ground embraced within the map

Answer I was on the

Western side of the Rancho in 1847 I think this map correctly represents that portion



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of the land so far as San Luis not me  
- assure it. I only passed over it and do not  
pretend to great accuracy in the matter  
I understand how much  
is the valley in the western portion of  
the Rancho

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Arson Farm a mile  
to a mile and a half about

Pablo de la Guerra  
Subscriber and Sworn to  
before me on this 18th day  
of May A.D. 1854

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Pablo de la  
Guerra sworn for  
Taking Testimony &c  
Filed in Office May 18th 1854

Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Deposition of the Commissioner of Thompson  
of Burrill at Los Angeles California  
against Rafael de la Guerra  
Alvarado  
Official of the Commissioner of Thompson  
Burrill at Los Angeles California  
issuing duly qualified public taking of  
testimony to be used before the Board of  
Commissioners to ascertain and settle the  
Private Land Claims in the State of  
California

Personally appeared against  
Alvarado and in behalf of Geo de la  
Guerra Salazar et al claimants for the land  
named San Francisco Rancho numbered  
in the Doct of the Land Board with  
number 318 who upon oath declared  
and said as follows

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Iustitia asking by Counsel  
for claimants

Iustitia What is your name and place of residence



Answer My name is Augustin  
Alvina I am thirty four years of age and  
Reside in the City of Los Angeles

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2 District

Do you know

whether or not at the time of the death  
of Victor del Valle and Jose Antonio del  
Valle or either of them left any last  
will or testament

Answer They did

not leave any

3 District Do you know

whether or not either of them left at the  
time of his death any wife or children

Answer I only know

ed go they left neither wife or children

Augustin Alvina

Serve to and Subscribed

Before me this 29th day of June  
A.D. 1854

G Thompson Burriel

Commissioner

Humly Certify that C. E. Nixon Esq was  
present at the time that the foregoing  
testimony was taken acting from belief

of an Office authorized by the  
United States Land Agent  
Los Angeles June 29th 1854

G Thompson Burriel

Commissioner

Filed in Office July 10th 1854

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

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Geo Fisher

Secretary

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United States of America }  
State of California }  
San Francisco October 25. 1854

Deposition  
of M. S.  
Valljo

This day came before Peter L. Carr  
Commissioner for taking testimony to be used  
before the Board of United States Land  
Commissioners in said State

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Murrian G.  
Valljo a witness on behalf of the claimants  
Jacobus Felix et al in case number  
318 on the Doctrina's Board and  
said witness being sworn deposes as  
follows

The United States Associate  
Law Agent is present

Questioned by Mr Brett  
under preliminary

Question What is your  
name age and residence

Answer My name is M. S.  
Valljo my age 47 years my residence Sonoma  
California

I and Question were your  
acquaintances with Don Antonio del Valle  
and with the Rancho in Santa Barbara  
County called San Francisco

Answer I was said del  
Valle and the Rancho names

Question That is your  
former about a grant of said Rancho having  
been made to said Antonio del Valle

Answer  
In 1839 the grant  
was made by Don Juan Alvarado and  
Señor Luján in my presence at Santa  
Barbara I delivered the title to said del  
Valle myself

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Question  
Look at the  
document mentioned to you mentioning  
A. L. exhibiting to this deposition and  
interfiled in this case and state



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whether it is the same document which  
you saw Alvarado sign and which you  
delivered to said all Valle as mentioned  
by you in your last answer

Answer Yes this is the  
same document

Instruction

Look at the

map mentioned to you mentioned on the  
envelope B. P. Exhibit to the application  
and brought filed in this case and  
state whether you ever saw the original  
of which this is a copy if you know any  
where

Answer

I saw the original  
of this map in 1839 said all Valle gave  
it to me to present to the Governor when  
the application was made for the  
grant in this case and I did so present  
it to Governor Alvarado and I did not  
see it after that

Instruction

Did you ever

see the original Esplanade upon which  
this grant was made if you know any  
where

Answer I do see it at Santa

Barbara before the grant was made in  
the hands of the Governor I presented  
it to him when I applied for said  
grant and I saw it after wards  
and do not know what became of it

M. H. Vallejo

Subscribed and sworn to before me October  
25th A.D. 1834

Peter S. H. Commissioner

Filed in Office October 30th 1834

Geo. Fisher Secretary

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Geo. Fisher

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Juan B. Alvarado Gobernador Interino del Depto de las Californias.

Por cuanto el ciudadano Antonio del Valle ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de de San Francisco dentro de los linderos del diseño que acompaño a su solicitud: practicadas previamente las diligencias concernientes segun lo dispuesto por las leyes y reglamentos de la materia, usando de las facultades que me son conferidas a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana, he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras, entendiendose dicha concesion con entera conformidad a las leyes, a reserva de la aprobacion o desaprobacion de la Junta Departamental y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1º El agraciado ni sus herederos podrán dividir ni enagenar el que se les adjudica, imponer le censo, vinculo, finura, hipoteca ni otro gravamen aunque sea por causa piousa ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2º Podrá cercarlo sin perjuiciar las haciendas caminos y servidumbres: lo disfrutará libre y exclusivamente dedicado al cultivo y uso que le aconviene.

3º Solicitara la propiedad del Yuch respectivo para que le dé la posesion Juridica en virtud de este Despacho por el cual se Demarcaran sus linderos y pondra sus mojoneras.

4º El terreno de q. se hace donacion es puramente el que se expresa en la solicitud del interesado y se Demarca en el diseño: Y el Yuch que lo poseiere, pasara aviso a este Gobierno del numero de sitios que comprende.

En consecuencia mando que servandole de titulo el presente y teniendose por firme y valeroso se tome razon en el libro que correspondia y se entregue al interesado para su resguardo y demas fines convenientes.

Dado en Santa Barbara a veinte y dos de Enero de mil ochocientos treinta y nueve  
Juan B. Alvarado.

Manuel Jimeno. Seco.

Filed in Office. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1852. Geo. Fisher. Secy.

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Grant

A. P. L. Exhibited to deposition of Mr. G. Vallejo  
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Translatation

B. Juan B. Alvarez Governor ad interim  
Translatation of the Department of the California

of Grant the citizen Antonio del Valle has solicited  
his permit and that of his family  
the track known by the name of San  
Francisco within the limits of the domain  
which accompanies his petition

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Provisionally  
taking the proper steps according to what  
is provided by the Laws and Regulations  
of the matter using the faculties which  
are conferred with the name of the Mex-  
ican Nation have concluded to permit the  
mountain track.

Declaring to him the  
ownership of it by the present letters said  
concession being understood with entire  
confirmation to the Laws with respect of  
the appropriation or disappropriation  
of the most Excellent Departmental

Junta and under the following  
conditions

1st The Dancer who is to be shall be  
able to divide or transport that which  
to him is adjudicated without any  
certain pledge mortgage or other burden  
even though for private motive. Nor trans-  
fer it in mortuaries

2nd He may enclose it without prejudice  
to the crossings roads and easements  
copy of said and exclusively dedicating  
it to the cultivation and use which suits  
him

3rd He shall solicit the property of the  
inspiration Judge that he shall give  
him the juridical possession in  
virtue of this despatch by which shall  
be deemed its boundaries and he



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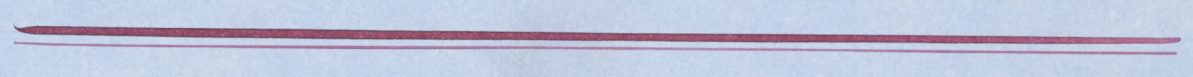
shall put its Land marks  
4th to the tract of which acquisition is  
made is purely of what is & missed  
in the petition of the interested party and  
is awaiting in the case and the Judge  
who shall deliver it shall send an account  
to the Government of the number of  
titles which it comprises

Wherefore I  
order that having assted the present  
and being held for firm and valid acc  
ount shall be taken of it in the proper  
book and the account to the interested  
parties Security and other proper means  
in Santa Barbara the twenty second  
January one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty nine

Signed  
J. B. Alvarado  
Signed  
Manuel Jimenez  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary









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Some persons expressing a desire to  
know how the Public Account Commissioners  
48 is the general belief of himself and  
others possessing information therein

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particular states that in the year of 1839 he  
saw and read in the said Public Account  
Commissioners the Espionage papers Grant Consta  
ining the Petition of his said Father for  
the Rank of Captain Franchise.

The report  
of the administrator of the mission of  
said Franchise the account being of what  
is known to the Department of the  
de la Guerra and the terms of Grant  
de

Yours truly  
I have to any Subscriber  
before me this 16th day  
of November 1854.

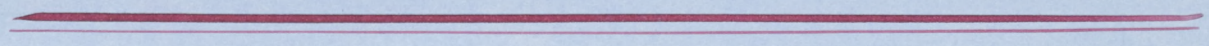
J. Thompson Burrill  
Justice of the Peace

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Secretary

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Secretary









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Substitution Number 318  
of AP Whittier and Son vs Jacoba Felix & others  
as attorney  
of claimants The United States

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Pumpkin's Share having ceased to act as  
our attorney in this case we substitute  
AP Whittier and Son as our attorney in  
their stead  
March 15th 1834

signed  
Yanui de Valle  
For himself and as  
agent of the other claimants

Felix in Office March 15th 1834

signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Records in Journal Volume 3 p 608

signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary



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Stipulation  
Number 318  
between Jacoba Felix et al  
vs  
The United States

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It is stipulated  
that the copy of the returns or map and  
the paper setting forth the proceedings in  
giving judicial possession with the trans-  
lation thereof filed in case number 49  
in which Charles Antonio Carrillo is the  
claimant of the Rancho of San Juan y San  
so much of the deposition of Jose Antonio  
Carrillo taken in said case as relates  
to the signature appearing on said paper  
shall be considered as filed in this case  
Number 318 and form part of the records  
thereof

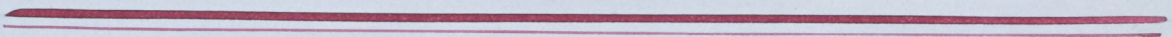
December 5th 1834

A. C. McClutman  
Attorney for claimants  
J. H. McKim  
US Law Agent

Filed in Office December 5th 1834  
Signed

Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
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Los Angeles September 2nd 1852

Deposition  
of  
Jose Antonio  
Carrillo

Office of the Board of Commissioners of  
California Land Claims  
On this day before Helms Hall one of the  
Commissioners to ascertain and settle Private  
Land Claims in California came for a  
deposition Carrillo whose Petition is number  
49 on the docket of the Board and was  
asked under his own name being given in  
the name of Sanguaza was introduced by  
the Secretary

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The United States Law  
Agent was notified and attended

Witness to questions by  
the counsel public Claimants the witness  
testifies as follows

My name is Jose Antonio  
Carrillo my age fifty seven years and my  
residence the City of Los Angeles I am a  
native of California

I am acquainted with  
the handwriting and signatures of Jose  
Figueroa Augustin C. Zamora and Manuel  
Garcia Carlos Antonio Carrillo Joaquin  
Carrillo Jose Maria Covarrubias C. Arceles  
and Ignacio del Valle

The names of the said  
small persons appearing upon a paper were  
shown me pointing to the title papers  
and records of jurisdiction possession given  
to the Claimant of the Rancho Santa  
we have no doubt their genuine signa-  
-ture said paper is book number 1 number  
number

The Claimant has been in posses-  
sion of the land described in the papers  
before mentioned about eight or nine  
years it has been occupied by cultivation  
and the raising of stock the number of cattle  
at the place which San Jose was about  
three thousand there were also sheep  
and mules amounting to some 1500 number



and about four hundred Heep Har  
these things three same seven years ago  
and again about three years ago

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Harra got  
the story house on the place about seven  
years ago there was no house there 18  
years ago at the time the Raider was  
found

Harra told me whether there was  
abouse there at that time and previous  
to seven years ago or not

Seven years  
ago there were two vine yards there  
but Harra told me when they were planted  
they were planted by the present claim  
ant

Manson to questions put by  
the San Agent the witness says

That  
when I was on the land seven years ago  
I saw two fields enclosed and under  
cultivation each five hundred square  
square and that he believes the land  
is within ten leagues of the sea coast

I do  
not know whether the land was occupied  
by a mission in 1828 or not

at the time  
the Raider was found eight years  
ago it was not occupied by any mission

Jose Antonio Carrillo  
Sworn and Subscribed  
Before me

Adelmo Hall  
Commissioner  
Filed in Office September 2nd 1852

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Secretary  
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Expediente promovido por Don  
Carlos Antonio Carrillo en Solicitud  
de la posesion juridica de herage de  
"Espe"

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Dello primero: Dels pesos:

Habilitado provisoriamente por la Administracion de la Aduana Maritima de Monterey, para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y tres y mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro.

Legueroa

Jose Rafael Gonzalez

Jose Legueroa, General de Brigada de los Ejercitos nacionales Mexicanos Comandante general Inspector y Jefe superior politico del territorio de la Alta California not cuanto Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo Mexicano por nacimiento ha pretendido para su beneficio personal y el de su familia el terreno conocido con el nombre de Despe coincidente con las Misiones de San Gerónimo y San Buenaventura; practica las diligencias y averiguaciones correspondientes; segun lo dispuesto por leyes y Reglamentos: usando de las facultades que me son conferidas en decreto de Veinte y dos del corriente a nombre de la Nacion Mexicana he venido en concederle el terreno mencionado declarandole la propiedad de el por las presentes letras; entendiendose de esta condicion con entera conformidad a lo dispuesto por las leyes a reserva de la aprobacion o desaprobacion de la Excm<sup>a</sup> Diputacion territorial y del supremo Gobierno y bajo las condiciones siguientes.

1<sup>a</sup> Que se sometera a las que estableciere el Reglamento que se ha de formar para la distribucion de terrenos baldios y que entre tanto ni el agraciado ni sus herederos podran dividir ni enagenar el que se le adjudica: imponer sobre un cuido pignora hipoteca ni otro gravamen alguno sea por causa pida o no ni pasarlo a manos muertas.

2<sup>a</sup> Podras cercarlo sin perjudicar las haciendas, caminos, ni servicios: lo disputar a libre y exclusivamente destinandolo al uso o cultivo que mas le acomode,

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pero dentro de un año à lo mas fabricada casa  
y estara habitada.

1<sup>a</sup> Cuando se le confirme la propiedad  
solicitará del juez respectivo que le de pose-  
cion juridica en virtud de este despacho  
por el cual se demarcaran los linderos en  
sus limites pondra à mas de las mope-  
ras algunos arboles frutales ò silvestres de  
alguna utilidad.

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2<sup>a</sup> El terreno de que se le ha e donacion  
es de seis sitios de ganado mayor poco mas  
ò menos segun explica el dictamen que corre  
en el expediente. el juez que diere la pose-  
cion lo hara medir conforme à Ordenanza  
para señalar los linderos quedando el  
sobrante que resulte à la Union para  
los usos continentales.

3<sup>a</sup> Si contraviniere à estas condiciones  
perderà su derecho al terreno y sera de-  
nunciable por otro.

En consecuencia mando  
que sirviendole de Titulo el presente y  
teniendo por firme y valedero se tomara  
razon en el libro à que corresponde y se  
entregue al interesado para su resguardo  
y demas fines. Dado en Monterrey à veinte  
y nueve de Noviembre de mil ochocientos  
treinta y tres.

José Figueroa # Agustin O. Zamorano  
Lito.

Queda tomada razon en el libro de asientos  
de titulos sobre adjudicacion de terrenos  
à pocas diez y ocho numero Diez y seis. q<sup>o</sup> obra  
en el archivo de la Secretaria de mi cargo  
Monterrey Nov<sup>o</sup> veinte y nueve de mil  
ochocientos treinta y tres.

Jamorado  
Sello tercer Dos Reales.  
Habilitado provisionalmente por la Admin-  
istracion de la Academia Maritima de  
Monterrey para los años de mil ochocien-  
tos treinta y cuatro y mil ochocientos treinta  
y cinco.

Figueroa

Rafael Gonzalez



Dijo De apueva la concecion hecha al  
 ciudadano Carlos Antonio Carrillo  
 del paraje nombrado Degpi concedido  
 en Veinte y Nueve de Noviembre de mil ochocientos  
 treinta y tres de entera conformidad con lo prevenido en la ley de diez y ocho de Agosto de mil ochocientos Veinte y cuatro y el articulo en ei del Reglamento de Veinte y uno de Noviembre de mil ochocientos veinte y ocho Monterey diez y siete de Mayo de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. En oesion de este dia se aprovo por la Excelentissima Diputacion la proposicion del dictamen antecedente mandando ~~se~~ devuelva el expediente al Señor Jefe superior politico para los fines consiguientes. José Igneroa.

Juan Bautista Alvarado Secretario  
 Monterey Julio Veinte y Ocho de mil ochocientos  
 treinta y cuatro. En Vista de la aprovacion otorgada en diez y siete de Mayo ultimo por la Excelentissima Diputacion Teritorial: librese Testimonio de ella y de este decreto a la parte de Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo en conformidad a la concecion del terreno de Jospé que obtuvo en Veinte y dos de Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y tres.

El señor Don José Igneroa General de  
 brigada comandante General Inspector  
 y Jefe superior politico de la Alta California  
 asi lo mando decreto y firmo de que doy fe.  
 José Igneroa // Agustín V. Zamorano Sr.  
 Conuerda a la letra con su Original del  
 cual hice sacar el presente Testimonio para  
 resguardo de la parte de Don Carlos Antonio  
 Carrillo en Monterey a Veinte y Ocho  
 de Julio de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro  
 siendo testigos los ciudadanos Bernardo Clavete  
 y Bonifacio de Madariaga de esta  
 vecindad.

En testimonio de Verdad  
 José Igneroa

Sr.  
 Agustín V. Zamorano



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Manuel Jimeno Casarin primer Vocal  
Proprietario de la Esma punta del Depar  
tamt. de las Californias en ejercicio del Gobi  
erno del mismo.

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Certifico que el Diseño q. se demues  
tra a la vuelta es igual al Original  
que corre agregado al expediente q.  
existe en la Secretaria de Gobierno pertene  
ciente a D. Carlos mt. Carrillo del paraje  
nombrado Decspe.

Monterey Octubre 12 de 1839  
Man. Jimeno

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Here follows  
Data.



Don juez de paz.  
El Ciudadano Carlos Antonio Carrillo veci-  
no de este puerto ante V. dice: Que habiendo  
obtenido la concesion del terreno conocido  
con el Nombre de Lospe, ocurre à V para que  
se sirva darle la posesion judicial para lo  
cual acompaña à esta solicitud el titulo  
de dicho terreno que se le espichio por el Gobi-  
erno en 29 de Noviembre de 1833 la aproba-  
cion de la Esma Diputacion y el plano  
debidamente certificado del mismo terreno  
por tanto a. V. suplica ocurre ponerlo  
en la posesion que solicita, admitiendolo en  
papel comun por no haber del sellado.

St<sup>a</sup> Barbara Diciembre 6 de 1842

Carlos Antonio Carrillo

St<sup>a</sup> Barbara Diciembre 4 de 1842.

En virtud de la antecedente solicitud  
proseclase por mi el presente juez à la  
medicion señalamiento de colinderos y  
posesion judicial que solicita el interesa-  
do todo conforme à los documentos que acom-  
paña señalando para efectuarlo el dia  
quince del presente mes para lo que se cita-  
ran con boleto de comparendo à los colindan-  
tes. Asi yo el juez de paz del partido de San-  
ta Barbara lo decreto, mande y firmo con los  
de mi asistencia. con el menes actus por  
receptoria en la forma establecida de of.  
doy fe.

Joaq<sup>n</sup> Carrillo

De aos<sup>a</sup>

De aos<sup>a</sup>

Josè M<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias # E. Ardisson  
En seguida presente Don Carlos Antonio  
Carrillo se le notifico el proveido que an-  
tecede y de el entendido dijo: que lo oye y  
se daba por oido y lo firmo con mi y los  
de mi asistencia

Carlos Anto. Carrillo.

De aos<sup>a</sup>. Joaq<sup>n</sup> Carrillo. De aos<sup>a</sup>

Josè M<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias # E. Ardisson.

En la misma fecha se libraron los boletas  
de comparendo à los colindantes del terreno  
de Lospe y lo rubrico por diligencia



En el Rancho de Despe à los quince dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos en cumplimiento del auto de siete del presente mes yo el juez nupascito, adverti à Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo dueño del expresado rancho y à José Arceñas que representa la parte de Don Manuel Linares colindante de Despe que voy à proceder à la medicion señalamiento de linderos y procecion juridica del expresado rancho quienes dijeron que lo ojen. Y para constancia lo firmo conmigo y los de mi asistencia dicho señor Carrillo, haciendo well mes una señal de Cruz por no saber escribir.

Carlos An. Carrillo +

De asoa. Joaquin Carrillo. De asoa José M. Covarrubias # C. Ardisson  
En el expresado rancho, dia, mes y año yo el juez nombré medidores à los vecinos Vicente Valencia y Ramon Rodriguez quienes presentes y entendidos dijeron que aceptan dicho encargo de medidores y juraron por Dios Nuestro Señor y una señal de Cruz de usarlo fiel y legalmente à todo en leal saber y entendido sin dolo ni fraude contra persona alguna y lo firmo conmigo y los de mi asistencia dicho Valencia haciendo Rodriguez una señal de Cruz por no saber escribir de que doy fe.

Vicente Valencia +

Joaquín Carrillo

De asoa

José M. Covarrubias # C. Ardisson  
En continencia yo el repetido juez mandé traer à mi presencia el cordel con que se han de medir las tierras de dicho rancho y que los medidores lo midan de à cincuenta varas y lo firmo con los de mi asistencia de asoa. Joaquín Carrillo. De asoa.

José M. Covarrubias # C. Ardisson.

En seguida y en presencia de mi el expresado juez los medidores mencionados tomaron un cordel y con una vara de medir



62 usual Mexicana midieron cincuenta varas para hacer la medición y para constancia lo rubricó.

9 En la misma fecha y en el referido remecheo siendo como las ocho o nueve de la mañana y el mencionado juez mandó a los medidores nombrados se pongan para la medición de tierra que se ha de hacer a Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo y puestos en el Arroyo de Mapu que surge de lindero con el Rancho de Santa Paula, se comenzo la medición haciendo el cordel al Este y se llegó al frente de la casa de Despe hasta donde hubo ciento cincuenta cordeles de a cincuenta varas en cuyo punto se suspendió la medición para proseguir el día de mañana. Y para constancia lo firmo conmigo y los de mi asistencia Vicente Valencia e hizo una Cruz Ramon Rodriguez por no saber escribir de que doy fe.

+ Vicente Valencia

De casa. Joaquin Carrillo. De casa

José M<sup>o</sup> Cervantes # E. Ardison.

10 En el expresado remecheo a los diez y seis dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y dos y el juez de estos autos mandó a los medidores traser el cordel al Este desde el lugar en que se suspendió la medición el día de ayer y se llegó a la punta de la loma que se encuentra al entrar a la cañada nombrada de poru cuya loma queda al Sur en la entrada a dicha cañada hasta donde hubo cuatrocientos diez y nueve cordeles de a cincuenta varas y luego se prosiguió la medición tirando el cordel de Sur a Norte desde el pie de la Sierra que está al Sur del terreno que se mide hasta rematar a la punta de la misma loma donde termino la medición y resultaron sesenta y un cordeles de a cincuenta varas, siendo de advertir que esta última línea corrida forma el lindero con el rancho de San Francisco; por ultimo se tiró



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el cordel desde la punta de la espesada  
loma rumbo al NW. Este hasta llegar al  
pie de la Sierra en suya direccion y en  
la cumbre de dicha Sierra se encuentra  
un remillete de arboles y resultaron treinta  
y nueve cordeles de a cincuenta varas; por  
lo que declararon los medicos despues de  
computado las medidas practica das ha  
ber en dicho Rancho cinco leguas y tres mi  
enuto cientas cincuenta varas de largo  
y una legua aunque irregular en algunas  
partes de ancho. Y habiendose hecho una  
señales en los cuatro linderos se dispuso  
se formasen mojoneras en las referidas  
señales y para constancia lo firmo con mi  
go y los de mi asistencia Vicente Valencia  
e hizo una Cruz Ramon Rodriguez por  
no saber escribir de que doy fe.

Vicente Valencia + Doct<sup>r</sup> Covillo  
De assa De assa

Jose Ma<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias. E. Ardisson  
En la misma fecha estubo presente Don  
Ignacio del Valle como colindante y due  
ño del Rancho de San Gerencio quien  
quedo conforme con lo practicado y para  
que conste por diligencia lo firmo con mi go  
y los de mi asistencia de que doy fe.

Ignacio del Valle # D. Covillo.  
de assa. de assa

Jose Ma<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias # E. Ardisson  
En el referido rancho y en el mismo dia mes  
y año Don Carlos Antonio Covillo vecino  
de Santa Barbara acompañado del  
Juez de estos autos y testigos, dijo: que ha  
biendose medido las tierras de este ran  
cho segun consta de autos tomaba la ver  
dad y por poseer la posesion de dichas  
tierras medidas pues le pertenecen por jus  
to titulo que obtiene de la consecucion que  
de ellas le hizo con fecha veinte nueve de  
Noviembre de mil ochocientos treinta y  
tres el señor General Don José Figueroa  
Jefe superior político y de la aprobacion  
que de ello hizo la Diputacion Territorial

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en fecha diez y siete de Marzo de mil ochocientos treinta y cuatro. Entre y pases por dichas tierras, arbores, yerbas, espárcio pumada de tierra rompio ramas de los arboles è hizo otras demostraciones y actos de posesion en señal de lo que tomaba de dichas tierras. Y yo el espedado juez mandè q<sup>d</sup> desde entonces lo tubieran y reconocieran por verdadero señor y poseedor de ellas. De todo lo espedado pidiò dicho Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo que para memoria en lo venidero y conservacion de sus derechos le fuese estendida por mi el referido juez una constancia y lo firmò conmigo y los de mi asistencia de que doy fee.

Carlos anto Carrillo

Don: Joaquín Carrillo m<sup>o</sup> De asen  
José M<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias # C. Ardison.  
En la fecha se devuelve este espediente al interesado con doce copias utiles teniendo por valedero lo escrito en papel común por falta del sellado.

Y para constancia lo firmò con los testigos  
De asen. Joaquín Carrillo. De asen  
José M<sup>a</sup> Covarrubias # C. Ardison

Hecha en el Oficio Depto. 2<sup>na</sup> 1859

Leo: Jeronimo Deery



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Stamp First Six Dollars

Provisionally authorized by the administration of the Maritime Customs House of Pto and of Manting for the years one thousand (juridical) eight hundred and thirty three and one thousand eight hundred and thirty four  
Signed Figueroa signed J. P. Gonzalez

José Figueroa Brigadier General of the National forces of Mexico Commanding General Inspector and Governor of the Territory of Upper California

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Whereas Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo a Mexican by birth has put his own personal benefit and that of his family relations for the land known by the name of San Antonio de los Missiones of San Fernando and San Buenaventura the proper measures and examinations having previously been made as required by laws and Regulations

Using the powers conferred on me in the decree of the territory then instant in the name of the Mexican Nation I have granted him the said land declaring to him by these presents the ownership of it and want him to understand to be in entire conformity with that provided for in the laws subject to the approval of the most Excellent Territorial Deputation and of the Superior Government and on the following conditions

1st He shall submit to those (conditions) which shall be established in the Regulation which is about to be made for the distribution of vacant lands and in the meantime within the granted nor his heirs can divide or alienate that which is granted to him subject it to any tax entail bond mortgage or other incumbrance even for purposes or convey it in mortmain



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And he may enclose it without prepa-  
- ing to the roads cross roads and adventures  
and enjoy it free and exclusively making  
such use or cultivation of it as he may  
deem fit. And within one year after that  
he will send a return on it and it  
shall be admitted.

And when the ownership is confirmed  
then he shall request the proper  
Magistrate to give him judicial  
possession. In virtue of this order  
by whom the boundaries shall be  
marked out and in which besides  
the land marks he shall place some  
print or print trees of a useful char-  
acter.

4th The land granted in a grant is  
situated in the Bay of Mexico (Six Square  
Leagues a little more or less as explained  
by the map which goes with the records of  
Proceedings.

The Magistrate who may give  
the possession will cause it to be meas-  
- ured in conformity with the ordinance  
leaving the surplus which may result  
to the Nation for its common uses.

5th If he shall contract there condi-  
- tions he shall lose his right to the land  
and it may be granted by another  
person.

In consequence of what is  
- said in the present and being  
- held a firm and valid thing he will  
- send in the corresponding book anything  
- he desires to the party interested for his  
- security and other purposes.

Given in Mexico  
- on the twenty ninth of November one thousand  
- six hundred and thirty three

Supplied by the Registrar  
- Agustin V. Zamargu  
Secretary



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Amphone him returns in the book of returns of wants of lands on page 18 number sixteen which is in the archive of the Secretary office under my charge Montevideo November 29th 1833

Signis

Zamurano

Stamp Three Two Reales Provisionally authorized by the administration of the Maritime Custom House of Montevideo for the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty four are one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Signis

Figueras

Signis

Rafael Gonzalez

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civil  
Govt of  
Calpurnia

The want made to citizen Carlos Antonio Carrillo of the place named Suspe granted on the twenty ninth of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty three in virtue of conformity with the requirements of the Law of August 18th 1824 and article fifth of the Regulation of twenty first of November 1828 is approved

Montevideo May nineteenth one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

In session

of this day the most Excellent Department approved the preparations of the foregoing report ordering the boards of Proceedings to be returned to the Governor for the necessary papers

Signis

Figueras

Signis

Juan Bautista Alvarado

Secretary

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Montevideo July 28th 1834

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In view of the  
appropriation granted on the 16th of  
May last by the most Excellent Territorial  
Deputation let the testimony of it and of  
this decree be signed by the party Don  
Carlos Antonio Carrillo in conformity  
with the want of the laws of  
Suspension obtained on the twenty  
second of November one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty three.

Don Don Jose  
Figueras General of Brigade Command  
and Don Don Inspector and Governor  
of Upper California thus decreeing and  
and signed which I certify  
Signed

Agustino N. Zamarrano  
Jose Figueras  
Secretary

Represent Copy agrees literally with the  
original from which I cause it to be taken  
for the security of the party Don Carlos  
Antonio Carrillo in conformity with the  
twenty eighth of July one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty four the witnesses  
being citizens Bernardo Navarrete and  
Bonifacio de Madariaga of this vicinity  
testimony of both

Signed  
Agustino Zamarrano  
Jose Figueras  
Secretary

To the Justice of the Peace  
Citizen Carlos  
Antonio Carrillo resident of this Port  
before appears that having obtained  
the want of the laws known by the  
name of suspension he appears to you that  
you would be pleased to give him the  
judicial possession for such purpose

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he transmits unto this request the title of said land which was issued by the Government on the 29th of November 1833 the approval of the most Excellent Deputation on the map properly certified by the same

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Therefore I request you will have the goodness to give him the possession he requests and to admit this on common paper for want of stampers Santa Barbara December 6th 1842

Signs  
Carlos Antonio Carrillo  
Santa Barbara December 7th 1842

In compliance with the foregoing petition the present Magistrate will proceed to the measurement & designation of boundaries and judicial possession which the interested party requests all in conformity with the documents he transmits

Designating for them execution the fifteenth day of the present month for which written summons will be issued to the surrounding neighbors

Thus I the Justice of the Peace of the District of Santa Barbara do command and signs unto those of my assistance with whom I act by virtue of my office in the established form which I certify

Signs  
Joaquin Carrillo  
assist  
Signs  
Jose Maria Comarrutins C. Arriero

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Immediately after reading said Carlos Antonio Carrillo being present he was informed of the foregoing notice and having heard it he demurred upon notice and signs with me & as my witnesses



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Signis  
 Carlos Antonio Carrillo      Joaquin Carrillo  
 assist      assist  
 Signis      Signis  
 Jose Maria Cuavarrubias      C. Ardisson  
 On the same day the witnesses were  
 issued the surrounding neighbors  
 of the land of dispute and a son official  
 Act Signis in Rulerie

Public of Joaquin Carrillo  
 In the Ranch of dispute on the 15th day  
 of the month of December 1842 in  
 compliance with the order of the  
 seventh Instance, the Magistrate  
 who subscribes expressing Don Carlos  
 Antonio Carrillo owner of the said Ranch  
 and Jose Arillans who represents Don  
 Manuel Jimenez surrounding neighbors  
 of dispute that was about to proceed to the  
 measurement designation of boundaries  
 and judicial possession of said  
 Ranch and they replied that they heard  
 it and in testimony said Carrillo signed  
 with me and my assisting witnesses  
 Arillans making a cross as he did  
 not intend to write

Signis  
 Carlos Antonio Carrillo  
 Signis Joaquin Carrillo  
 assist      assist

Signis      Signis  
 Jose Malcovarrubias      C. Ardisson  
 In the said Ranch day month and  
 year the Magistrate appointed witnesses  
 neighbors Vicente Alamin and Ramon  
 Ruvizim who being present and  
 having heard it accepted said Office of  
 Jueces and made oath by God our  
 Lord and sign of the cross to use it  
 faithfully and legally to the best of their  
 knowledge and understanding without  
 accept of fraud against any person



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and said Valueda begins with me  
and those of my assistance Rodriguez  
making a cross at the center of the  
write to which I testify

begin  
Nuncio Valueda Joaquin Carrillo  
assist assist

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begin begin  
Jose Ben Leonarrubins C. Ardeffer

In continuation the said Magistrate  
ordered the heart of the brought to my  
presence the cord with which the lands  
are to be measured and that the surveyors  
measure off fifty varas and I begin it  
with my assisting witnesses

begin  
Joaquin Carrillo  
assist assist

begin begin  
Jose Ben Leonarrubins C. Ardeffer

Then and before me the said Magis-  
trate the said surveyors took a cord  
and with a common Mexican vara  
measured the marking off fifty varas  
to make the survey and in testimony  
begin in rubric

Rubric of Joaquin Carrillo  
At the same day and in the said Ranchos  
at about eight or nine o'clock in the  
morning the said Magistrate  
ordered those appointed surveyors to com-  
mence the survey which business made  
for Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo and  
standing in the array of surveyors which  
is the boundary with the Ranchos of  
Santa Paula the measurement was com-  
menced by drawing the line exactly one  
hundred and fifty varas off fifty varas

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each to the front of the bank of the  
where the measurement was suspended  
to be continued to morning morning and  
intending Nuncio Valueda begins



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with me and those of my assistants  
and Haumen Rodriguez made a  
cross as the usual practice

Sept 10  
Jose Van Loarruelias " " +  
assist assist

Sept 11  
Jose Van Loarruelias Joaquin Carrillo  
Sept 12 E. Ardissan

Atto said rancher to the north of  
Seaman St. The magnitude of these  
acts or any of the Surveys to draw the  
Coral from the place where the meas-  
urement was sustained yesterday was  
only four hundred and some ten corals  
of fifty paces each to the point of the hill  
at the entrance of the Cañada of Peris  
which hill is on the south side of it  
Then

the measurement was continued  
from south to north from the foot of the  
Sierra which is on the south of the land  
sixty and some corals of fifty paces each  
to the point of the same hill where  
the previous measurement terminated

It is  
to be observed that the line between is  
the boundary of the land with the Rancho  
of San Francisco lastly the coral was  
drawn from the point of the said hill  
north west thirty and some corals of fifty  
paces each to the foot of the Sierra on  
the ridge of which in the same direction  
is all kinds of trees.

Therefore the Survey  
as after computing the measurement  
deduce said Rancho to be four leagues  
three thousand four hundred and fifty  
paces long and one league wide though  
it is some places irregular and having  
plain marks with the same boundaries  
long marks were drawn the plain -



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where are the said numbers and in testimony  
Vicente Valencia signing with me and  
those of my assistance and Mariano  
Madrigal made across a line with  
intimate

Signing Vicente Valencia  
Signing +

" Joaquin Carrillo

assist

assist

José María Louarrubias & Co. Auctioneer  
On the same day appearing Don Juan de  
Alballe assuring neighboring  
and owner of the Rancho of San Fran-  
cisco who assented to that which was  
being performed and as an official testimony  
he signed with me and those of my assis-  
tance

Signing

Signing

Joaquin Carrillo

assist

assist

Signing

Signing

José María Louarrubias & Co. Auctioneer  
On the aforesaid Rancho and on the  
same day month and year Don Antonio  
Carrillo Inspector of Santa Bar-  
bara accompanied by the Magistrate  
of these acts and witnesses said

That the

lands of this Rancho having been  
measured as appears by official docu-  
ments he took the title and corporal pos-  
session of said measured lands putting  
belonging to him by lawful titles which  
he claims of the grant which the former  
General Don José Figueroa made him of  
them on the twenty ninth of November  
1833 and the approval being the Terri-  
torial Deputation dated May 17th 1834

He

enters upon and makes over said lands  
pulling up grass scattering handful of  
earth broke off branches of the trees

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and impurities attracts and demonstrates of possession assigns of that which he said he took of said lands

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And the aforementioned Magistrate orders that from that time he should be held and recognized as the true owner and possessor of them

And Don Carlos Antonio Carrillo prays that as a testimony of the future and the preservation of his rights the Magistrate should issue therein a testimony of the foregoing acts and he assigns this notarial and my assisting witnesses which I certify signs

Carlos Antonio Carrillo prays Carrillo assist

Signs  
Jose M. Covarrubias E. Arce

On the same day this expediente was delivered to the party interested in 12 written leaves for common paper without any seal or stamp

Signs  
Joaquin Carrillo assist

Signs  
J. Maria Covarrubias E. Arce

I certify the foregoing to be true and correct translation from the original Spanish document on file in this office in case number 4 of Carlos Antonio Carrillo full name

Superior  
Gu. Fierro

Secretary  
Filed in Office February 17th 1852

Gu. Fierro Secretary  
Recorded in Record of Gov. Page 344

Gu. Fierro  
Secretary

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Opinion  
of the  
Board

Jacobo Fiestal  
of  
The United States

of  
the  
place  
called San Francisco  
in Salsaca  
Jules County  
containing about  
four square leagues  
of land

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The claimants in this case are the  
widow and children of Antonio de  
Salle who died about the year 1841 and  
who is alleged in the petition to have  
been the owner of the land in question

a  
grant made to said deceased by Governor  
Juan B. Alvarado dated January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839  
is given in evidence the execution  
thereof being abundantly proved by wit-  
nesses who were present when it was  
signed and delivered

It is proved that the  
grantee went on to the premises the  
same year that the grant was made and  
moved his family there that he made  
his residence cultivated portions of the  
land and kept his stock there during the  
remainder of his life and that the occu-  
pation and cultivation have since been  
continued to the present time by the  
claimants

The grant is of the place  
known by the name of San Francisco  
and the petition and the accompanying  
deeds are referred to as the only further  
disposition or description of the  
premises

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The grantee and his heirs  
is not specified but the judge by whom  
the possession of said grant is given was  
required to make report to the government



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of the number of square leagues which it should be found to contain.

No judicial measurement appears to have been made. The Espediente which contains the original petition put to grant and which is referred to in it cannot be found. A transcript copy of a map found in the archives is presented purporting to be a delineation of the land claimed.

The original in the archives from which this copy is taken is from the deposition of Pablo de la Guerra and Fr. Estrella to the Santa Fe map which was before the Governor when he made the grant and to which of course reference is made in it as exhibiting the land granted.

testimony is also taken in the case which shows that the Rancho was known by the name of San Francisco many years before the grant to del Valle that it was occupied by the Mission that its limits were well known and understood and could not well be mistaken.

The description of the place given by the witnesses corresponds with the delineation of it on the map.

It is a narrow valley enclosed by high hills on the north and south and intersected by the Rio de Santa Clara.

The valleys cut by lines drawn on the map evidently representing the limits of the Rancho on the East and the West.

This also corresponds with the proof as to the limits and boundaries of the land as known both before and since the issuing of the grant and with the aid of both these three can be



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No difficulty in designating the lands which  
was in fact granted

Since the filing of this  
claim two of the Petitioners claim of  
said Grants have since the occurrence  
mentioned in the usual terms in such  
cases confirming the premises to the  
widow and heirs of the deceased granted  
in the respective petitions or interests to  
which they are entitled to the estate of  
the intestate man the Land

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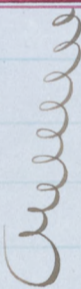
Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Decree  
of  
Confirmation

Number 318  
Jacobus Felix & Co  
of  
The United States



In this case concerning  
the proofs and allegations it is adjudged  
by the Commission that the claim of the  
said Petitioners is valid and it is therefore  
decree that the same be confirmed to  
the said widow Jacobus Felix and Francis  
del Valle deceased to hold the premises  
unto confirmed with the usual prohibitions  
and interests to which they are respectively  
entitled in the estate of said deceased

The  
Land of which confirmation is hereby  
made is that known by the name of San  
Francisco situated in Los Angeles County  
and is the same granted to any person  
occupied by said Antonio del Valle and  
is bounded and described as follows to wit

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Boundaries of the west by the Arroyo River  
which comes down from the mountains  
on the north and runs into the River called  
Santa Clara and thence extends across  
said River at the mouth of said Arroyo  
towards the south to a large oak tree which  
which is situated on the southern side  
of the River upon the top of a hill and  
standing alone, which tree is well known  
there being no other oak tree but this

On the south of said Arroyo from said  
tree to the east through the hills until  
it reaches the cañon (La Puente) or near  
which is in the high part from San  
Fernando to San Francisco at the  
foot of the Cueta of San Fernando where  
the road is very narrow and where  
it was formerly completely fenced by bars  
and to an oak tree on each side. The mountains  
coming down on either side and leaving  
a very narrow pass

and thence in a straight  
line along the base of said mountains  
to the Arroyo Tabuiza

On the East following  
said Arroyo in a westerly direction until  
it empties into the River Santa Clara  
and thence northward until striking the  
high hills and from the northern boundary  
thence following the tops of said high  
hills along the cliff nearest to said  
River Santa Clara to the Arroyo River  
the same including the valley between  
said hills with the boundaries above  
mentioned

Being the same land granted  
to said Antonia del Valle as designated  
in his grant and delineated in the  
traced copy of a map of the same which  
are filled in this case to which refer-  
ence is to be had for further description of the same



Alphons Felch  
R. Aug. Thompson

S. B. Farnell  
Commissioner

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Signed

Geo. Fisher  
Secretary

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Signed  
Geo. Fisher  
Secretary

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

And  
where transcripts shall be filed with  
the Clerk of the United States District  
(District) Court for the Southern District  
of California and the other documents  
to the Attorney General of the United  
States



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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

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

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 *Eighty one* — pages, numbered from  
1 to 81, 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. 318, on the Docket of the said Board,  
wherein *Jacoba Felis* is —

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by  
the name of "San Francisco" —

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand  
and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal  
of Office) at San Francisco, California, this  
*Twenty first* — day of August  
A. D. 1853, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the ~~seventy~~ *eighty*th.

G. Fisher.





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U. S. DISTRICT COURT,  
District of California.

No. 303

UNITED STATES,

vs.

*Jacoba Felix et al*

*"San Francisco"*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE  
BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No. 318

Filed, *Oct 4<sup>th</sup>* 185*5*,

*J. C. Farr.*  
*clerk.*

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Office of the Attorney General of the United States,

Washington, 10. October, 1855.

318 J "San Francisco"

Martha Felix 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Rankin*

Attorney General.



No 303.

W. S. Dist. Court.  
South. Dist of Cal.

~~Jacob~~

The United States, appl.

vs.

Jacoba Felis

Appeal Notice.

Filed November 20<sup>th</sup> 1835.

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*W. H. M. J. C. C.*

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*vs*  
*The United States, App.*

Docket No. 303.

Transcript No. 318.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September

A. D. 1852, *Jacoba Felis, Ignacio del Valle, Maria del Valle, Magdalena del Valle, Jose Antonio del Valle, Jose Ignacio del Valle, and Encarnacion del Valle,*

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 <sup>(called San Francisco)</sup> ~~called~~ situated in the valley of the River *Santa Clara*, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January A. D. 1855, the said Commissioners confirmed, by final decision, the said claim of said petitioners. That thereafter, to wit: on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October

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. 318; reference to which it is prayed may be had and made part of this petition.

That on or about the 14<sup>th</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>on about</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 claimants presented as aforesaid to said Commissioners. And your petitioner further denies that the said claimants ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> any valid right or title to said land claimed as aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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



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

Wherefore, the said Pacificus Ord, Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of California, for and in behalf of the United States, by reason of the premises, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," approved March 3d, A. D. 1851, and the laws and statutes in such case made and provided, prays that the said claimants or ~~his~~ <sup>their</sup> attorneys 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.

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*P. Ord*

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



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U. S. Dist. Court  
S. Dist. of Cal.<sup>a</sup>

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Petition of U. S. for Review

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P. Ord. Dist. atty.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } SS.

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Southern District of California,

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The President of the United States,

TO

Jacobo Filis, Ignacio del Valle  
Maria del Valle, Magdalena del Valle  
Jose Antonio del Valle Jose Ignacio del Valle  
and Concepcion del Valle,

Greeting :

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

P. Ord. U. S. Dist Atty for the  
South. Dist of Cal. praying the Court to review the  
decision of the U. S Land Commissioner confirming  
your claim to a tract of land called "San Francisco"

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

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1855.

C. E. Farr

CLERK.



Marshals Cost

Copying Summons, 50  
Sewing " 3,00  
" Petition 3,00  
\$6,50

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

Jacoba Felix (et al.)  
Appellees  
vs.  
The United States  
Appellants

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Edward Hunter

U. S. MARSHAL.

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Ignacio del Valle* (for *concepcion del Valle*) by delivering to him a true copy of the same at *Los Angeles* in the Southern District of California, on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, *the 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*9 Dec 1855.*  
*[Signature]* CLERK.

*Edward Hunter*  
U. S. MARSHAL.



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

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TO

The President of the United States,

*Jacoba Felis. Ignacio del Valle  
Mania del Valle. Magdalena del Valle. Jose Antonio del Valle  
Jose Ignacio del Valle and Concepcion del Valle*

Greeting :

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 *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-*five*, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

*P. Ord. U. S. Dist. Atty. for the  
South. Dist. of Cal., praying the Court to review  
the decision of the U.S. Land Commission, confirming  
your claim to a tract of land called "San Francisco"*

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 the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

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

*J. E. San*

CLERK.



Marshal's cost

Copying Summons, 50  
Fees " " 3,000  
" Petition 3,000  
\$ 6,500

No. 303.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Southern District of California,  
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Jacoba Felix (et al)  
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U. S. MARSHAL.

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Ignacio del Valle for Jacoba Felix*; by delivering to him a true copy of the same

at *Los Angeles* in the Southern District of California, on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, *this 13<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec.* 1855. *J. E. Farr*

CLERK.

*Edward Hunter*  
U. S. MARSHAL.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } SS.

Southern District of California,

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The President of the United States,

TO

*Jacoba Felis. Ignacio del Valle  
Mania del Valle. Magdalena del Valle  
San Antonio del Valle. Don Ignacio del Valle  
and Concepcion del Valle*

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*P. Ord. U. S. Dist. atty. for the  
South. Dist. of California. praying the Court to review  
the decision of the U. S. Land Commissioners, confirming  
your claim to a tract of land called "San Francisco"*

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 the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1855.



*J. E. Fox*

CLERK.



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A. D. 1855

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Southern District of California,

U. S. District Court.

Jacoba Felix et al.

Appellants

vs

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Appellants.

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Edward Hunter

U. S. MARSHAL.

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Ignacio del Valle* (for *Don Ignacio del Valle*) by delivering him a true copy of the same

at *Los Angeles*  
the *13<sup>th</sup>*

in the Southern District of California, on

day of *December* A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, *this 13<sup>th</sup>*

*7 Dec 1855,*

*J. E. Farr*

CLERK.

*Edward Hunter*

U. S. MARSHAL.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

SS.

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Southern District of California,

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The President of the United States,

TO

*Jacoba Felix, Ignacio del Valle  
Maria del Valle, Magdalena del Valle  
Jose Antonio del Valle, Jose Ygnacio del Valle  
and Concepcion del Valle*

Greeting :

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at the City and County of Los Angeles, in said District, by

*P. Ord. U.S. Dist. Atty. for the South.  
Dist. of Cal., praying the Court to review the decision  
of the U.S. Land Commission confirming your claim to  
a tract of land called "San Francisco"*

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 the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at the City of Los Angeles, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1855.

*J. S. Janes*

CLERK.



Marshals cost

Copying Summons 80  
Serving " 3,00  
" Petition 3,00  
6,80

No. 303

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

*Jacoba Ellis et al.*

*Appellees*

*vs.*

*The United States*

*Appellants*

SUMMONS.

Received December 12<sup>th</sup> 1855

*Edward Hunter*

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Ignacio del Valle* by delivering to him personally a true copy of the same

at *his residence Los Angeles* in the Southern District of California, on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, *this 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*of Dec 1855.*  
*J. S. Jan.*  
CLERK.

*Edward Hunter*  
U. S. MARSHAL.



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

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The President of the United States,

TO *Jacoba Felis, Ignacio del Valle*  
*Maria del Valle, Magdalena del Valle*  
*José Antonio del Valle, Jose Ignacio del Valle*  
*and Concepcion del Valle.*

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*P. Ord. U.S. Dist. Atty. for the*  
*South. Dist. of Cal. praying the Court to review the*  
*decision of the U. S. Land Commissioners confirming your*  
*claim to a tract of land called "San Francisco"*

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 the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

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

*C. E. San*

CLERK.



Marshal Cost

Copying Summons, 60  
Answers " 3,00  
" Petition 3,00  
\$6,60

No. 303

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Southern District of California,

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

Jacoba Felix et. al.

Appellants

vs

The United States

Appellants

SUMMONS.

Received December 12<sup>th</sup> 1855

Edward Hunter

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I served this Summons, together with a certified copy of the Petition, upon *Meriadel Valle* by delivering to *Ignacio del Valle* her agent a true copy of the same

at *Los Angeles* in the Southern District of California, on the *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* A. D. 1855.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec* 1855.

*J. E. Jones*  
CLERK.

*Edward Hunter*  
U. S. MARSHAL.







No. 303

Jacobs Felix et al  
vs

The U. States

Defendant

Filed & June 17  
W. A. Sawyer  
Spt. Clk.

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California Land Claims.

Attorney General's Office

10 January 1857.

Sir:

In the case of the claims of Jacoba  
Feliz, confirmed to the claimant by  
the Commissioner, Case no. three hun-  
dred and eighteen, (318), appeal will  
not be prosecuted by the United States.

I am,

Respectfully,

Rufus W. Peck

U. S. Attorney,

Los Angeles.



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Filed 4<sup>th</sup> March 1858  
for 8<sup>th</sup> June 1857

Edwin Clark  
of W. Coleman  
Scrip

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Jacoba Felix et al. } Case No 303  
Appellees }  
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The United States }  
Appellants } "San Francisco"

And now come the Appellees, by  
J. Lancaster Brent, their Attorney, and  
for answer to the Petition for Review  
filed in this case by the Appellants, say,

That their title to the lands claim-  
ed in this case, is good and valid.

Wherefore they pray the Judg-  
ment of this Honorable Court that the  
decision of the United States Board of Land  
Commissioners may be affirmed, and the  
title of the Appellees to said lands may be  
decreed to be valid, and for their costs here-  
in expended, and for such other or further  
and general relief as to Equity and Con-  
science belong, and the nature of their  
Case may require.

J Lancaster Brent  
Attorney for Appellees.



Marshals Court

Henry Amson & Co.

Case 303.  
U.S. Dist. Court, Southern  
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Appellees

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Answer.

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C. S. Jones  
Clerk

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J. Lancaster Brent

I have served this Answer on P. O. P.  
U.S. Atty by delivering to him personally  
a true copy of the same at Los Angeles  
Dec 28th 1855

Edward Hunter  
U.S. Marshal  
for M. R. Goodman  
Deputy