

Land Grants

1803-1927

1 linear ft.

Mss 374

Abstract

This collection contains documents pertaining to land grants, plus information about land policies, sales, and a guide for settlers. Materials are related to the Algodons Land Co., Baird's Ranch, John G. Heath, Carlos and Narciso Beaubien, William Bradbury, John K. Brewster, Ignacio Chavez, Conejos Grant, John F. Cole, David W. Ewing, Alonzo E. Foote, Galvan Grant, Las Animas Grant, Lavato Grant, Nolan Grant, Ojo de San Jose Grant, James Addison Peraltarevis, Louis Purdy, San Antonita Grant, Sangre de Cristo Grant, Santa Cruz Grant, San Jose de Sonovita Grant, Perry Smith and Vigil and St. Vrain Grant. The collection consists of 1 linear foot, containing sixty-four file folders, which are numbered consecutively and labeled in pencil, according to contents.

Subjects

Land companies--Colorado--Manuscripts
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Content list and Translations

BOX NO. 1 File folders 1 through 38, as follows:

FF No. 1. Manuscript: Interview with Judge Wilbur F. Stone. Contents:

Typewritten, 6 pp., 8½" x 11"; in top left corner: MSS. XA. BANCROFT. / 447. Title: LAND GRANTS IN COLORADO, / AND VARIOUS POLITICAL MATTERS. / by / WILBUR F. STONE / 1884.

Subjects discussed in paper: The importance of the Arkansas Valley as a trade route; Pueblo as the headquarters of the fur trade; the Vigil and St. Vrain land grants; the Nolan grant; the establishment of railroads; the coal mines at Trinidad and El Moro; the iron works in Pueblo. Commercial and political competition between Pueblo and Denver; meeting of the first territorial legislature; Denver wins out over Pueblo and Golden City as the state capital.

FF No. 2. Beaubien Land Grant (a.k.a. Maxwell Land Grant). Contents:

1. Commercial flyer on company letterhead, 1 p.: The Rocky Mountain Timber Co. / No. 605 Boston Building / Denver, Colo., April 15, 1902.

Announcement of exclusive Timber Rights on the Maxwell Land Grant in Colorado and New Mexico; shipments of ties, piling, mining, timbers, and lumber by railway.

2. Plat of Beaubien and Miranda or Maxwell Grant
3. Photocopy of statement in Spanish by Carlos Beaubien, date-stamped “Mar 5 1982”, with handwritten notation “on Exhibit.” Translation:

Territory of New Mexico
Taos County

In my presence, Jose Benito Martinez, Evidence Judge in and for the County of Taos and Territory of New Mexico, comes now personally Carlos Beaubien of said County, who under sworn oath doth declare and say that, according to his knowledge and to the best of his memory, that in the year 1832 or 1833 he was the First Councilor dean and the late Juan Antonio Lobato First Constitutional Mayor here in this Valley of Saint Geronimo of Taos, there was directed to both and each one of them an official Letter in order that they go to the Place of the Rabbits to effect the distribution of said place to those persons who requested the grant and others; that the Official Letter was sent by the Governor, who was, as far as he can remember, the late Don Santiago Abriu.

That he had in hand the grant to the place referred to at least eight days, and that he read it publicly several times to all interested persons when they were effecting the distribution, that such grant was made in the same terms and under the same conditions as other land grants that he has seen in this country: that after having effected that distribution he learned that the colonists had withdrawn because of the Indians who were on the warpath and who were the Navajos, but who returned later intent on populating and cultivating the lands granted in said place, and this they have done two or three times, and they have always been attacked [by] the Indians up until this date.

Sworn and Subscribed before
me today August 4 AD 1855 /s/ Carlos Beaubien
 Jose Benito Martinez
 Evidence Judge

4. Photocopy: “Mexican Land Grants in Colorado; The Maxwell Grant,” from The Colorado Magazine, no date, p. 89.
5. “Who Owned It?”—Second in a series of historical sketches on Colorado, from The Title Guaranty Company, Denver, Colorado, 1 p., 11” x 18”. No date.

6. Letter: Thomas F. Dawson, Denver, to John L. Gaspar, Waukesha, Wis., April 28, 1923, requesting information about the Beaubien land grant and about the man, his life and death, and whether Beaubien or his family ever received any benefit from the grant.
7. John L. Gaspar to Thomas F. Dawson, May 3 1923, with information that some documents are in the courts of Costilla County or in the hands of State Legislator Delfino Salazar, but he will try to assist the Historical Society of Colorado.
8. Thomas F. Dawson to John L. Gaspar, May 9 1923: "Indeed I want everything you can give me concerning him."
9. Acting Curator, State Historical Society, to John L. Gaspar, Aug 16 1923, writing in place of the late Mr. Dawson, and hoping to receive information on Beaubien.
10. John L. Gaspar to Acting Curator, Aug 20 1923: will send a report on Beaubien as soon as possible; also expresses sorrow over the sudden death of Mr. Dawson.
11. Cover sheet: Beaubien Land Grant. 8 p Typed MSS by John L. Caspar, agent at one time for Carlos Beaubien. Outline: Beaubien Land Grant; Costilla County; John L. Gaspar; Antonio Arcadio Salazar; Delphino [Delfino] Salazar. "Communication to the Historical Society of the State of Colorado. September 8th 1923."

FF No. 3. Maxwell Land Grant: a. pamphlet; articles; maps. Contents:

1. Pamphlet, 4½" x 8"; opens to 16" x 26 ½" and 16 panels, printed on both sides: Guide to the Maxwell Grant. 1 ¾ Million Acres in Colorado and New Mexico. Information for Land Buyers. History. Favorable Conditions of New Mexico and Colorado for Colonization. Colorado Portion of the Grant. The Montezuma Las Vegas Hot Springs. Maps, photographs.
2. Plat of Beaubien and Miranda or Maxwell Grant, 2 cc.
3. "Mexican Land Grants in Colorado," by LeRoy R. Hafen, The Colorado Magazine, Vol. IV, No. 3, May 1927, pp. 81-93 (incomplete).
4. "Private Land Claims in Colorado," by Ralph Carr, Colorado Magazine, Vol. SSV, No, 1, Jan. 1948, pp. 10-30.

5. Typewritten manuscript: scholarly article by unknown author, pp. 48-98, with pages missing. Headings include: "Anza's Expedition through the San Luis Valley, 1779"; "The Sangre de Cristo Grant"; "The Nolan Grant"; "Chapter X. Customs, Arts, and Crafts."

FF No. 4. The National Antiland Grant Monthly: b. article regarding Maxwell Land Grant. Contents:

Journal: The National Anti Land Monthly, Chas. W. Russell, Editor, Office, Trinidad, Col., July 1890. Pp. 51-55, on the Maxwell Land Grant; "The Mexican Land Grants, by One of the Settlers," pp. 58-61. "The Sangre de Cristo Grant," pp. 65-69.

FF No. 5. Manuscript: c. "The Maxwell Dynasty," by Captain Cutler. Contents:

Annotations as top of page: MSS XA. Bancroft, 411. NC 374 MSS XXIII-59i.

Typewritten manuscript: "The Maxwell Dynasty," by Capt. Cutler, 1884, 2 pp. At end of p. 2: "Santa Fe Daily New Mexican. May 11, 1883. (Copied by L. R. Hafen, May 5, 1924.)

FF No. 6. Manuscript : (d) "The Maxwell Grant" from The Weekly Colorado Transcript. Contents:

Attached note: 419. Land Grants The Maxwell Grant. Wk'y Colo. Transcript Oct 5, 1870.

Typewritten manuscript. Top of page: "From: The Weekly Colorado Transcript. October 5, 1870." "The Maxwell Grant," no author, 2 pp.

FF No. 7. Cebolla Grant, New Mexico (a 1872 booklet). Contents:

"Cebolla Grant." / New Mexico. / Copies / of / Deeds Conveying the Above Grant / from the / Original Grantees / to / John T. Graham / and / William Blackmore." New York: / Banks and Brothers, Publishers, 144 Nassau Street. / Albany: 475 Broadway. / 1872, 56 pp.

FF No. 8. Land grant, 1896, to Hugo Kurzidim. Contents:

Homestead Certificate No. 1084, Application 109, for 160 acres, dated 9 July 1896. Recorded Aug 31 1897 in Arapahoe County, Colorado, No. 109914.

FF No. 9. Court of Private Land Claims: Zia, Santa Ana and Jemez Grant. Contents:

“In the Court of Private Land Claims. Pueblos of Zia, Santa Ana and Jemez, vs. The Unites States, et al. Brief,” 6 pp. Denies all Indian claims. P. 6: “Read by Mr. Catron, in said Court, August 8th, 1893.”

FF No. 10. Court of Private Land Claims. Ojo de San Jose Grant. Contents:

August. 1894. Term. / Ojo de San Jose Grant. Jose Albina Baca et al vs. The United States. Nos. 130 and 182 consolidated. Decree, 3 pp. Pages fragile and separated at folds, but can be reassembled and read.

FF No. 11. Land grant (for military service), 1865, to William Bradbury. Contents:

Certificate: Warrant 43313 for 160 acres in favor of William Bradbury, Seaman, assigned to John Pierce, 1 December 1865.

FF No. 12. Pamphlet: “Rules of the U. S. Court of Private Land Claims.” Contents:

Booklet, 4” x 7½” : Rules of the United States Court of Private Land Claims, 1891, 8 pp.

FF No. 13. Luis Maria Baca Grant—transcripts, correspondence, map. Contents:

1. Letter: G. H. Adams, Crestone, to J. N. Shipley, Registrar, Board Land Courts, Denver, Jul 20 1889, re surveys of the Baca Grant No. 4, 2 pp.
2. Wolcott & Vaile, Denver, to J. N. Chipley, Register Board of Land Com’rs., Mar 5 1900, re the southern boundary of the Baca Grant, 1 p.
3. Wolcott & Vaile to C. S. Thomas, Governor, Denver, Mar 12 1900, re the southern boundary of the Baca Grant No. 4, 7 pp., w/ plat, 1 p.
4. Wolcott & Vaile to Governor Thomas, May 7 1900, re conflict between public surveys and the survey of Baca Grant No. 4, 1 p.
5. Supplemental Description for Portions of Eastern and Southern Boundaries of Baca Grant No. 4, as derived from Approved Survey of Thomas L. Darby, of November, 1892, 4 pp.
6. Transcript of field notes of all boundaries of Sec. 16 T.36 N. R. 10 W, including General Description of the Township, 4 pp., last page blank.
7. Transcript of field notes of Sec. 16, T. 35 N. R. 10 W., N.M.P.M., also General Description of Township, 4 pp.
8. Transcript of field notes of Exteriors and Subdivision of T. 35 N. R. 10 W. N.M.P.M. Colorado, 68 pp.

9. Blueprint map, 18" x 24", of Luis Maria Baca Grant No. 4, in Saguache County, Colorado. U. S. Surveyor General's Office. Denver, Dec 5 1899.
10. Extracts from the field notes of the survey of the subdivisional lines of Twp. 35 N. Rg. 10 W., N. M. P. M., Colorado, 2 pp.
11. Field notes of the survey of the subdivisional lines of Township No. 35 North, of Range No. 10 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridian in Colorado, 3 pp.

FF No. 14. Douglas County Land Grant, 1872, to James Walker. Contents:

Certificate No. 1861, for 80 acres, in favor of James Walker, 10 Jun 1872.

FF No. 15. Santa Cruz Grant, plaintiff's translation. Contents:

"Notes. Plaintiff's translation of Archive 882." Comments on translation, with corrections; mentions the "Chimayo [N. M.] mountain range." Also, "Notes on the Spanish document 1704, offered by the plaintiffs." Mentions the "new town of Santa Cruz." Pages (2) are fragile and separated at the fold, but can be reassembled and read.

FF No. 16. San Jose de Sonoita Grant, brief and argument for defendant. Contents:

17-page, 3-hole packet, 10½" x 11½", with annotation on front cover: "No. 40. San Jose de Sonoita grant. Brief and argument of Rochester Ford for defendant Ainsa." Page 1: "In the Court of Private Land Claims. The United States vs. AINSA, Administrator, etc. et al. No. 40. 'San Jose de Sonoita' grant." Contends that the U. S. Supreme Court sustains the authority of the Mexican Intendentes to issue grants of land after the Mexican Revolution.

FF No. 17. Baird's Ranch (County of Bernalillo), brief. Contents:

Pamphlet, 6½" x 9 ½" : United States Court of Private Land Claims. Andrew B. Baird Et Al., Heirs of Spruce M Baird, Deceased, vs. The United States of America.

Brief in Support of the Plaintiff's Title to the Tract of Land in the County of Bernalillo [N. M.] Known as "Baird's Ranch," and as "El Rancho del Chino Tejano."

Jno. H. Knaebel, Of Counsel.

FF No. 18. House of Representatives bill # 597 (regarding Ceram St. Vrain and Cornelio Vigil). Contents:

Printer's No., 409. 42nd Congress, 2d Session. H. R. 597. In the House of Representatives. December 11, 1871. Read twice, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed. Mr. Chaffee, on leave, introduced the following bill: A Bill For the relief of actual settlers upon certain lands in the Territory of Colorado, and for other purposes. 4 pp.

FF No. 19. Article: "Free Public Lands Lure to Colorado (New York Times, 3/7/54) Contents:

Newspaper article, 18 column inches: Special to the New York Times. Denver, March 6. Free Public Lands Lure to Colorado: About 8,000,000 acres are available for citizens with pioneering spirit. (Handwritten date: 3/7/54.)

FF No. 20. Gervacio Nolan Grant, four briefs. Contents:

1. In the United States Court of Private Land Claims. William Pinkerton, et al., vs. The United States No. 46. Gervacio Nolan Grant. Abstract of Frank Springer's Argument on behalf of Intervening Claimants, at Santa Fe, Nov. 15, 1893, 30 pp.
2. In the Court of Private Land Claims. The Heirs of William Pinkerton et al. Plaintiffs, vs. The United States et al. Defendants. No. 46. Gervacio Nolan Grant. Private Land Claim No. 39. Statement, Brief, and Argument for the United States, 44 pp.
3. In the Court of Private Land Claims. William Pinkerton, Emilia O. Henriques, and Edward C. Henriques, her husband, Plaintiffs, vs. The United States, Defendants. Territory of New Mexico. Nolan Grant. Brief for Plaintiffs, 44 pp.
4. No. 46. In the Court of Private Land Claims. Nov. Term, 1893. William Pinkerton, Emilia O. Henriques, and Edward C. Henriques, her husband, Plaintiffs, vs. The United States, Defendants, 39 pp.

FF No. 21. Laws and Decrees of the Republic of Mexico in Relation to Colonization and Grants of land, etc. (1871). Contents:

Booklet, 6½" x 9½"; signatures have become unbound; held in plastic sleeve. Full title: "Laws and Decrees of the Republic of Mexico in

Relation to Colonization and Grants of Land, More Particularly in New Mexico and California, from 1823 to 1846," 44 pp.

FF No. 22. Booklet: The American Settler's Guide (1885). Contents:

Booklet, 6" x 9"; cover page, frontispiece and back cover loose; torn fragments of pages; held in plastic sleeve. Full title: "The American Settler's Guide: A Popular Exposition of the Public Land System of the United States of America." By Henry N. Copp, Ninth Edition. Washington, D. C.: Published by the Editor, 1885, 128 pp.

FF No. 23. Booklet: Information to Settlers (3 copies). Contents:

Booklet, 3½" x 5½": Information to Settlers, by Louis Dugal, Attorney in Land Cases. Attends to Public Land Business. Deals in all kinds of Land Scrip. Special Attention Given to Business Before U. S. Land Offices, no date, 18 pp., 3 cc.

FF No. 24. Manuscript: "Land Grants" from The Weekly Colorado Transcript. Contents:

Stapled note: "376. Land Grants. (R.R. bills being manipulated in Congress to imaginary R. R. lines) Weekly Colo. Transcript Dec. 29, 1869." Carbon copy of typed manuscript: From: The Weekly Colorado Transcript. December 29, 1869, 2 pp.

FF No. 25. Vigil and St. Vrain Grant. Trinidad Town Site papers; correspondence; House report No. 1253. Contents include typewritten transcripts of handwritten materials.

1. "Who Owned It?"—Second in a series of historical sketches on Colorado, from The Title Guaranty Company, Denver, Colorado, 1 p., 11" x 18". 2 cc. No date.
2. Cover page: Vigil and St. Vrain Land Grants
Letters of claimants 1869 ([stapled] copies of originals)
 - Autobees, Charles
 - Rite, Charles L.
 - Francisco J. M. & Co.
 - Maxwell, Lucien B.
 - Hicklin, John
 - Maxwell, Lucien B. by Chas. F. Holly
 - Bent, William, heirs of by M. M. Moore
 - Bent, Teresina by

St. Vrain, Felix, by Baird, Thatcher & Stone
Welton, N. W. Aloys [Scheurich]
Hicklin, Estaban, by Alna by Alexis Hicklin
Carson, Kit, heirs of, by Thomas O. Boggs
Boggs, Romaldo Luna by Thomas O. Boggs
Kronig & Co.
Boyce, B. R. estate of by A. Hicklin

3. Handwritten ledger, 1 page: Preamble: "The undersigned agree to pay the amounts stated opposite their respective names for the purpose of raising a retainer fee of Five hundred Dollars to be paid to Britton-Gray-Drummond of Washington, D. C. for the purpose of securing their services to obtain a title from the United States to the townsite of Trinidad." Twenty names. Circa 1875.
4. Agreement between Joseph Davis and others and Britton Gray & Drummond, Jul 1 1875.
5. Willis Drummond to Geo. R. Swallow, Jul 28 1875, stating the terms upon which the law firm will represent the Citizens Committee in securing a patent for the townsite of Trinidad.
6. Britton, Gray & Drummond to Geo. R. Swallow, Sept 8 1875, re conflict with previous claim to town site of Trinidad.
7. Seven handwritten pages, with top clasp: Six affidavits asserting residence in Trinidad, Territory of Colorado, County of Las Animas. Signers: Isaac Vanbrimmer, Apr 21 1876; E. D. Bright, Apr 22 1876; E. J. Hubbard, Apr 24 1876; Henry A. Barraclough, Apr 24, 1876; Charles Raymond, Apr 25 1876; Peter J. Munnecom, Apr 25, 1876.
8. Invoice on letterhead of Britton & Gray, Aug 8 1877: To balance of fee for services in the matter of the town-site of Trinidad, as per written contract dated July 31st 1875. \$1,000.00.
9. Britton, Gray & Drummond to Geo R. Swallow, Esq., Trinidad, Aug 11 1877, re enclosed bill (No. 4, above) for patent for the town-site of Trinidad.
10. Chas. E. Gast to George R. Swallow, Sept 12 1877: "I can scarcely think that some of the most prominent citizens of Trinidad are willing by "going back" on their plain obligation."
11. Britton, Gray & Drummond to Geo. R. Swallow, Sept 27 1877, re disagreement over contract and payment of fee to law firm.

12. Joseph Davis to Chas. E. Gast, Pueblo, Oct 11 1877, re continuing disagreement over contract and payment of fee to Britton, Gray & Drummond.
13. Britton, Gray & Drummond, by Charles E. Gast, 22 Mar 1878: assign and set over to the Bank of Southern Colorado moneys remaining due on a certain contract [with Swallow and others].
14. House of Representatives, 52d Congress, 1st Session, Report No. 1253, Apr 29 1892: Land Titles in New Mexico and Colorado, 7 pp.
15. The Vigil and St. Vrain Land Grant. (Copied February 22, 1922, for the State Historical and Natural History Society with the consent of Mr. Canon.) Wilbur F. Stone, U. S. Commissioner, Denver, to Benton Canon, Grand Junction, Aug 20 1915, re boundary lines of the St. Vrain and Vigil Land Grant and general information concerning the history of same. 2 cc.

FF No. 26. Manuscript: "The Land Sale" from The Colorado Transcript. Contents:

Typewritten manuscript, "The Land Sale," 2 pp., unsigned, from The Colorado Transcript, Aug 18 1869. Criticizes the sale of land in Colorado Territory to "land-sharks" by the Secretary of the Interior.

FF No. 27. Manuscript: "Las Animas Land Grant" from The Denver Daily Tribune. Contents:

"Typewritten manuscript, "Las Animas Land Grant. Judge Dillon Declares the Original Entries Fraudulent, and Thus Settles The Matter." Unsigned, from The Denver Daily Tribune, Jul 13 1878, 3 pp.

FF No. 28. Manuscript: "The Las Animas Muster Roll" from the Denver Daily Tribune. Contents:

Typewritten manuscript, "The Las Animas Muster Roll," unsigned, from The Denver Daily Tribune, Jan 14 1874, 3 pp. Publishes list of western settlers whose rights and property are jeopardized by a "Ring" of conspirators led by David H. Moffat, Jr.

FF No. 29. Conejos Grant—transcripts; correspondence; manuscripts; map. Contents: Seventeen documents.

1. Charles F. Easley, Surveyor General, Santa Fe, N.M., April 30 1897, to Thos. D. Robinson, U. S. Surveyor General, Denver, re papers sent to the Clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims; returns list of said papers:

“Inventory of papers pertaining to the Conejos Grant, Colorado, on file in the office of the Surveyor General for Colorado.” Lists and briefly describes “Paper marked A (in ink)” through “Paper marked K on ou[t]side (in pencil)... Santa Fe, New Mexico, May... 1895. Received of the U. S. Surveyor General of Colorado the above scheduled papers, pertaining to the Conejos Land Grant. James H. Reeder Clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims.” 3 cc.

2. Photocopy of statement in Spanish by Carlos Beaubien. Translation:

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Taos County

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Sworn and Subscribed before
me today August 4 AD 1855 /s/ Carlos Beaubien
 Jose Benito Martinez
 Evidence Judge

3. Original and photocopy of statement in Spanish by Carlos Beaubien. Written on back: “Charles Beaubien Affidavit Conejos Claim.” Translation:

At the urging of Don Saledon and associates, I declare that, in the year 1832 or 1833, being Councilor dean of the Municipality of Taos, I received a letter from His Excellency the Governor of New Mexico, who was interim, in my view, Don Santiago Abreu, in which he requested that I accompany the Mayor of Taos, Don Juan Antonio Lobato to the River of the Rabbits in order to help him distribute to the petitioners the lands of said river according to a Grant made of them by the Mexican Government with all the formality of other Grants that I had seen effected by the Spanish and Mexican Governments. Heeding the words of the said Governor, I accompanied the said Mayor to that little place, and, according to his directions and according to the terms of the Grant, which I read more than four times, I distributed the lands of the aforementioned river to about eighty men. We arrived at the Rabbits the second day of September, and we dedicated two days to the distribution and delivery of the lands.

What I know with respect to the said Grant is summarized by what I have expressed above, and for the suitable ends of those interested, I made the present declaration in Taos the 18th of January of 1858.

/s/ Carlos Beaubien

Territory of New Mexico, County of Taos

Personally affirmed before me Robinson Clerk of the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial District for New Mexico do certify that on this 25th day of February AD 1861, Charles Beaubien who is personally know to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as a party thereto and acknowledge the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Taken and Subscribed before

Me the day above written

Robinson

Clerk

4. No. 109—File No. 2. In the Court of Private Land Claims. Crescencio Valdes vs. United States. Exhibit B, being sketch map showing the Conejos Grant of Land. Copy for the Court. February 18 – 1893 James H. Reeder, Clerk. By Irineo Chaves Deputy. Catron & Coons, Attys. for Plaintiff.
5. C. 109. F. 12 Crescencio Valdez vs. United States. Depositions. Filed in the office of the Clerk, Court of Private Land Claims April 4, 1900. Jas. H. Reeder, Clerk. By I. L. Chaves, Deputy.
6. No. 109. F. No. 13. Transcript of the Trial. Filed in the office of the Clerk, Court of Private Land Claims Aug 11, 1900. Jas. H. Reeder, Clerk.

- By I. L. Chaves, Deputy. Crescencio Valdes vs. United States. Conejos Grant.
7. Receipt from The Denver and Rio Grande Express, Denver May 8th 1895. Received from Thos. D. Robinson Val Papers Value asked & not given. Clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims, Santa Fe NM.
 8. 16" x 21" sheet, 12-column table, relating to the Conejos Grant. Column titles: Name of Grant; No. of designation; Names of claimants; Date of Grant; Description of Grant; Area in leagues or varas; Character of land; External area; Grazing or agriculture; Name of attorneys; Action of office; Remarks.
 9. James H. Reeder, Clerk, C. P. L. C., By Irineo L. Chaves, Deputy Clerk, to The Surveyor General of Colorado, Denver, Mar 6 1901, re Conejos Grant—rejected by Court of Private Land Claims—and listing papers described above in No. 1 of this file folder. 2 pp.
 10. Letter: Norman L. King, Cadastral Engineer, Public Survey Office, Santa Fe, N. M. to Frank M. Johnson, Supervisor of Surveys, Denver, Apr 11 1927, re enclosed documents [Sketch plat of Conejos Grant, No. 4 above; Depositions, No. 5, above; and Transcript of Trial, No. 6 above).
 11. Written on back: No. 80. Los Conejos Translation No. 4. List of the Colonists lately settled on the Conejos River under a Donation made by the Mexican Government in the years 1833 and 1842 and 1846, within the limits of the Grant, and they are as follows:

Jose Dolores Barela
Jose Felix Cordoba
Jose Maria Lopez
Jose Rafael Rodriguez
Manuel Chavez
Juan Pedro Martinez
Jose Antonio Lucero
Juan Eusebio Rodriguez
Miguel Carrias
Eulogio Garcia
Antonio Garcia
Jesus Cordoba
Jose Francisco Salazar
Tomas Lopez
Pablo Ortega
Juan Andres Romero
Miguel Antonio Lopez

Pedro Nolasco Cordoba
Matias Montoya
Antonio Jose Trugio
Pedro Sanchez
Pedro Ortega
Francisco Mansanares
Renceslau Trugio

Fernandez Montoya
Romulo Martinez
Lorenzo Atencio
Agapito Atencio
Francisco Antonio Atencio
Antonio Ortega
Desiderio Lovato
Nestor Vigil
Jose Miguel Lucero
Juan Senon Sisneros
Antonio de Jesus Sisneros
Jesus Maria Lucero
Ramon Sisneros
Romano Sisneros
Jose Crecencio Espinosa
Juan Prudencio Gonzales
Jose Bidal Gonzales
Juan Bautista Vigil
Antonio Sisneros
Mario Ortega
Polinario Casias
Jose Santos Salas
Miguel Antonio Vigil
Juan Cristoval Ortega
Jose Dolores Archuleta
Baltazar Lovato
Pablo Atencio
Juan de Jesus Atencio
Juan de Dios Montoya
Bicente Atencio
Aniceto Espinosa
Francisco Trugio
Felipe Lucero
Damasio Salas
Querino Olana
Juan de Jesus Sisneros
Jose Manuel Montoya
Reimundo Salazar

Seledonio Valdez
Francisco Garcia
Jose Pablo Ortega
Atanacio Trugio
Francisco Antonio Trugio
Querino Mese
Jose Benito Vigil
Jose Gabriel Martinez
Juan de Jesus Gomez
Jesus Maria Sanchez
Ramos Pacheco
Antonio Montoya
Francisco Luxan
Francisco Martinez
Jose Valdez
George Long

Among the first Grantees, to wit:

Jose Maria Martinez
Pascual Martinez
Santiago Martinez
Jose Tafoya
Gabriel Lucero
Esquipula Sandoval
Pedro Mansanares
Simon Trugio
Jose Cordova
Bisente Martinez
Marcelo Gutierrez
Joaquin Garcia
Jose Maria Archuleta
Jesus Sanchez
Jose Manuel Mansanares
Francisco Mansanares
Dionicio Gonzales
Antonio Gonzales
Buenaventua Lovato

Surveyor General's Office
Translator's Department
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 20, 1803

The foregoing four pages contain a correct
list and translation of the original Spanish on file
in this Office.

Dav. I. Miller,
Translator.

No. 80. Los Conejos. Translation No. 3.

Jose Isabel Maes, on the same terms as Francisco Lorence.

Different

Antonio Ortiz, 200 varas, on the southeast

Juan Antonio Aragon

Juan Domingo Tafoya

Juan Antonio Lobato

Juan de la Cruz Aragon

Felipe Gonzales

[Torn] Maria Sandoval

Juan Lorenzo Alire

Sebastian Jaramillo

Cipriano Esquibel

Diego de Luna

Bitor Sanchez

Francisco Gutierrez

Rafael Aragon

Jose Benito Sanchez

Manuel Sanchez

Juan Ignacio Sanchez

Jose Maria Alarid

Jose Manuel Grem

Alejandro Maeso

Ramon Rael

Estevan Trugillo

Jose Antonio Aragon

Rafael Santos Garcia

Bernardo Tores

Alejandro Espinosa

Santiago Salazar

Jose Miguel Salazar

Domingo Gallegos

Rosalia Gallegos

Ramon Ruivali

Jose Miguel Romero

Jose de la Cruz Truxillo

Jose Isidro Truxillo

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Surveyor General's Office,
Translator's Department,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
November 25, 1813.

The foregoing two pages contain a correct
Translation and List of the original Spanish on
file in this Office.

Dav. I. Miller,
Translator.

12. Two sheets, 8½" x 13", fragile, torn and taped: On front and back of both sheets, names of colonists:
Francisco Felipe Lorence 200 va[ra]s bordering on the north from Conejos ... to the foot of the mesas of the river San Ant[oni]o to the south, to the east ... to the west with the lands of Juan Cruz Aragon. Juan Cruz Aragon the same from north to south, to the east with those of said Lorence, and to the west with the lands of Don Felipe Gonzales. Felipe Gonzales the same from north to south, east J.C. Aragon, west the minister. The Minister ... east Felipe Gonzales, west ...
Ventura Lobato
Vicente Martinez
Gaspar ...
Carlos Beaubien
Agustin Vigil
Miguel Lujan
Jose Julian Medina
Pedro Gallego
Vysente Maes
La plasa 100 v[ar]as
Miguel Maes
Rafael Pena
Juan Pomuserro Cruz
Julian Gallego
Juan Antonio Chaves
Manuel Mondragon
Manuel Padia
Juan Benito Sanchez
Meregildo Gallego
Mariano Jaramillo [crossed out] Jose Gautier
Rodrigo Vigil
Juan Bautista San German

Arturo Lias
Francisco Laforet
Jose Lucero
Juan de Jesus Martin
Jose Francisco Martin
Manuel Arculeta
... Martinez
Jose Maria Chavez
Antonio Garcia
Joaquin Garcia
Valentin Padilla
Rafael Gallego
Miguel Quintana
para plaza 200 baras
Agustin Quintana
Francisco Trugillo
Juan de Jesus Lucero
Ygnacio Gonzales

Reverse:
... Lucero
... Martin
Miguel Martin
Tomas Encinias
Juan Antonio Madrid
Diego Gallego
Julian Montoya
Esialo[?] de Ventura Martin
Salvador Lucero
...ques
Juan Atencio
Josefa Valdes
Ygnacio Martinez
Julian Gallego 2a vez
Jose Martin Miliciano
Rafael Archuleta
Marcos Sanchez
Jose Maria Martinez
Santiago Martinez
... Martinez
... Gonzalez
... ..
Reymundo Cordoba
Antonio Gonzalez
Nasicono [?] Sanchez
Jose Velazquez 2a vez

Jesus Sandobal
Jose Francisco Roibal
Tomas Roibal
Jose Rafael Gallego
Rafael Garcia
Jose Lucero 2a vez
Antonio Gomes
... Sanches
... .. Arculeta
Jose Martin

Sheet 2, page 3

Jose Isabel Maes under the same terms as Francisco Lorence.

Diferente.

Antonio Ortis 200 bars del sur este
Juan Antonio Aragon
Juan Domingo Tafoya
Juan Antonio Lobato
Juan de la Cruz Aragon
Felipe Gonzales
...
Juan Lorenzo Alire
Sebastian Jaramillo
Sipriano Esquibel
Diego de Luna
Biton [?] Sanches
Francisco Gutierrez
Rafael Aragon
Jose Benito Sanches
Manuel Sanches
Juan Ignacio Sanches
Jose ...
Jose Manuel Grem
Alegandro Maese
Ramon Rael
Estevan Trugillo
Jose Antonio Aragon
Rafael Santos Garcia
Vernando Fores
Alejandro Espinosa
Santiago Salazar
Jose ... Salazar

Reverse:

Domingo Gallegos

Rosalia Gallegos
Ramon Ruivali
Jose Miguel Romero
Jose de la Cruz Truxillo
Jose Ysidro Truxillo
Manuel Martinez
Jose Roque Sanches
Jose Miguel Madril
Juan Belasques
Jose Ignacio Salasar
Ysidro Pais
Bernardo Sanches
Juan Antonio Gallegos

...
...

13. Two sheets, 8½” x 12”, yellowed, faded, torn, taped, writing front and back.

Sheet 1: Reads (printed) in Spanish: “Third Seal [national emblem on seal: Eagle and serpent on cactus] Two reales [coins]. For the years one thousand eight hundred thirty eight and eight hundred thirty nine.”

Handwritten: “Valid for the years 1842 and 1843. On this Conejos River ... [obscured by tape at fold] of this present year of one thousand eight hundred forty two I the 1st Justice of the Peace of the first district of the jurisdiction of Taos C. Cornelio Vigil in compliance with what has been decreed and ordered by the Prefect of this district D[on] Juan Andres Archuleta, dated 23 February of the current year as shown in the appeal that the petitioners presented that they be given possession of the Conejos River, and having transferred the land I the said 1st Justice of the Peace in the presence of two witnesses who are assisting me who were Santiago Martinez and Eugenio Naranjo ... I caused them to know and understand the petition that they were making, and I expressed to them that for the said possession that they were to abide by and to comply with, in every lawful form, the following conditions: that the designated place is to be tended and never abandoned, for he who does not cultivate it within two years or reside there shall lose his rights and the land that had been his shall be given to another person, and that the pastures and watering places shall be held in common by all the inhabitants: that they are granted said land to work fully, and to graze animals of all kinds, consequently it is part of the agreement ... equipped with firearms or arrows, for which they will be tested, upon their arrival as well as at whatever occasion that the Mayor or Justice of the Peace who is in command may deem convenient; it being well understood that after two years of possession all weapons that they might have should be specifically firearms,

[Page 2] and in good condition, he who does not carry this out shall be under pain of loss of rights to said possession; ... should situate themselves in said locale and build their huts for the shelter of their families: and having heard and taken personal responsibility each and every one of them of the dates referred to they agreed responded jointly and accepted their obligation and cognizant of what had been told them; in consequence of which, I took them by the hand, and I said in clear and understandable terms that in the name of the Sovereign ... they threw rocks and shouted for joy saying long live the Sovereignty of our Mexican nation, taking possession of said land quietly and peacefully with no contradiction whatever, pointing out to them the boundaries, to the north the hill of the Garita, to the south the mountain of San Ant[oni]o, to the east the River of the North, and to the west the mountain range that surrounds the place, and measuring out to them from the silver ... the lands to be worked each of the colonists received two hundred varas in a straight line from ... the river of la Jara, which are eighty-four families, there being one left over in the upper part of the canyon of said River to grant to others, from where the two separate upwards, and in the lower part from the said ... to the River of the North; warning the colonists that the pastures and watering

[Page 3] places are communal as has been said, and entrance and exit roads, for the plazas should be of good size and accessible from all sides without anything blocking them; and that it be known henceforth that Messrs. D[on] Ant[oni]o Martinez, and D[on] Julian Gallegos are the ones with primacy, having obtained the said possession from the land of the Rabbits, they should see them as they deserve; and in order that at all times this grant remain firm, with the two witnesses who are assisting me with whom I act as receptor owing to the lack of a public or national scribe of which there are none in this Department of New Mexico, to all of which I swear. Cornelio Vigil. Witnesses: Santiago Martinez ... Eugenio Naranjo

14. One sheet, 8" x 9½", handwritten, two columns on each side.
Translation:

List of the colonists newly
Colonized in the Conejos River
who are by the grant made
by the Mexican Government in the
years 1833 and 1842 and 1846 within
the Merced and those who sustain it

To wit:
Jose Dolores Barela
Jose Felix Cordova

Francisco Mansanares
Benseslao Trugio
Fernandes Montoya
Romulo Martines
Lorenzo Atencio
Agapito Atencio
Francisco Antonio ...
Antonio Ortega
Prudencio Lovato

Jose Maria Lopes
Jose Rafael Rodrigues
Manuel Chaves
Juan Pedro Martines
Jose Antonio Luzero
Juan Eusebio Rodrigues
Miguel Casias
Eulogio Garcia
Antonio Garcia
Jesus Cordova
Juan Francisco Salazar
Tomas Lopes
Pablo Ortega
Juan Andres Romero
Miguel Antonio Lopes
Pedro Nolasco Cordova
Matias Montoya
Antonio Jose Trugio
Pedro Sanchez
Pedro Ortega

Reverse:

Juan de Jesus Atencio
Juan de Dios Montoya
Bisente Atencio
Aniseto Espinosa
Francisco Trugio
Felipe Luzero
Damario Salas
Guerino Olana
Juan de Jesus Sisneros
Jose Manuel Montoya
Reimundo Salazar
Santos Salas [crossed out]
Seledonio Valdes
Francisco Garcia
Jose Pablo Ortega
Atanacio Trugio
Francisco Antonio Trugio
Guerino Mese
Jose Benito Vigil
Jose Gabriel Martines
Juan de Jesus Gomes
Jesus Maria Sanches
Ramos Pacheco
Antonio Montoya

Nestor Vigil
Jose Miguel Luzero
Juan Senon Sisneros
Antonio de Jesus Sisneros
Jesus Maria Luzero
Ramon Sisneros
Romano Sisneros
Jose Crezencio Espinosa
Juan Prudencio Gonzalez
Jose Bidal Gonzalez
Juan Bautista Vigil
... Sisneroz
Ylario Ortega
Polinario Casias
Jose Santos Salaz
Miguel Antonio Vigil
Juan Christoval Ortega
Jose Dolores Archuleta
Baltasar Lovato
Pablo Atencio

The first landholders

To wit:

Jose Maria Martines
Pascual Martines
Santi[a]go Martines
Jose Tafoya
Gabriel Luzero
Esquipulas Sandoval
Pedro Mansanares
Simon Trugio
Jose Cordova
Bisente Martines
Marselo Gutierrez
Joaquin Garcia
Jose Maria Archuleta
Jesus Sanches
Jose Manuel Mansanares
Francisco Mansanares
Dionisio Gonsales
Antonio Gonsales
Buenaventura Lovato

Francisco Luxan
Francisco Martines
Jose Baldes
... Long

15. Two sheets, 8½” x 13”; second sheet blank; handwriting in Spanish on both sides of first sheet; little punctuation; tape at folds and along margins obscures some lines and words; paper yellowed and fragile. On both sides of the first sheet, a narrow column of writing runs down what was originally the left margin of the page, and parallels the main text.

Document No. 13, above, lays out very clearly the conditions of the land grant: the colonists must reside on the land and cultivate it. They must build shelters for their families; they must situate themselves around a plaza; and they must build and maintain roads, free of all obstacles that would impede access to their plazas. If the colonists fail to cultivate the land, they will lose all rights to possess it, those rights then passing to others. In the present document, the colonists petition the Prefect to renew (“rehabilitate”) the grant in their favor, and they allege as justification for their not cultivating the land the wars that the Navajos have fiercely waged against them. The colonists acknowledge that two planting seasons have past, but, now that the Navajos are at peace, the colonists are determined to cultivate the land if their petition be but granted.

The main document and the marginal notes are obscured by the yellowed tape at the folds and margins of the pages; further, the ink of the marginal notes bleeds through to the other side of the page. All of which means that the transcription and translation of the text are fragmentary at best.

Sir Prefect of this 1st district Don Juan Andres
Archuleta.

The undersigned citizens come from
Taos, from the Rito Colorado and from
Abiquiu on their own behalf and in
the name of those who appear on the attached list we
appear before Your Honor and we declare that with the date of 2 Feb
of 1833 we were granted the attached document of
grant of lands on the Conejos River and that
by reason of the war that with great zeal the Navajo tribe
declared, which did not abate until last year
we were not able to pass through to cultivate said grant
but since at present said tribe is at peace
we have determined to begin working
in it during the present year, but since the second season
has passed, for the very powerful reason that ...

hand, we beg of your Honor that you renew
said decree of possession, without our being the grantees ...
with a new charge to pay again the same, with respect to
which we did at that time and the reason that we give
for not having cultivated is effective and
true, that said lands in their specified place find themselves
without any change whatsoever, and for this reason nothing requires their
innovation, save only what we request of Your Honor and those that
have died from among the aggrieved in said grant be
substituted by other able claimants, who in fact
exist, and in the same manner also those who at present, still living,
do not fail to set their hand to punishment which seems to be
the object of the corresponding judge, who is
of the first jurisdiction of the district of Taos
according to the declaration to that effect by the Departmental
Delegation at that time, and also the same authorities
may dispose of the surplus that is mentioned in
said grant, as with any other land that at such
time may have claimants to the grant.

Said gentleman who was the judge who granted and

[page two]

carried out said grant, moving on to that point it was
Don Juan Antonio Lovato himself who is ready to
demonstrate to the Honorable Judge to see what he ...
and distributed in order that he might decide not only about the
surplus but also the substitution, what is to be done about the non-
existing, and what is to be done with what then became vacant.
Having said renewal which we request ...
as it is the object of attributions the judge may pass
with ...

... the list of the aggrieved and new
petitioners, we may begin this year the cultivation that
we are preparing to carry out. Therefore
we beg most ardently that you come to our aid
for we judge that it is the exercise of good law we
declare that the good ... is written on plain paper for not having
sealed but we intend to carry out its repossession.

Taos February 21 of 1842.

Antonio Martinez

Seledon Valdes

On the Conejos River, with the intervention of San Francisco
of Padua, on the eleventh day of the month of October of
one thousand eight hundred forty-two: I Cornelio Vigil
senior Justice of the Peace of the district of Taos in

compliance with the decree that antecedes ...

...
...

but I do it now for it is the opportune time,
be it known that I signed it, with the witnesses who assist me
and whom I certify.

Cornelio Vigil

Santiago Martinez Eugenio Naranjo

Marginal notes, first page:

Rio Arriba February 23 of 1842. At the instance of those who presenting that the ... that the River Conejos which they did not cultivate at that time because of the seasons being ... attacking by the points requested these petitioners surely had lost the right by law for having abandoned in spite of which they advance the motive that they had for not having cultivated the land and it is donated but as they have not been denounced by another the said post the Justice of the Peace with jurisdiction said land passed ... in possession to the interested [parties] in the surplus to the petitioners ... who ... judge who gave the

Marginal notes, second page:

possession carries it with him to avoid questions among the grantees provided that the donation not be prejudicial to the third Archuleta by secretary Antonio Maria Pacheco

16. Page 1 entitled "Sworn Statement of Carlos Beaubien regarding the Place of the Rabbits 1855"

Page 2 entitled "Carlos Beaubien affidavit Conejos Claim"

Pages 3 – 6: Four pages, roughly 9" X 12"; fragile paper, with writing on both sides; marginal notes on first page. Yellowed tape runs vertically and horizontally on all pages and obscures part of the text. There is some bleeding of ink from one side of the page to the other.

Senor Gob[ernad]or, superior of this territory of New Mexico. ...

The undersigned citizens, residents of Saint John Nepomo of Rito Colorado, and of Abiquiu, in the name of a number of inhabitants of these same municipalities by whom we have been elected for the purpose of giving impetus before the benign and merciful consideration of Your Excellency to the petition that we receive validation for the attached documents that speak of the matter, in the name of our honorable government of the United States, which God keep, of the point or place

that is fallow in the River of the Rabbits, the possession of which is requested by these inhabitants who find themselves for some years in the necessity of demonstrating residency in this district there has occurred poverty and calamity after being the Rito

so low in water the drought has come upon us so suddenly that not even the seed that is given to agriculture is harvested, and being men and paterfamilias, we consider ourselves afflicted with regard to feeding them, and having no other recourse but to direct ourselves to make a request from a position that is so agreeable and abundant as we consider our request to be, it being a parcel of land legitimately useful for any hard-working man who is interested in his prosperity, not only from the yield that he expects from the land but also from the abundance of water that there is in that River for that place does not offer anything but purely serene comfort not only as to pasture but also as to lumber, all in the useful proportion that God our Lord put in that place for the use and benefit of man, therefore if Your Excellency take it as provident policy to either ... or validate our position, without our being the decreed grantees with renewed reason for paying the duties required by law we did it at that time of the second distribution and with wheat of the land to the grantees, which was done, and we obligate ourselves, those who sign below as well the most needful of inhabitants who request the indicated possession, which as soon as Your Excellency's kind attention bestows the love with which he looks upon his subjects, he grant us the boon that we beseech, we shall immediately move on to that new possession with our families to which we formally commit ourselves to doing to acquire the right to cultivate said lands, and to formalize our residency hoping that Your Excellency inform us of his respectable decisions in order that by virtue of his superior ... Always subject to and cognizant of your greatest pleasure, and hoping always that our request be granted, that we be ceded or given by the judge of Ojo Caliente because of our being close to the mentioned possession, and ... less damaged, corresponding to this judgment, as much for the administration of justice as for other considerations that may be put forth, it being an open road at all times, what happens ... makes crossing the River difficult for us at the time of high water, as the road is more ... to carry on any business whatsoever by any carriages whatsoever that might want to drive to the place by way of Ojo Caliente.

We sincerely entreat Your Excellency that he see fit, in the name of Justice to attend to our request which demonstrates utter indigence all ... of necessity. Rito 3rd of April 1846.

Julian ...

Manuel Mansanares

Fernando (?) Montoya

The marginal notes indicate that the above petition is granted “by this decree”; the petitioners are considered to have a legal right to the possession that they request. One of the signatories is Donaciano Vigil.

17. One folded sheet, consisting of four pages, 8” X 11”, held together by vertical and horizontal strips of tape, which obscure several lines of text. There is little punctuation, and the sentences run on without breaks.

Page one: To the Secretary of the Government, [generally comparable to the modern American Secretary of the Interior] Don Guadalupe Miranda.

[From the] Prefect of the First District ...

When the communication of Your Honor was written in that Prefecture dated 14 February in which it says [or you say] that the most Excellent departmental committee giving fallow lands this Prefecture believes according to the pertinent law of 20 March of 1831 that authority has not been granted to give fallow land to those who petition for it for as Article 11 of another law says the prefects may grant ... anew fallow lands for the increase of agriculture; but it is not for this [reason] that this prefecture opposes the superior orders of His Excellency the Governor The grantees on the Conejos River have demanded again which were to be given but which up to now have not been because of the threats of enemies This prefecture had not conceded to them that the Justice of the Peace responsible for the land give over to the possession of the petitioners that which has not been verified in spite of the repeated claims of the interested parties this prefecture having in mind Your Honor’s communication cited above.

The which Your Honor shall convey to the superior knowledge of His Excellency the Governor and the General Committee in order that His Excellency inform me if I may or may not increase the grant of land already granted going back to the year [18]33 The communication already cited mentions the grant of the Colorado River which is based as the above cited communication says that the grantees will remain in possession That of the Conejos River is granted by the Most Excellent Junta de Diputacion which at time was known as territorial.

I have the honor of tendering to Your Honor all my consideration and respect.

God and liberty Rio Arriba March ... 1842

J. Andres Archuleta

[To] Secr. of the Interior
Don Guadalupe Miranda

Owing to many lagunae, the third handwritten page can be deciphered and translated in only the most fragmentary manner. However, it refers to the letter on the preceding pages and observes that there has been a change, on the national level, in Magistrates. The provisional government now in power is not subject to those [previous] laws, but rather to others, according to the new Constitution.

FF No. 30. Manuscript: "The Vigil and St. Vrain Grant," from the Weekly Colorado Transcript. Contents:

Typewritten reprint, 2 pp., from the Weekly Colorado Transcript, Dec 21 1870, unsigned, and quoting from the Trinidad Enterprise.

FF No. 31. Manuscript: "The Vigil and St. Vrain Grant," from the Weekly Colorado Transcript, Jan 4 1871. Contents:

Typewritten reprint, 6 pp. A letter to the Editor of the Transcript from S. M. Baird, Agent and Attorney at Law for St. Vrain's Heirs. Attorney Baird identifies sundry mistakes in the article of Dec 21 1870, and attempts to set the record straight.

FF No. 32. Booklet: Grant of the Rio de las Animas in Colorado, to Cornelio Vigil and Ceran St. Vrain (1843). Contents:

Paperbound booklet, 6" X 9", 44 pp. Title page (loose) reads as follows: "Grant of the Rio de Las Animas in Colorado, to Cornelio Vigil and Ceran St. Vrain, made December 9, 1843, and the Opinion of James W. Vroom as to the Character of the Same."

FF No. 33. San Luis Valley Company directory. Contents:

Paperbound booklet, 6" X 9", 48 pp. "The book commences at Section 2, Township 30, and Range 72, and runs numerically to Section 30, Township 31, and Range 74, which includes all the land sold." Lists the contract holders by name and address, block, lot, acres, tract, township and range.

FF No. 34. Article, "The Public Lands," from The Rocky Mountain News, 1867.

One page, two copies, typewritten, unsigned, "The Public Lands," The Rocky Mountain News, Vol. IX, Nov 6 1867, p. 3, col. 1. The newspaper will publish instructions from the general land office, relative to obtaining title to public lands.

FF No. 35. Article, "An Important Decision of the U. S. Supreme Court," from the Weekly Rocky Mountain News, 1877. Contents:

Typewritten article, two sheets, three pages, folded horizontally and vertically, with the following notation on the reverse side of page 2: Land Grants Mexican Costilla Severed from The Sangre de Cristo designated as Claim No. 14. Chas. Beaubien Feb 11, 1857. Dateline reads: "Jan.3-Dec. 26, 1877, Apr. 18, 1877, p. 5, c. 3, Vol. 19." "... a literal and exact copy of the decision rendered by the supreme court on the important issue involved."

FF No. 36. Article, "The Great Grant," from the Denver Tribune, 1880. Contents:

Two-page typewritten article, unsigned, dated Jul 4 1880. Subtitle: "Brief History of the Craig Patent and Interest In the Decision of Judge Love." Concerning the Armijo grant to Cornelio Vigil and St. Vrain.

FF No. 37. Court of Private Land case: Algodones Land Company. Contents:

Two-page typewritten carbon copy, unsigned, no date. Heading: "Algodones Land Company vs. The United States." Regarding disagreements over legitimacy of signatures to an alleged [land] grant.

FF No. 38. Court of Private Land Claims: J. B. Cessna et al., brief and argument. Contents:

Paperbound booklet, 7" X 10", 52 pp. Cover page reads: "Case No. 59. United States of America, Territory of New Mexico. In the Court of Private Land Claims. Between J. B. Cessna et al., Petitioners, and The United States of America et al., Respondents. In the matter of the "Bracito" or John G. Heath grant. Brief and Argument for the Respondents, The Rio Grande Town Company and the New Mexico Town Company. James V. Vroom, Ralph E. Twitchell, Solicitors for Respondents. Henry L. Waldo, of Counsel." Denver, March 10, 1894.

BOX NO. 2. File folders 39-64, as follows:

FF No. 39. Court of Private Land Claims: Martin B. Hayes, plaintiff's brief. Contents:

Paperbound booklet, 6" X 9", 12 pp. Cover page reads: "No. 37.

In the Court of Private Land Claims, Nov. Term, 1893. Martin B. Hayes vs. The United States. Plaintiff's Brief. John H. Knaebel, Of Counsel.

FF No. 40. Las Animas Grant—U. S. Circuit Case, brief and argument. Contents:

Booklet, 7" X 10½", 24 pp. Cover page reads: U. S. District Court. District of Colorado. The United States of America, Complainant, against The Cleveland and Colorado Cattle Company, Defendant, In Equity. Brief and argument to sustain the validity of the Las Animas Grant and titles thereunder.

FF No. 41. Land grant, 1890, to Alonzo E. Foote. Contents:

Certificate No. 11550, from the General Land Office of the United States, to Alonzo E. Foote, 120 acres, 19 May 1890. On reverse: Certificate of filing, Feb 17 1910.

FF No. 42. Land grant, 1871, to John F. Cole. Contents:

Scrip No. 6077, from the General Land Office of the United States, to John F. Cole, 160 acres, 15 Dec 1871. On reverse: Certificate of filing, Jul 7 1873.

FF No. 43. Land grants, 1874 and 1880, to John K. Brewster. Contents:

Certificate No. 828, from the General Land Office of the United States, to John K. Brewster, 159.93 acres, 20 Apr 1874. On reverse: Certificate of filing, Oct 15 1874.

Homestead Certificate NO. 425, from the General Land Office of the United States, to John K. Brewster, 161.50 acres, 23 Jul 1880. On reverse: Certificate of filing, Aug 24 1880.

FF No. 44. Court of Private Land Claims: James Addison Peraltareavis, et al, testimony of the government. Contents:

Paperbound book, 6" X 9", 368 pp.; cover pages torn and loose; front cover page reads as follows: "Court of Private Land Claims. James Addison Peraltareavis and Dona Sofia Loreto, Micaela de Peraltareavis, nee Maso, y Silva de Peralta de la Cordoba (Husband and Wife), Petitioners, vs. The United States, Respondent. No. 110. Testimony for the Government.

FF No. 45. Flier, "Land Values; How to Tell the Value of Irrigated Land." 1909 2 cc.
Contents:

Promotional flier of the Denver-Greeley Investment Company, 823 17th St.. Denver, 1909, 2 cc., one copy torn at fold.

FF No. 46. Article, "Taking Up Public Lands," from the Denver Tribune-Republican, 1886. Contents: Cover page plus two-page article, unsigned. Cover page reads as follows: From—The Denver Tribune-Republican, December 12, 1886. Public Lands—Colorado. Taking up Public Lands / The Rapid Settlement of the Eastern Part of Colorado." Denver should take steps to secure trade with the Eastern part of Colorado, now being served by cities in Nebraska.

FF No. 47. Court of Private Land Claims: San Antonia [Antonita] Grant, brief.
Contents: Paperbound booklet, 6" X 9", front cover loose, 9 printed pages. Front cover page reads as follows: In the Court of Private Land Claims. Territory of New Mexico. San Antonita Grant. Brief of Plaintiffs. Jeffries & Earle, Geo. Hill Howard, Plaintiff's Attorneys."

FF No. 48. Report: University and Seminary Land Grants, (12 pages), circa 1900.

Contents: Letter to "Ferril," from "Thos. F. Dawson for Senator Teller," dated Jan 4 1900, on U. S. Senate letterhead. Re enclosed document, value and source unknown; 12 printed pages, author unknown. Title and subtitle read as follows: University and Seminary Land Grants. Return showing grants and reservations in States and Territories under the Seminaries' and Universities' act."

FF No. 49. Article, "Judge Wilbur Stone and his Greatest Case," from the Denver Post, 1921. Contents:

The Magazine Section of The Denver Post, Sunday Morning, Jan 9 1921; title and subtitle read as follows: "Judge Wilbur Stone and His Greatest Case; How the Jurist Broke the Links of Great Peralta Land Grant Fraud."

FF No. 50. Report: Investigation of charges that the Interior Department permitted unlawful fencing and inclosure...", 1913. Contents:

Stapled booklet, 6" X 9", 64 pp. with maps. Cover page reads as follows; House Calendar No. 356 62d Congress 3d Session. House of Representatives Report No. 1335. Report in the matter of the

Investigation of charges that the Interior Department permitted the unlawful fencing and inclosure of certain lands of the public domain in the states of Colorado and Wyoming, and more particularly the fencing and inclosure of 46,330 acres of public lands in Wyoming and 1,120 acres in Colorado by the Warren Live Stock Company. Presented by Mr. Hensley, from the Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department. January 16, 1913. Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed, with illustrations. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1913.

FF No. 51. "Call for Public Land Convention," 1907. Contents:

Six-panel brochure, 3½" X 6", Resolution: "Call for Public Lands Convention," by E. R. Harper, Acting Governor, 7 Apr 1907. Calls for convention of representatives from all the states west of the Missouri River to consider untaxed federal land in the several western states.

FF No. 52. Surveys of Public Domain in New Mexico, 1854-1891, by Victor Westphall; correspondence. Contents:

Letter: Victor W. Westphall to State Historical Society of Colorado, Jun 27 1955, re enclosed check and work on "Public Domain," 1 p.

Letter (carbon copy): From (no signature) Director, Western Range Cattle Industry Study to Victor Westphall, Jul 30 1955; inquires about progress on Westphall manuscript.

Letter: Victor Westphall to Maurice Frink, Aug 15 1955, re work on manuscript, 2 pp.

Letter: Victor Westphall, Albuquerque, to Maurice Frink, May 22, 1956, re progress on dissertation.

Letter (carbon copy): Maurice Frink to Victor Westphall, May 24 1956; returning abstract of dissertation; too late for publication.

Letter (carbon copy): Maurice Frink to Victor Westphall, May 5 1958, re reprints of Westphall's dissertation from New Mexico Historical Review, enclosed.

FF No. 53. Article, "Squatter's Club vs. the Maxwell Land Grant," from the Rocky Mountain News, 1873. Contents:

Two-page article, unsigned, "The Squatter's Club vs. the Maxwell Land Grant," Weekly Rocky Mountain News, May 14 1873, referring to settlers on the Beaubien and Miranda grant, and their squabble with Maxwell.

FF No. 54. Sangre de Cristo Grant: Abstract of Title to Trinchera Colony Tract (2 cc.)

Contents: Stapled document, 30 pp., Entitled "Abstract of Title. To Trinchera Colony Tract, furnished by The County Clerk and Recorder of Costilla County, Colorado." Dated at San Luis, in said County of Costilla, 11 Aug 1908, 2 cc.

FF No. 55. Beaubien-Gilpin Grant—claims, etc. Contents: Eleven 8" X 11½" pages, photocopied of, from the cover page: "The Beaubien-Gilpin grant, including certified copies of the original decree and investiture. Together with All Subsequent Proceedings, Congressional Enactments, Arguments, &c. The fraud of the Kellogg Survey Exposed. Compiled by Col. C. E. Broyles and Jno. W. Hamm., Alamosa, Colo., 1882," 31 pp.

FF No. 56. Sangre de Cristo Grant: plat of Beaubien claim no. 4. Contents:

Measures 66" X 57" on waxed paper; titled: "Plat of Chas. Beaubien Claim No. 4 or Sangre de Cristo Grant Containing about 607424 Acres. Costilla County, Colorado. Surveyed by D. C. Oakes and and E. H. Kellogg, Dep. Sur'ss. November 5 to 23, 1875.

FF No. 57. Sangre de Cristo Grant: field notes of the survey, book 1 and 2. Contents:

Two small leather-bound books, 3 ½" X 5½", entitled "Field Notes of the Survey of the Sangre de Christo Grant, Book No. 1, ... Book No. 2." From the 1st page of Book No. 1: "I, Frederick J. Ebert, of Denver, Colorado Territory, commence the survey of the Sangre de Christo Grant on the 21st of August 1866. My assistants in this survey are: Peter Fisher, Joseph Hofman, Antonio Pacheco, Antonio Montolla, Juan Borego, Juan Pandon."

FF No. 58. Court of Private Land Claims: Louise J. Purdy, et al. Contents:

Booklet, 6½" X 9 ½", 12 pp.; cover page reads as follows: United States of America, Territory of New Mexico. "In the United States Court of Private Land Claims. Between Louise J. Purdy, et als, Petitioners, and The United States of America, Respondent. Supplemental Petition. James H. Purdy, Solicitor for Petitioners. Sidney Williams, Julius W. Vroom, of Counsel," no date.

FF No. 59. Land grant, 1881, to David W. Ewing Jr.—correspondence. Contents:

Letter: Mrs. Beulah Lundell, Ione, Oregon, to Colorado State Historical Society, Jan 6 1956: offers to the Society a "paper" that may be of historical value, 1 p.

Letter (carbon copy): Agnes Wright Spring, State Historian, to Mrs. Beulah Lundell, Jan 18 1956; happy to have patent right to Mrs. Lundell's father's homestead near Fort Lupton, 1 p.

Letter: Mrs. Lundell to Mrs. Spring, Jan 25 1956, enclosing patent, 1 p.

Homestead Certificate No. 1406, from the General Land Office of the United States, to David W. Ewing, Jr., 80 acres, 30 Dec 1881. On reverse: Certificate of filing, Mar 7 1887.

FF No. 60. Correspondence: land grants to Ignacio Chavez and Antonio Sedillo.
Contents:

Letter: R. L. Baca, Santa Fe, N.M., to Wilbur F. Stone, Associate Justice, Court of Private Land Claims, Denver, Nov 19 1903, regarding sale of Chavez and Sedillo land grants, 1 p.

Letter: Irineo L. Chaves, Clerk, C.P.L.C., Santa Fe, NM, to Wilbur F. Stone, Denver, Nov 27 1903, re confirmation of Chaves and Sedillo grants, 2pp.

FF No. 61. Court of Private Land Claims: Francisco Sandoval, et al. Contents:

Booklet, 6" X 9", 16 pp. From the cover page: "In the United States Court of Private Land Claims. Francisco Sandoval et al. vs. The United States and Espiritu Santo Owners. No. 26. Rancho de Santissima Trinidad or Galvan Grant. Notes of the Oral Argument by Mr. Earle." No date.

FF No. 62. Lovato Land Grant" description (6 pages). Contents:

Carbon copy: From 1st page: "Herein is given a short description of the Lovato Land Grant, located in Rio Arriba Co., New Mexico, forty miles northeast of Santa Fe and sixty miles south of the Colorado line. And the results to be obtained from its development," 6 pp.

FF No. 63. Microfilm: field notes of Sangre de Cristo (2 reels) and letter about Maxwell Land Grant (strip). Contents:

On envelope, describing contents: "Microfilm Strip
Letter printed in Conejor [Conejos] Clarion no date
Antonio Lobato

Regarding water on the land grant
Letter from Carlos Beaubien 1855
Declaring that the Navajos have disturbed the Spanish
settlers on the Maxwell Land Grant”

Two microfilm reels, Collection 374: “Field notes of the Survey of the
Sangre de Christo Grant” and “Land Claims in New Mexico.”

FF No. 64. Miscellaneous: land grant, 1838, to Perry Smith (land in Indiana).

Contents:

Certificate No. 32857, from the General Land Office of the United States,
to Perry Smith, 320 acres in Crawfordsville, Indiana, 26 Dec 1838.

Additional Information:

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