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
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 Peralta revis, 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
Land grants--Colorado--Manuscripts
Land titles--Colorado--Manuscripts
Land titles--New Mexico--Manuscripts
Clippings
Transcripts

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


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.


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. 1⅔ 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.


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 Anti Land Grant Monthly: b. article regarding Maxwell Land Grant. Contents:


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


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


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


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


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

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:


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.


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:


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:


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:


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


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
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. Munnecon, 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].


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:


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 outside (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:

Territory of New Mexico
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


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

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Translator’s Department
Santa Fe, New Mexico
November 20, 1803

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Translator.
No. 80. Los Conejos. Translation No. 3.
Jose Isabel Maes, on the same terms as Francisco Lorence.

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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
Manuel Martinez
Jose Roque Sanchez
Jose Miguel Madril
Juan Belasques
Jose Ignacio Salazar
Isidro Saiz
Bernardo Sanchez
Juan Antonio Gallegos

Surveyor General’s Office,  
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November 25, 1813.

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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

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Jose Isabel Maes under the same terms as Francisco Lorence.

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Antonio Ortis 200 baras del sur este
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Juan Antonio Lobato
Juan de la Cruz Aragon
Felipe Gonzales
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Juan Lorenso Alire
Sevastian Jaramillo
Sipriano Esquibel
Diego de Luna
Biton [?] Sanches
Francisco Gutierres
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 Antonio, to the east the River of the North, and to the west the mountain range that surrounds the place, and measuring out to them 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 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

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

| List of the colonists newly                  | Francisco Mansanares                  |
| Colonized in the Conejos River              | Benseslao Trugio                      |
| who are by the grant made                   | Fernandes Montoya                     |
| by the Mexican Government in the years      | Romulo Martines                       |
| years 1833 and 1842 and 1846 within the     | Lorenzo Atencio                      |
| Merced and those who sustain it             | Agapito Atencio                      |
| To wit:                                    | Francisco Antonio …                  |
| Jose Dolores Barela                        | Antonio Ortega                        |
| Jose Felix Cordova                         | Prudencio Lovato                      |
Jose Maria Lopes  
Nestor Vigil  

Jose Rafael Rodriges  
Jose Miguel Luzero  

Manuel Chaves  
Juan Senon Sisneros  

Juan Pedro Martines  
Antonio de Jesus Sisneros  

Jose Antonio Luzero  
Jesus Maria Luzero  

Juan Eusebio Rodriges  
Ramon Sisneros  

Miguel Casias  
Romano Sisneros  

Eulogio Garcia  
Jose Crezencio Espinosa  

Antonio Garcia  
Juan Prudencio Gonzalez  

Jesus Cordova  
Jose Bidal Gonzalez  

Juan Francisco Salasar  
Juan Bautista Vigil  

Tomas Lopes  
… Sisneroz  

Pablo Ortega  
Ylario Ortega  

Juan Andres Romero  
Polinario Casias  

Miguel Antonio Lopes  
Jose Santos Salaz  

Pedro Nolasco Cordova  
Miguel Antonio Vigil  

Matias Montoya  
Juan Christoval Ortega  

Antonio Jose Trugio  
Jose Dolores Archuleta  

Pedro Sanchez  
Baltasar Lovato  

Pedro Ortega  
Pablo Atencio  

Reverse:  

The first landholders  

To wit:  

Juan de Jesus Atencio  
Jose Maria Martines  

Juan de Dios Montoya  
Pascual Martines  

Bisente Atencio  
Sant[a]go Martines  

Aniseto Espinosa  
Jose Tafoya  

Francisco Trugio  
Gabriel Luzero  

Felipe Luzero  
Esquipuillas Sandoval  

Damario Salas  
Pedro Mansanares  

Guerino Olana  
Simon Trugio  

Juan de Jesus Sisneros  
Jose Cordova  

Jose Manuel Montoya  
Bisente Martines  

Reimundo Salazar  
Marselo Gutierres  

Santos Salas [crossed out]  
Joaquin Garcia  

Seledonio Valdes  
Jose Maria Archuleta  

Francisco Garcia  
Jesus Sanches  

Jose Pablo Ortega  
Jose Manuel Mansanares  

Atanacio Trugio  
Francisco Mansanares  

Jesus Cordova  
Dionisio Gonzales  

Francisco Antonio Trugio  
Antonio Gonzales  

Guerino Mese  
Buenaventura Lovato  

Jose Benito Vigil  

Jose Gabriel Martines  

Juan de Jesus Gomes  

Jesus Maria Sanches  

Ramos Pacheco  

Antonio Montoya
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 Gobernador, 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. Contents:

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:


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


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


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.”

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


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


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


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


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

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. 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:

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


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


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:


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.


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.


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


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:
Provenance
Unknown

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