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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In obedience to law, reports of the surveyor-general of New Mexico on private land-claims Nos. 105 and 108.

MARCH 3, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 2, 1876.

SIR: Pursuant to the requirement of the eighth section of the act approved July 22, 1854, (10 Stat., 308,) I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, two reports of the surveyor-general of New Mexico on private land-claims in said Territory, viz:

1st. Grant to José Julian Martinez *et al.*, being private land-claim reported as No. 105, for land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, known as the Petaca grant.

2d. Grant to José Rafael Zamora *et al.*, being private land-claim reported as No. 108, for land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, known as the town of Vallecito grant.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Z. CHANDLER,

Secretary.

Hon. T. W. FERRY,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

Transcript of grant to José Julian Martinez et al., being private land-claim reported as No. 105, for land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, known as the Petaca grant. Date of grant, February 25, 1836. Reported by the United States surveyor-general February 20, 1875.

Claimants' petition.

Hon. JAMES K. PROUDFIT,

United States Surveyor-General of New Mexico :

Your petitioners, the heirs and legal representatives of the parties named as grantees in the accompanying original concession of land, respectfully represent:

That, on the 29th day of January, 1836, one José Julian Martinez and Francisco Antonio Atencio, and his sons, made written application to

the ayuntamiento of the district for a grant to a piece of land known as the Petaca tract, on the Ojo Caliente River, situate in the present county of Rio Arriba, in this Territory of New Mexico, then one of the territorial political divisions of the republic of Mexico.

That, on the 22d day of February following, the said ayuntamiento acting upon said petition, reported, through its presiding officer, to the political chief of the territory, that a certain grant for the same land had been abandoned and forfeited, and recommending that the grant to the same land applied for by said José Julian Martinez be made as prayed for, except to the sons of Atencio, minors referred to in the petition.

That, on the 25th day of the same month, the said political chief made the grant as prayed for, and directed the local alcalde to place the parties in possession of the land, and file among the archives the act of possession, and furnish the parties, on their application, a testimonio thereof for their evidence of title,

That, on the 25th day of March then next following, the said alcalde proceeded to the land in question, and the parties interested being all present, placed said grantees in due legal possession of the said Petaca tract of land, under the following boundaries, to wit: On the north, the hill commonly called Tio Ortiz; on the east, the creek of the Agueje de la Petaca; on the south, the entrance to the cañoncito and the lands of José Miguel Lucero; and on the west, the boundary of the Vallecitos grant, designating to each of the following grantees a specified piece and quantity of land within said general limits, and as set forth in said act of possession, to wit, Felipe Jaquez, Manuel Lujan, Mariano Peña, Antonio Eleuterio Ortiz, José Francisco Lucero, José Antonio Lucero, and Juan de Jesus Jaquez, to whom, and the other parties named in said annexed list, said grant of the Petaca tract was made and executed as aforesaid.

That your petitioners herewith file the original document, in Spanish in evidence, with a sworn translation thereof in English, and a sketch-map of the land claimed by your petitioners.

That your petitioners, and those under whom they claim, have been and continued in the uninterrupted legal possession and enjoyment of said granted premises, and know of no claim thereto adverse to their own.

Your petitioners ask that their title to said land be investigated by your honor, and approved under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the act of Congress of July 22, 1854, establishing your office; and they also pray that the title thereto be confirmed by Congress to the heirs and legal representatives of the grantees named in said original document.

SAML. ELLISON,
Attorney for Petitioners.

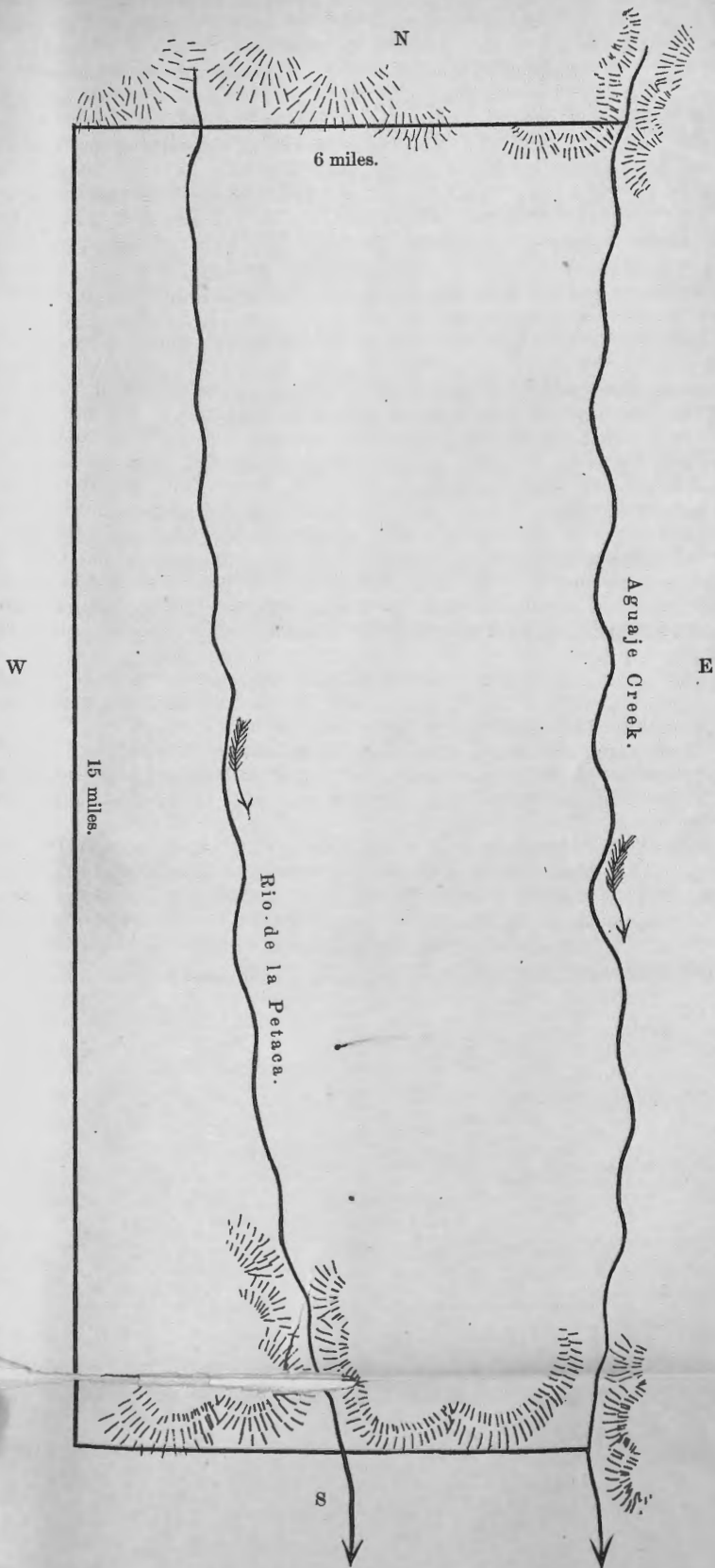
Muniments of title.

Sello tercero. [Sello.] Dos reales.

Para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y seis y ochocientos treinta y siete.

RESPECTABLE AYUNTAMIENTO: José Julian Martinez, vecino de esta jurisdiccion, ante V. S. y en union de mi padre Antonio Martinez, Francisco Antonio Atencio, é hijos del último, con la submision que corresponde y bajo los protestos mas legales representamos diciendo:

Sketch Map of the Petaca Land Grant, Rio Arriba County,
New Mexico.



Que siendo nuestra intencion jirar por la recomendable ocupacion de la agricultura, para de este modo auxiliar á la sostencion de nuestras familias, y satisfechos que rio arriba de esta jurisdiccion está un terreno baldío, el cual le llaman la Petaca; suplicamos á V. S. que en caso que no haya perjuicio de tercero ni reconosea propiedad en dicho terreno ningun individuo, se sirva V. S. hacer las indagaciones que á bien tenga, é informar á la E. diputacion provincial lo que crea conveniente en el particular anexo á nuestra solicitud; que es gracia que impetramos, eta.

Ojo Caliente, enero 29 de 1836.

JOSÉ JULIAN MARTINEZ.

El respectable ayuntamiento que tengo el honor de presidir, en consecuencia de que los contenidos en la merced que acompaña á la presentacion que antecede no han cultivado ni puesto clase alguna de industria en el terreno que se les dió, y que ahora nuevamente se solicita, en el largo tiempo de 12 años corrientes, opina que á los nuevos solicitantes se les debe conceder en virtud de que aquellos por la causa espresada han perdido el derecho con que se les agració; bajo las condiciones que en dicha merced se espresan, advirtiendo que tambien cree este ayuntamiento que los hijos de Francisco Antonio Atencio no deben entrar en parte de la referida posesion, por cuanto son menores de edad, sujetos á la patria potestad y sin el conocimiento necesario para permitir ni dar poder para que en su nombre se pida lo que ellos no están en estado de adquirir por esta via.

La excelentisima diputacion dispondrá lo que sea mas arreglado á las leyes.

Ojo Caliente, febrero 22 de 1836.

JOSÉ ANTONIO MARTINEZ.

JOSÉ JULIAN MARTINEZ,
Secretario.

SANTA FÉ, febrero 25 de 1836.

Visto el acuerdo del ayuntamiento del Ojo Caliente, fecha 22 del corriente, en que dice no haber obice para que al impetrante y socios se les done el terreno que se cita mismo á que no tienen derecho los anteriormente mercenados en él, por haberlo abandonado. El alcalde del citado punto pondrá en posesion á los que ahora lo pretenden bajo la formula requerida, y con arreglo á la ley de la materia estendiendo la donacion general, en que presisamente debe constar los linderos de dicha posesion, y sin perjuicio de tercero, siñendo igualmente á los agraciados á las obligaciones prescritas por las leyes para adquirir derecho, a cuyo fin el alcalde recojerá el documento general del reparto q. será para el archivo, y de este dará los testimonios que le pidieren previos sus derechos correspondientes.

PEREZ.

Sello cuarto. [Sello.] Una cuartilla.

Para los años de mil ochocientos treinta y seis y ochocientos treinta y siete.

En Santa Cruz del Ojo Caliente, jurisdiccion de este nombre, á los veinte cinco dias del mes de marzo de mil ochocientos treinta y seis. En cumplimiento del decreto del señor gefe politico y militar de este territorio de Nuevo Mejico, Don Alvino Perez, fecha 25 de febreo del mismo año, en que me ordena poner en posesion á los impetrantes que solicitan el terreno de la Petaca, y segun consta por su presentacion de 29 de enero del mismo año, pasé y repartí dicho terreno con presencia

de los interesados, dándole á cada uno de los que constan en la lista de á ciento y cincuenta varas á linea recta, dándoles los linderos por el sur en la puerta del cañoncito y tierras de José Miguel Lucero, por el norte, la loma que comunmente llaman de Tio Ortez y por el oriente, el aroyo de los agujas á la Petaca, por el poniente, hasta donde sujeta la merced del Vallecito, en cuyo ámbito se colocaron los nuevamente mercenados, solo sí de estos le doné al C. Felipe Jaquez, desde el lindero de Vicente Martin hasta el lindero de Eusebio Chaves, por sur una angostura de poca utilidad; en seguida al C. Manuel Lujan dos anconitos sin medir; continué á la reparticion para el cañoncito citado y le doné al C. Mariano Peña dos anconitos muy estrechos; sin varezar proseguí y doné en el mismo cañoncito al C. Antonio Eusebio Ortiz un anconito, tambien sin varezar; siguiendo la misma ruta por el mismo cañoncito le doné al C. José Francisco Lucero un anconito, tambien sin varezar, y al C. José Antonio Lucero otro anconito y siendo el lindero por el sur de este último la boca del mismo cañoncito, dejándoles para plaza ciento y cincuenta varas y para huertas las mujeres cincuenta y cincuenta para entradas y salidas, quedando por abrevadero comun en la puerta de la cañada de la Dorada ciento y cincuenta varas á linea recta, cuya donacion hize en el nombre de la soberanía nacional, con arréglo á la ley de la materia, quedando entendidos los mercenados que constan en la adjunta lista, que los pastos, montes, aguas y abrevaderos son comunes, haciéndoles ver que él que no ocupare y cultivare el terreno que se le agració dentro del termino de cinco años, para adquirir el derecho no podrá vender, trocar ni enajenar, ni ser admitido en nueva poblacion, y si por si abandonare el sitio, queda advertida de no tener derecho por demandarlo, asi la ley. Y entendidos y convenidos de todo esto, recibieron la recibida posesion, en cuya virtud arrancaron yerbas, pegaron brincos, tiraron piedras y dieron voces de alegria, diciendo viva Dios y viva la nacion y el soberano congreso y la ley que nos rige, que nos ampara y otros voces de regocijo, en cuya virtud tomaron la posesion.

Y para que en todo tiempo conste por este decreto firmé la presente merced y donacion con cuanta facultad tubo á bien su senoria dárme para el efecto de la arriba peticion, segun consta por el decreto ya citado, el que queda adjunta en la presente merced; siendo testigos los C.C. Jesus Ma. Barela y José Francisco Lucero, segun lo hecho por conveniente.

JOSÉ ANTONIO MARTINEZ.

JESUS MA. BARELA.

Pa. Da.—A Juan de Jesus Jaquez, se le dió del lindero de José Grabiél Vigil hasta un pinabete que está al norte. VALE.

Lista de los C.C. que tomaron posesion en el terreno de la Petaca, segun consta que está en la merced que está al otro lado, á saber :

Miguel Trujillo, Juan de Jesus Oguin, Lorenzo Griego, Francisco Valdez, Francisco Vigil, Juan de Jesus Vigil, Joaquin Martin, Jesus Ma. Barela, José Antonio Lucero, José Grabiél Vigil, Juan de Jesus Jaquez, Juan de los Reyes Sena, Carlos Torres, Antonio Feliciano Martin, José Bernardo Torres, Benito Martin, Felipe Jaquez, Eusebio Chaves, Antonio José Martin, Antonio José Chaves, Sabino Chaves, Antonio Martin, Francisco Antonio Atencio, José Julian Martin, José Julian Sanchez, Amador Sanchez, José Antonio Roival, Juan Antonio Chaves, Antonio Trujillo, José Trujillo, José Ma. Jaquez, Manuel (borrado * * * *) Mariano Peña, Eluterio Ortiz, José Francisco Lucero, José Antonio Lucero,

Translation of muniments.

Seal third. [SEAL.] Two reals.

For the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six and eight hundred and thirty-seven.

RESPECTABLE AYUNTAMIENTO: I, José Julian Martinez, resident of this jurisdiction, appear before your honor, and, together with my father, Antonio Martinez, Francisco Antonio Atencio, and the sons of the latter, with all submission and under the most legal protestations, represent and state:

That it being our intention to engage in the recommendable occupation of agriculture, so as by this mode to aid in the support of our families, and being satisfied that up the river from this jurisdiction there is a tract of public land, which is called the Petaca, we therefore pray your honor that, in case no injury would result to any third party, and you know of no individual owning said land, which your honorable body will please ascertain, and inform the illustrious provincial deputation whatever you may deem proper in respect to our application, which is a favor we solicit, &c.

Ojo Caliente, January 29, 1836.

JOSÉ JULIAN MARTINEZ.

The respectable ayuntamiento, over which I have the honor to preside, inasmuch as that the parties in the grant accompanying the foregoing petition have not cultivated nor placed any kind of improvements on the land, which was given them, in the long period of full twelve years, and which is now again applied for, are of opinion that the same should be granted to the new applicants for the reason that the former have forfeited the right granted them, for the cause stated, and under the conditions expressed in said grant; observing that this ayuntamiento also believe that the children of Francisco Antonio Atencio should not become a party in the said possession, as they are minors, subject to paternal control, and do not possess the knowledge necessary to empower or give authority to petition in their names for that which they are not in a condition to acquire in this manner.

The most excellent deputation will direct as may be most in accordance with the laws.

Ojo Caliente, February 22, 1836.

JOSÉ ANTONIO MARTINEZ.

JOSE MANUEL MARTINEZ,
Secretary.

SANTA FE, *February 25, 1836.*

Having seen the action of the ayuntamiento of Ojo Caliente, of date 22d instant, in which they say there is no objection to granting the applicant and his associates the land mentioned, the former grantees not possessing now any right therein, they having abandoned the same, the alcalde of said place will place those who now apply for the same in possession thereof, in the required form and in conformity with the law on the subject, setting forth the general donation in which shall necessarily be stated the boundaries of said possession, and without prejudice to any third party, also binding the grantees to the obligations prescribed by the laws to acquire title, for which purpose the alcalde shall

take charge of the general document of distribution, which shall be for the archives, and he shall give testimonios therefrom as may be requested of him, on payment of his corresponding fees.

PEREZ.

Seal fourth. [SEAL.] One cuartilla.

For the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six and eight hundred and thirty-seven.

At Santa Cruz del Ojo Caliente, jurisdiction of this name, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, in compliance with the decree of the civil and military governor of the territory of New Mexico, Alvino Perez, of date February 25th of the same year, in which he directs me to place in possession the petitioners, who have applied for the Petaca tract of land, and as is set forth in their petition of date 29th of January of the same year. I proceeded to distribute said land, in the presence of the parties interested, giving to each one of those mentioned in the list one hundred and fifty varas in a direct line, designating to them as their boundaries on the south, the entrance to the cañoncito and lands of José Miguel Lucero on the north, the hill commonly called the Tio Ortiz hill, on the east, the track of the aguaji of the Petaca, and on the west the boundary of the Vallicito grant, within which limits the said new grantees were located; of these I donated only to citizen Felipe Jaquez from the boundary of Vicente Martin to that of Eusebio Chaves, the land being a narrow strip and of little utility; thereupon I donated to citizen Manuel Lujan two small valleys, which were not measured with the line and reach to the distribution of the said cañoncito, and I donated to citizen Mariano Peña two small valleys, very narrow, without varying; and continuing, I donated to citizen Antonio Eluterio Ortiz, in the same cañoncito, a small valley, also without varying; following the same course in the said cañoncito, I donated to citizen José Francisco Lucero a small valley, also without varying, and to José Antonio Lucero another small valley, the boundary thereof being on the south, the mouth of the same cañoncito, leaving them for a plaza one hundred and fifty varas, and fifty for women's gardens, and fifty for ingress and egress, there remaining at the mouth of the cañada de la Dorada for common watering places one hundred and fifty varas in a direct line; which donation I made in the name of national sovereignty, in conformity with the law on the subject, the grantees mentioned in the annexed list understanding that the pastures, forests, waters, and watering-places are in common, and they were further informed that he who fails to occupy and cultivate the land granted within the term of five years in order to acquire title, the same cannot be by him sold, exchanged, nor alienated; nor will he be admitted in a new settlement, and if any should of their own accord abandon the tract, they remain informed further that they possess no right, such being the requirements of law; and being informed of and agreeing to all this, they received the accepted possession in virtue of which they plucked up herbs, leaped, cast stones, and shouted with joy, saying, God be praised, long live the nation, long live the sovereign congress and the law that governs and protects us, and other manifestations of pleasure, by virtue of which they took possession.

And that it may so appear at all time, I, under this decree, signed this grant and donation, with all the authority his excellency was pleased to confer upon me, for the purpose set forth in the above peti-

tion and expressed in said decree attached to the present grant, the witnesses being the citizens Jesus Maria Barela and José Francisco Lucero as properly made.

JOSÉ ANTONIO MARTINEZ.

JESUS MARIA BARELA.

P. S.—There was given to Juan de Jesus Jaquez from the boundary of José Grabiél Vigil's to a pinobeta on the north; is valid.

[RUBRIC.]

List of the citizens who took possession of the Petaca grant of land as set forth in the grant on the other side of this, to-wit:

Miguel Trujillo, Juan de Jesus Olguin, Lorenzo Griego, Francisco Valdes, Francisco Vigil, Juan de Jesus Vigil, Joaquin Martin, Jesus Ma. Barela, José Antonio Lucero, José Grabiél Vigil, Juan de Jesus Jaquez, Juan de las Reyes Sena, Carlos Torres, Antonio Feliciano Martinez, José B. Torres, Binito Martin, Felipe Jaquez, Eusebio Chaves, Antonio José Martin, Antonio José Chaves, Sabino Chaves, Antonio Martino, Francisco Antonio Atencio, José Julian Martin, José Julian Sanchez, Amador Sanchez, José Francisco Roibal, Juan Antonio Chaves, Antonio Trujillo, José Trujillo, José Ma. Jaquez, Manuel (defaced * * *) Mariano Peña, Luterio Ortiz, José Francisco Lucero, José Antonio Lucero.

The foregoing translation, made by me from the Spanish, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SAML. ELLISON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,

United States Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, TRANSLATORS' DEPARTMENT,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., February 18, 1875.

The foregoing translation having been by me compared with the original in Spanish and found correct, is hereby adopted as the official translation.

DAV. J. MILLER,

Translator.

Testimony of witnesses.

JOSÉ JULIAN MARTINEZ ET AL.

THE PETACA TRACT OF LAND.

SERAFIN PEÑA, being by the surveyor-general first duly sworn, on his oath declares:

Question by Samuel Ellison, attorney for claimants. What is your name, age, occupation, and place of residence?

Answer. My name is Serafin Peña; my age is about fifty years; my occupation is farmer, and my residence is at the town of Petaca, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Question. Do you know a tract of land in that county known as the Petaca grant? If so, please state what you know about the claim or title to that land generally.

Answer. I know such a tract of land in that county, situated upon the Petaca River, above the town Servilleta, that river running northwardly into the Ojo Caliente River; the town of Petaca, which contains about thirty heads of families, standing upon the west bank of the Petaca River and within the said Petaca land-grant. I have known the place all my life. The grant has always been settled and occupied, except when on several occasions the inhabitants were driven off by hostile Indians, though on these occasions they always returned to their homes and avocations there. Said town of Petaca was, as such, in existence at the time of the occupation of New Mexico, in 1846, by the military forces of the United States, and at the date of the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, in 1848. I have examined the list of the Petaca settlers and grantees, now handed me by the surveyor-general, and well remember all of them personally, with very few exceptions, as residents and settlers at said Petaca about forty years ago. Most of them are now dead, but their descendants and successors still live there, and those of them not dead still reside there, and, with their children, cultivate the land. I do not know the boundaries of the Petaca grant, except as I have heard them stated by common report, and do not recollect how I have thus heard them well enough to repeat them now.

Question by the surveyor-general. Do you know of any mines or mineral-bearing land within said grant, as you understand its limits?

Answer. I know of no mine or mineral-bearing soil therein.

Question. Have you any land within said grant, or are you in any-wise interested in this claim?

Answer. I have no land therein, and am in no manner or degree interested in this claim.

SERAFIN ^{his} + PEÑA.
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this February 12, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

JOSÉ ISIDRO VARELA, being first duly sworn by the surveyor-general; on his oath declares:

Question by Mr. Ellison. What is your name, age, occupation, and residence?

Answer. My name is José Isidro Varela; my age is 43 or 44 years; my occupation is farmer, and my residence at the town of Petaca, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Question. Are you acquainted with a tract of land in that county commonly called the Petaca grant? If so, please state what you know in the premises of this claim for the land by the inhabitants of that place.

Answer. I know a tract of land there commonly so called; it lies about twenty miles north of the town of Ojo Caliente, and upon both sides of the Petaca River, the town of Petaca, within the tract, standing upon the west margin, and containing somewhat more or less than thirty families, some of which families are those of the original grantees from the Mexican government for the land of the Petaca grant here in question. I have known the place all my life, having been born in the vicinity of and lived upon the tract. The town of Petaca, except when the hostilities of the wild Indians occasionally compelled a retreat to

localities of security, has always been settled and occupied by its inhabitants, and when thus temporarily abandoned the people always returned to live there. With these exceptions, (temporary abandonments,) the town has always, since I have known it, been an existing one, and is now a flourishing village. I have heard the boundaries of the Petaca grant mentioned among the settlers, but do not know them to be such, and do not remember them well enough to repeat them now.

Question by the surveyor-general. Do you know of any mine or any mineral land inside the limits of the Petaca grant, as you understand the extent of the tract?

Answer. I know of no mine or mineral-bearing ground anywhere in the grant or in its vicinity.

Question. Are you the owner of any land in said Petaca tract, or have you any interest in this claim for said tract of land?

Answer. I am not the owner of any land therein, nor am I in anywise interested in that claim.

JOSÉ ISIDRO BARELA.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this February 12, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-general's opinion.

OPINION.

This claim for land is brought before me under the eighth article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the eighth section of the act of Congress of July 22, 1854, establishing this office.

It appears from the record that on the 29th day of January, 1836, José Julian Martinez, for himself and others, presented to the ayuntamiento of Ojo Caliente a petition for a grant of the land in question for purposes of agriculture; that on the 22d day of February, 1836, that body recommended that the concession be made, after denouncing a previous grant for abandonment; that on the 25th day of February, 1836, Perez, then political chief of New Mexico, under the republic of Mexico, granted the premises to said José Julian Martinez and others, and directed the alcalde of Ojo Caliente to place the grantees in possession, and that on the 25th day of March, 1836, the alcalde, José Antonio Martinez, complied with this direction. It seems that the original grantees and their legal representatives have held and occupied the premises ever since they first took possession, except when driven off by hostile Indians, and are now in undisputed possession.

I have no doubt that the papers of original title are genuine, and that present claimants are acting in good faith. I therefore recommend that this grant be confirmed to José Julian Martinez and others named in the act of possession, or their legal representatives, by Congress.

I transmit the complete record in triplicate.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., February 20, 1875.

Authentication of transcript.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., July 31, 1875.

The foregoing twenty-four pages contain a correct transcript of the original papers on file in this office, in private land-claim reported as No. 105 in the name of José Julian Martínez *et al.*

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

Transcript of grant to José Rafael Zamora et al., being private land-claim reported as No. 108, for land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, known as the town of Vallecito grant. Date of grant, February 27, 1824. Reported by the United States surveyor-general October 13, 1875.

Claimants' petition.

HON. JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General for New Mexico :

Your petitioners, the inhabitants of the town of Vallecito, in the County of Rio Arriba in this Territory, respectfully represent to your honor:

That they are the owners in fee, and are, and for the last fifty years have been, in the quiet, peaceable, undisputed, and uninterrupted possession and enjoyment of a certain tract of land in said county, the boundaries of which are: On the north, the source of the Ojo Caliente River; on the east, the table-land of the Jara; on the south, the point on said river known as the Little Ford; and on the west, the mountain ridge known as the Horse Valley Ridge, embracing an area of about thirty thousand acres; and all of which boundaries are points well known and easily found.

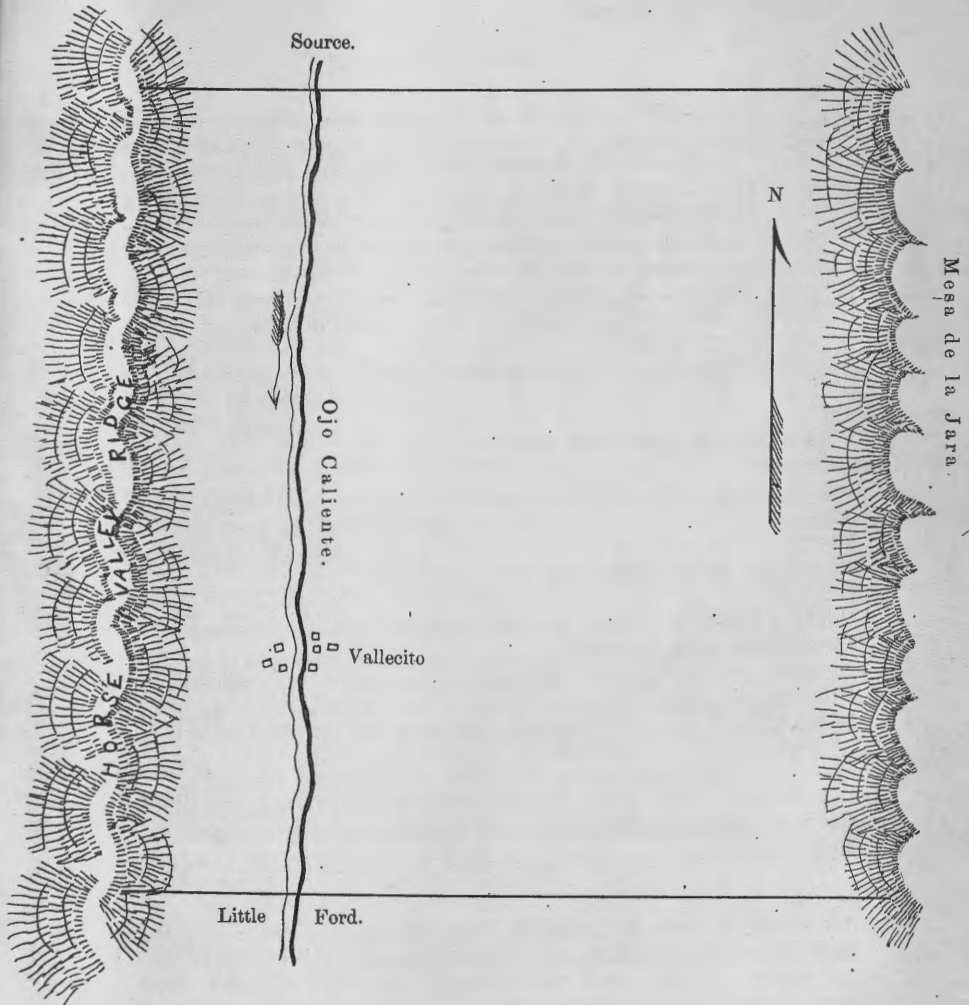
That your petitioners claim said land under a certain granting decree made in the year 1824, by the governor of New Mexico, then one of the territories of the republic of Mexico; and also in virtue of the continuous legal and undisputed possession thereof, which they and their ancestors have held from the time of the said original concession to the present day; and also under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, stipulating and guaranteeing intact the rights of Mexican citizens in New Mexico.

That your petitioners herewith file the original and sworn translation of the original documents constituting their title; and also refer to document number 898, among the archives of your office, as corroborative of said title, which document No. 898 your petitioners pray be taken from among said archives, and placed with and made a part of said claim; and they also herewith file a sketch-map of the tract of land claimed by them as aforesaid.

That the number of permanent residents upon and occupants of said tract of land is not less than four hundred people, many of whom are engaged in the cultivation of the land and in the raising of live-stock, which they pasture thereon.

Your petitioners offer to present testimony before your honor, should you deem necessary, to prove the facts herein stated, at such time as your honor shall designate for the purpose.

*Sketch Map of the Vallecito Grant to J. R. Zamora et al.
Area 30,000 acres approximately.*



Your petitioners pray that their title to said tract of land be investigated and approved to the inhabitants thereof, according to the respective rights of the original grantees, and their heirs and legal representatives; that the same be confirmed by the Congress of the United States, under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and the law of Congress of July 22, 1854, establishing your office; and that the land be surveyed and set apart to them by the Government.

SAML. ELLISON,
Attorney for Claimants.

Muniments of title.

Sr. Alcalde Constitucional de Abiquiu, D. FRANCO. TRUJILLO :

José Rafael Samora, vecino y residente en el partido del Ojo Caliente, con veinte y cinco individuos del mismo partido, ante V. con el mas debido respecto y sumision que haya lugar en derecho y al nuestro combenga y decimos: Señor que habiendo tierra suficiente en el Vallecito de Lovato para que se nos dé posesion, pedimos ahora al benigno corazon de V. se nos dé, pues no tenemos ni aun si quiera donde tirar unos granos para cosechar, á los cuales nos parece no hacemos ningún perjuicio á los demas residentes en dho. partido; por todo lo cual, á v. rendidamte. suplicamos como padre y amante á nuestra patria el concedernos dicha posesion, de lo que recibiremos merced y gracia.

Abiquiu, 23 de febrero de 1824.

Por todos los espresados.

JOSÉ RAFAEL SAMORA.

Certifico ser cierto lo dicho arriba estar de valdio y no reconocer los que lo pretenden ninguna propiedad.

Abiquiu, 24 de febrero de 1824.

FRANCO. TRUJILLO.

Las tierras que solicita José Rafael Samora, con los veinte y cinco individuos que le acompañan en su pretencion, en virtud de su informe de Vm., puede proceder á ponerles en posesion para que no pierdan tiempo en hir trabajando ni interseda con las formalidades necesarias, lo que no puede verificarse ahora por no estar reunida la exama. deputacion que es á quien corresponde.

Dios &a., Febrero 27 de 1824.

Sor. Alce. de Abiquiu.

Encargo á Vm. via á esos infelices con caridad al ponerlos en posesion, llevádoles por su trabajo de Vm. arreglado á su infelicidad mas que al arancel-que rige.

Don Francisco Trujillo, alcalde constitucional de este partido de Santo Tomas de Abiquiu y sus anexos: En virtud del decreto del Sor. D. Bartolomé Baca actual gefe político de estas prova., dado en Santa Fé á veinte y siete de febrero de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro, por la instancia que promovió José Rafael Samora y sus compañeros, solicitando se les adjudicara un terreno valdio, cito y nombrado el Vallecito de Lovato, en el Rio Arriba del Ojo Caliente, pasé y reconosé el mencionado terreno y vista su amplitud y proporciones, presentes los interesados y mas, que se agregaron segun la lista qe. manifestaron, y conferenciado entre todos pa. qe. en ningún tiempo hubóera disturbios ni diferencias entre ellos mismos, se les midia á cada uno [borrado] cincuenta varas á unos por la proporcion del terreno, á otros de

cien varas, y ciento veinte y cinco al dho. José Rafael Samora, como principal solicitante, en cuya reparticion han quedados muy contentos y satisfechos; quedando libre del badito y cuestecito qe. llaman para abrevadero comun y el medio del cañoncito hasta los terrenos qe. llaman de Juan Benito Sanchez, dejando para cita la plaza ciento cincuenta varas, siendo la comprehencion del referido terreno repartido la mesa de la Sorita por el oriente; por el poniente, la cuchilla qe. llaman del Valle de los Caballos; por el norte, el nacimiento del mismo rio, y por el sur, el Badito donde junta la merced de Juan Galbis, no habiendo quien contradiga ni demande injuria en el terreno repartido. Y pa. que conste de este repartimiento comun á estos vecinos y ciudadanos encargados de que se esmeren en fortificarse pa. sus mismos defensos, cultivar y adelantar el laborio para sus propios conveniencias, formalizando una considerable poblazon segun lo previenen las leyes. Advertidos de qe. como nuevos colonos deben esmerarse, no teniendo libertad de cambiar, vender ni enagenar hta. que no adquisieran ó tengan al tiempo bastante para poderlo hacer; y si algunos antes de cumplido el tiempo, por combenencia particular ó mejoría de terreno, quisiere pasar á poblar á otra parte, quedará entendido de renunciar esta merced para poder ser admitidos en otra merced, debiendo presentar este documento al sor. gefe politico pa. qe. apruebe, reforme ó determine lo que jusgue por combeniente. Siendo testigos del referido repartimiento el tente. retirado D. Cristoval Quintana y D. José Velasquez, vecinos y ciudadanos en el partido del Ojo Caliente, entrégando esta á el mencionado José Rafael Samora como principal interesado.

Abiquiu, sepre. veinte y dos de mil ochocientos veinte y cuatro.

FRANCO. TRUXILLO.

JUAN JOSÉ DE ARZE, *Srio. de cavdo.*

De Asisa.: JUAN CRISTOVAL QUINTANA.

De asisa.: JOSÉ VELASQUEZ.

Lista de los individuos que comprenden ha esta merced del Vallecito que comunmente llaman de Lovato, y son como sigen.

Tomas Chacon, unas sobras	150
Nepomoceno Estrada	150
Juan Sireaco Garcia	150
Francisco Archuleta	200
Manuel Archuleta	200
Juan de Dios Trugio	300
Juan Cristoval Quintana de una banda	200
Juan Benito Sanchez	350
Juan Samora, de una banda	
Manuel Samora y José Samora, una banda desde el lindero del dicho Sanchez hasta el cañoncito	100
José Martin, desde donde comiensa el cañoncito del lado de arriba hasta el lindero de Franco. Valdez el dicho Franco. Valdez sien	
Rafael Valdez	100
Juan Felipe Naranjo	100
Manuel Martin	100
Manuel Marquez	100
Francisco Gallegos	100
Antonio Domingo Garcia	100
José Manuel Valdez	100
José Rafael Salas	100
Franco Trugio	100

José Rafael Samora	325
Juan Pedro Samora	300
Miguel Samora	300
Siento cincuenta de una banda y otra libres para que se haga la plaza.....	} 100
Juan de los Reyes Sena	100
Francisco Trujillo	100
Rafael Valverde	100
Pedro Valverde.....	100
Francisco Espinosa	100
Grabiél Espinosa.....	100
José Antonio Gonzales	300
Manuel Silvestre Trujillo	300
Juan Manuel Olgin	300
Martin Vigil.....	300
Manuel Chaves	300
Manuel de Jesus Salasar.....	300
Francisco Trujillo	300
Juan de Jesus Chaves	300
Francisco Estevan Chaves	100
Juan Senon Trujillo	300
Miguel Sena	300
José Ortiz	100
Juan de Jesus Abila	300
Bartolo Chaves	300
Juan de Jesus Martin	300
Manuel de Jesus Trujillo.....	300
Juan Agustin [borrado]	100
Lionico Vigil	300
José Francisco Serdo	300
Juana Angela Samora.....	300
Matias Gonzales	300
Vicente [borrado]	
Juan Senon Trujillo.....	300

Translation of muniments.

Hon. Constitutional Alcalde of Abiquiu, FRANCISCO TRUJILLO :

I, José Rafael Samora, citizen and resident in the district of Ojo Caliente, together with twenty-five individuals of the same district, appear before you with the greatest respect and humility, and in due form of law, and state, sir, that there being sufficient land in the Vallecito of Lovato to give us in possession, we now ask that in the goodness of your heart you grant us the same, for we have not any place wherein to plant grain for harvesting, whereby we think the others, the residents of said district, will receive no injury.

Wherefore, we humbly request your honor, as our protector and as a lover of our country, to grant us said possession, whereby we will receive favor and benefit.

Abiquiu, February 23, 1824.

For all those stated,

JOSÉ RAFAEL SAMORA.

I do hereby certify that the above is true, and the land applied for public, and I do not recognize those applying for the same as property-holders.

FRANCISCO TRUJILLO.

The land applied for by José Rafael Samora, together with the twenty-five accompanying individuals in his petition, in virtue of your report, you may proceed to place them in possession, in order that they may not lose time in their labor until the necessary formalities can be had, which cannot be verified at this time, the excellent deputation not being in session, to whom the matter pertains.

I charge you to treat those unfortunate persons with consideration on placing them in possession, charging for your labor according to their wants and not more than the fee-bill allows.

God and [liberty,] February 27, 1824.

To the alcalde of Abiquiu.

I, Francisco Trujillo, constitutional alcalde of the district of Santo Tomas, of Abiquiu and San Andres, by virtue of the decree of Bartolomé Baca, actual political chief of this province, given at Santa Fé, on the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, on the petition presented by José Rafael Samora and his associates, requesting there be adjudged to them a tract of public land and called the Vallecito de Lovato, up the river from Ojo Caliente, proceeded, and having examined the said land and seeing its extent and proportions, the parties interested being present and others who joined them according to the list they presented, and all having agreed among themselves that at no time there should be interruptions or differences among them, I measured off to each one, [defaced] fifty varas to some, in conformity with the extent of the land, to others, one hundred varas, and one hundred and twenty-five varas to the said José Rafael Samora, as principal petitioner, with which distribution they remained well contented and satisfied; there remaining free the so-called Badito and cuestecito, for a common watering-place, and in the center of the cañoncito to the lands called those of Juan Benito Sanchez, having for the site of the plaza one hundred and fifty varas, the limits of said distributed land being, on the east, the mesa of the Zorita, on the west the cuchilla, called del Valle de los Caballos, on the north the source of the said river, and on the south the Badito, where the grant joins Juan Galbis; there being no one who contradicted or made any demands as to injury in the distribution of the land. And that this common distribution may appear as made to these residents and citizens, I charged them to endeavor to fortify themselves for their own defense; to cultivate and advance agriculture for their own benefit, by forming a considerable settlement, as provided by the laws; giving them to understand, that as new colonists, they shall exert themselves, not being authorized to exchange, sell, or alienate the same until they shall have acquired title, or have sufficient time to do so, and should any, before the termination of this time, for their own particular convenience or for increasing their land, wish to go and settle another place, they remain notified that they shall renounce this grant in order to be admitted in another. Having to present this document to the political chief, in order that he may approve, reform, or determine that which he may deem proper.

The witnesses to said distribution being the retired Lieut. Christoval Quintana, and José Velasquez, residents and citizens of the district of

Ojo Caliente, this being delivered to the grantee, José Rafael Samora, as the principal party interested.

Abiquiu, September twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

FRANCISCO TRUJILLO.

JUAN JOSÉ DE ARZE,
Secretary of the Ayuntamiento.

Witness: JUAN CRISTOVAL QUINTANA.

Witness: JOSÉ VELASQUEZ.

The foregoing translation, as made by me from the original in Spanish, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SAML. ELLISON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of May, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TRANSLATOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., May 20, 1875.

The foregoing translation, having been by me compared with its original in Spanish and found correct, is hereby adopted as the official translation,

DAV. J. MILLER,
Translator.

List of the individuals who are comprised in the grant of the Vallecito, which is commonly called de Lovato, and are as follows:

Tomas Chacon, some surplusages.	
Nepomoceno Estrada.....	150
Juan Sireaco Garcia.....	150
Francisco Archuleta.....	150
Manuel Archulata.....	200
Juan de Dios Trugio.....	200
Juan Cristoval Quintana, on one side.....	300
Juan Benito Sanchez.....	200
Juan Samora, on one side.....	350
Manuel Samora and José Samora, on one side, from the boundary of said Sanchez to the cañoncito.	
José Martin, from where the cañoncito commences, on the upper side, to the boundary of Francisco Valdes, said Francisco Valdes	100
Rafael Valdes.....	100
Juan Felipe Naranjo.....	100
Manuel Martin.....	100
Manuel Marquez.....	100
Francisco Gallegos.....	100
Antonio Domingo Garcia.....	100
José Manuel Valdez.....	100
José Rafael Salas.....	100
Francisco Trujillo.....	100
José Rafael Samora.....	325
Juan Pedro Samora.....	300
Miguel Samora.....	300

One hundred and fifty varas free on one and the other side, forming the plaza.

Juan de los Reyes Sena.....	100
Francisco Trujillo.....	100
Rafael Ververde.....	100
Pedro Ververde.....	100
Francisco Espinosa.....	100
Gabriel Espinosa.....	100
José Antonio Gonzales.....	300
Manuel Silvestre Trujillo.....	300
Juan Manuel Olgin.....	300
Martin Vigil.....	300
Manuel Chaves.....	300
Manuel de Jesus Salasar.....	300
Francisco Trujillo.....	300
Juan de Jesus Chaves.....	300
Francisco Estevan Chaves.....	100
Juan Senon Trujillo.....	300
Miguel Sena.....	300
José Ortiz.....	100
Juan de Jesus Abila.....	300
Bartolo Chaves.....	300
Juan de Jesus Martin.....	300
Manuel de Jesus Trujillo.....	300
Juan Augustin [illegible].....	100
Lionicio Vigil.....	300
José Francisco Serdo.....	360
Juan Angela Samora.....	300
Matios Gonzales.....	300
Vicente [illegible].....	
Juan Senon Trujillo.....	300

The above is a true and correct translation as made by me from the original in Spanish, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SAM'L ELLISON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 20, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TRANSLATOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., May 20, 1875.

The foregoing translation having been by me compared with its original in Spanish and found correct, is hereby approved and adopted.

DAV. J. MILLER,
Translator.

Testimony of witnesses.

JOSÉ RAFAEL ZAMORA ET AL.

TOWN OF VALLECITO.

DIONICIO VARGOS, being by the surveyor-general duly sworn, on his oath declares:

Question by Samuel Ellison, attorney for the claimants. What is your name, age, occupation, and residence?

Answer. My name is Dionicio Vargas; my age is forty-four years last month; my occupation is farmer, and my residence is near the town of Ojo Caliente, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Question. Do you know the tract of land in that county known as the Vallecito de Lovato? And, if so, please state where it is situate and what you know about the grant.

Answer. I know the tract mentioned. It is situated in what is known as the Vallecito de Lovato, in Rio Arriba County, upon both sides of the Ojo Caliente River, above the town of that name, the town of Vallecito being distant from the town of Ojo Caliente about fourteen miles to the northward. I have known the place since the year 1844, and from that time to the present it has always existed as a flourishing town, never since I have known it containing less than twenty-five families, and it now contains at least forty families. I know the inhabitants of the Vallecitos have a grant from the Mexican government, made, I think, in the year 1824, for the tract they occupy there, and I have seen the grant, and have seen and am acquainted with the boundary calls of the same. I know the tract quite well, having been for several years a shepherd upon the land, with stock in my charge, and have frequently traversed it subsequently. The boundaries are: On the north, the head of the Ojo Caliente River; on the east, the Jara Mesa; on the south, the Little Ford and the land of Juan Galvez; and on the west, the Chuchilla del Valle de los Caballos, or Horse Valley Ridge, all of which are well-known landmarks, and the land embraced by them has always been recognized as and reputed to belong to the people of Vallecitos, and I have never heard of any adverse claim to the same.

Question by the surveyor-general. Have you any interest in the land you have described or in the claim therefor?

Answer. I have none whatever now or at any time heretofore.

DIONICIO VARGOS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 20, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,

Surveyor-General.

ROMULO VALDEZ, being by the surveyor-general duly sworn, on his oath declares:

Question by Mr. Ellison. What is your name, age, residence, and occupation?

Answer. My name is Romulo Valdez; my age is thirty-one years; my occupation is farmer, and my residence is, and always has been, at the town of Ojo Caliente, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

Question. Do you know a tract of land called the Vallecito tract? And, if so, please state where it is situate, and what you know concerning the same, and the claim of the inhabitants thereof for the same.

Answer. I very well know such a tract, situated in Rio Arriba County, upon the Ojo Caliente River, on both sides. The town of Vallecito de Lovato is upon the tract, and is about fifteen or sixteen miles above and to the northward of the town of Ojo Caliente, upon the same river, the Ojo Caliente, which runs through the town of Vallecito. I have known the town of Vallecito since my earliest recollection, and it has always contained from thirty to forty families residing there, and there are now there from thirty-five to forty families. The town has never been abandoned by its people since I have been acquainted with it. I know the boundaries of the Vallecito grant as they have been repeatedly stated to me, and as I have heard them stated to others; and the points

so stated, I well know. They are: On the north the source of the Ojo Caliente River, on the east the Mesa de la Jara, on the south the Little Ford on the Ojo Caliente River, and on the west the Horse Valley Ridge. I know the points, having frequently seen them and had them pointed out to me during the time I was shepherd upon the tract, which was for about three years, and I have since then frequently been over the land searching for missing animals and for other purposes. The people cultivate the land along the river and pasture their stock upon the uplands of the tract.

Question by the surveyor-general: Have you ever seen the grant for the land you have described?

Answer. I have never myself seen the grant, but have often heard it referred to as long as I can recollect among the people of the Vallecito.

Question. What do you estimate is the extent of the grant, east and west and north and south?

Answer. I calculate that between the Nacimiento or source of the river to the Little Ford, it is about fifteen miles, and from the Jara Mesa to the Horse Valley Ridge about seven miles.

Question. Do you know or have you ever heard of any claim to this land adverse to that of the inhabitants of Vallecito?

Answer. I have never known or heard of any such claim, but the land has always been, so far as I know, respected as belonging to those occupants.

Question. Have you any interest in the land claimed by them or in this claim therefor?

Answer. I have none whatever.

ROMULO VALDEZ.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 20, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

JOS MARIA CHAVES, having been by the surveyor-general duly sworn, on his oath declares:

Question by Samuel Ellison, attorney for claimants. What is your name, age, occupation, and residence?

Answer. My name is José Maria Chaves; my age is seventy-four years the 25th of September next; my occupation is farmer; and my residence is at Albuquerque, in this Territory, where I have resided since I was three years old.

Question. Do you know a tract of land called the Vallecito? And, if so, please state where it is situated, and whatever of a material nature you may know concerning it as a private land-claim.

Answer. I do know such a tract of land, called the Vallecito de Lovato, situated in Rio Arriba County, the county of my residence. The place was in existence as a settlement in the spring of 1846, in which year, in the month of August, I was there and saw the settlers, and their irrigating ditches and growing crops, and since then to the present time it has never been abandoned by them, their number being, I think, about fifty heads of families. The land is a good grain-producing place, and much grain is raised there. I have often been at the place, which is about twenty-five miles from Abiquiu. In the year 1844, the Ute Indians declared war against the whites, and soon afterward all the frontier settlements in that section were abandoned on that account, among them the Vallecito; but they returned and re-occupied their lands and houses in 1846, early in the year, and have since continued in possession and enjoyment thereof. The war having by that time ceased, I

was there in the year 1845, and saw numerous evidences of the former occupation and cultivation, such as irrigating ditches, fields, thrashing-yards for wheat, and so forth. And I also then passed along that vicinity, in command of Mexican troops in pursuit of the hostile Utes.

Question by the surveyor-general. What positions, civil and military, have you held under the Spanish, the Mexican, and the American Governments?

Answer. I was first a lieutenant of militia under the Spanish dominion, until the change of government under the Mexican *régime*. Under the Mexican government I was commanding captain of squadron of militia, auxiliary of the regular army, and was besides military inspector for the frontier district of Abiquiu, Rito, and Ojo Caliente. I was frequently in command of expeditionary forces against the Navajoes and Utes during wars with those tribes, and continued in the military service of Mexico until the change of national sovereignty to the United States, in the year 1846. And under the United States I have been prefect for the county of Rio Arriba three terms, and for fourteen years was brigadier-general of the militia of the district of the north in New Mexico; and I have been elected seven times member of the legislature of New Mexico. I will add that under the Mexican government I was twice alcalde for the district of Abiquiu, an office at that time of much greater power and importance jurisdictionally than is that of county probate judge at this time.

Question. Have you any interest in this land or the claim therefor?

Answer. I have none whatever.

JOSE MARIA CHAVES.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 3, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,

Surveyor-General.

PABLO DOMINGUEZ, being duly sworn by the surveyor-general, on his oath declares:

Question by Mr. Ellison. What is your name, age, occupation, and residence?

Answer. My name is Pablo Dominguez; my age is sixty-one years; my occupation is farmer, and my residence is here in Santa Fé.

Question. Do you know a tract of land called the Vallecitos? If so, please state where it is situated, and whatever material in the premises you may know concerning the same.

Answer. I do know such tract of land. It is situate in the county of Rio Arriba in this Territory, lies upon both sides of the Ojo Caliente River, to the north of, and about nine miles above, the spring and the town of Ojo Caliente upon the same stream. In the year 1844, in the month of September or October, I was at the town of Vallecitos upon said tract, going there in company with and as secretary for Military Inspector Juan A. Archuleta, who visited that section in consequence of the war then in progress with the Ute Indians; and in consequence of which war, and the great and extensive depredations of those Indians there, I understood the town was abandoned by the inhabitants. When I was there, as stated, I think there were residing there from twelve to fifteen families, and I observed about as many houses occupied by them, all of wood, and saw, also, live stock, irrigating-ditches, and planted fields of corn and other produce. The said inhabitants, when the inspector was there, as stated, informed him that in consequence of the war they would be compelled to abandon the place until the war should end, and

that when peace should be re-established they desired and intended to return; but whether or not they so returned I am not aware.

Question by the surveyor-general. Have you any interest in this claim?

Answer. I have none whatever.

PABLO DOMINGUEZ.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 15, 1875.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
Surveyor-General.

Surveyor-general's opinion.

OPINION.

This claim for a grant of land is brought before me under the eighth article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the eighth section of the act of Congress of July 22, 1854, establishing this office.

From the record it appears that on the 23d day of February, 1824, José Rafael Samora applied to the alcalde of Abiquiu for the land in question, for himself and twenty-five others; the alcalde approved it; the acting political chief of the territory made the concession, and, in pursuance of his orders, Francisco Trujillo, alcalde of Abiquiu, placed the grantees in possession, on the 22d day of September, 1824, allotting to each a certain portion. Proof of undisputed occupation and cultivation in good faith, except during Indian troubles, and the existence of the community at the time of the American occupation of the country in 1846, and since, is conclusive. Although the granting decree submitted is not signed, yet the alcalde asserts that it was made by the acting political chief, Bartolomé Baca, and I have no doubt of the good faith of the people of the community, both now and in the past.

I recommend that the grant be confirmed by Congress to the heirs and legal representatives of the original grantees, who are the present claimants and occupants of the land.

I respectfully transmit copies of the record in triplicate.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

UNITED STATES SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., October 13, 1875.

Authentication of transcript.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., February 12, 1876.

The foregoing is a correct transcript of the original papers on file in this office in private land-claim reported as number 108, in the name of José Rafael Zamora *et al.*

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.