

LAND-GRANT TO ANTONIO CHAVES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In compliance with the act of July 22, 1854, the transcript of the land-grant to Antonio Chaves, being private land-claim reported as No. 79.

FEBRUARY 6, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 4, 1874.

SIR: Pursuant to the eighth section of the act approved 22d July, 1854, (10 Stat., 308,) I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, transcript of the "land-grant to Antonio Chaves, being private land-claim reported as No. 79, for the Arroyo de San Lorenzo tract in Socorro County, New Mexico," and recommended for confirmation by the surveyor-general of said Territory.

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

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Transcript of land-grant to Antonio Chaves, being private land-claim reported as No. 79, for the Arroyo de San Lorenzo tract, in the county of Socorro, New Mexico.—Date of grant, March 3, 1825.—Reported by the United States surveyor-general, January 5, 1874.

To the Hon. James R. Proudfit, surveyor-general of the Territory of New Mexico:

Your petitioners, the assignees of the heirs of Antonio Chaves, deceased, most respectfully represent, that in the year A. D. 1825, the governor and departmental assembly of the Territory of New Mexico made to said Antonio Chaves, then in full life, a grant to a certain tract

of land, lying and being situate in the present county of Socorro, in the Territory of New Mexico, and bounded on the north by the beginning or commencement of the mesita (little table-lands) of Alamillo; on the east by the Rio del Norte (Rio Grande) River; on the south by a small forked cedar tree in the middle of the bend of the ranch of Pablo Garcia, now deceased; and on the west by the spring of La Java, the juridical possession of which was given to the said Antonio Chaves, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1825, all of which will more fully and at length appear by reference to book second, page 41 and following thereof, of the proceedings of the said departmental assembly for said year, now on file, as your petitioners are informed, in the office of the said surveyor-general, as also by a certain certified copy of the said record and proceedings, made at the time thereof by the then secretary of New Mexico, and the act of said juridical possession, and the translations thereof filed herewith, marked, respectively, Exhibits A, B, C.

That said grant was made in accordance with the laws and customs then in force in the Territory of New Mexico. That the said grantee immediately entered into the possession thereof and up to the day of his death, which happened several years thereafter, continued in the peaceable, quiet, and uninterrupted possession thereof, living on, cultivating, and pasturing the same.

That after the death of the said Antonio Chaves, his wife and children continued peaceably, uninterruptedly, and quietly to possess, hold, cultivate, and pasture the same (except when interrupted by Indian hostilities) until about the year A. D. 1850, when they sold and disposed of the said tract of land to your petitioners, Anastacio Garcia, Ramon Luna, and one Rafael Luna, since deceased, but whose heirs are a portion of your petitioners.

That from the date of said last-mentioned sale your petitioners and said Rafael Luna to the day of his death continued to hold, possess, cultivate, pasture, and occupy the same, and still continue to do so. That the right of your petitioners and those under whom they claim their title as aforesaid to possess, occupy, and hold the said tract of land, has at all times been respected and acknowledged by every one since the date of the said grant. A sketch-map of the same is herewith filed, marked E, and made a part of this petition.

Owing to the irregular form of the said grant your petitioners are unable to make any estimate that might approximate to the area thereof; they also not being acquainted with the measurements, distances and subdivisions of land in the United States, there never having been any survey or measurement thereof made.

Your petitioners further state that they are all residents of the Territory of New Mexico. They therefore ask that the said grant of land (known as San Lorenzo) may be confirmed to them and the legal representatives and assigns of the said original grantee and his heirs.

RAMON LUNA,
ANASTACIO GARCIA,

*For themselves and the heirs of Rafael Luna,
and all others interested in said grant.*

EXHIBIT A.

Testimonio.

SECRETARIO DE LA EXMA. DISPUTACION DEL TERRITORIO DE SANTA FÉ, DE NUEVO MÉJICO.

Sesion pública en los dias 16 de Febrero y 3 de Marzo de 1825.

Certifico yo, el infraescripto, secretario de la exmo. diputación provincial del territorio de Santa Fé del Nuevo Méjico, que en libro 2º, donde constan extendidas las actas de los acuerdos de S. E., á las 41 foxas de su folio consta haberse dado cuenta á dicha honorable corporacion con una instancia, cuyo tenor copiado á la letra es del tenor siguiente :

“EXMO. SEÑOR:” D. Antonio Chaves, ciudadano republicano de los Estados Unidos Mejicanos, y becino del pueblo de Nuestra Señora de de Belem, comprehencion de esta provincia Nuevo Méjico, en la mas bastante y debida forma que lugar haya en dro. ante V. E. paresco y digo, que hallandome sumamente aprimido en la posesion de mi propiedad y pertenencia, asi para el pastero de mis bienes como para la extencion de la agricultura, y deseando alargarme á otro de mas adbitrio con los finas honestos de aumentar ambos dos ramos, ocurro al superior conocimiento de V. E. para que siendo de su superior agardo tenga á bien addicarme y adjudicarme el terreno llamado el Arroyo de San Lorenzo, cuya demarcacion y lindes son pa. el sur el rancho de Pablo Garcia; para el norte la mesita del Alamillo; pa. el este ó poniente el Ojo de la Jara; y para el oeste ú oriente el rio conocido por del norte, y siendo el sitado terreno de mi solicitud, tan lóbrego yriaso solitario y paramoso, creo vivamente de la superior prudencia de V. E., teniendo á la vista y llegando á la consideracion, no se le presentaria, obstáculo, para que benifique en mi su addicacion, adjudicacion y aplicacion, pues á mas de que servirá con su cultibo y enlaboracion al beneficio y seguridad de los individuos, circumbecinos, resultará en general á la provincia un grande alibío y descanso, en quanto que por este punto se les estorbará y pribará á los enemigos de nuestra quietud y sosiego, las incursiones, asechansas y tentatibas, que frecuentemente imbaden é intentan, y se omiterá la extraccion, deteriora, asolacion y disminucion de los pocos intereses que han djado para la subsistencia de los havitantes y familias de esta necesitada provincia, por tanto V. E. pido y suplicá me conceda lo mismo que impetro, que en ello recibiré merced, gracia y justicia.

Juro no ser de malicia y en lo necesario &a.

ANTONIO CHAVES.

Sesion del dia 16 Febrero de 1825.

Pase esta instancia al sor. gefe político de este territorio, para que á continuacion informe sí el terreno que solicita esta parte corresponde á él de las poblaciones del Socorro y Sevilleta, y si se halla comprehendido asimismo, si aun cuando corresponda á estas poblaciones, por ser mucha su estencion, si le puede adjudicar al solicitante sin perjuicio de tercero.

ANTONIO ORTIZ, *Presidente.*

JOSÉ FRANCO. BACA.

JOSÉ FRANCISCO ORTIS.

PEDRO BAUTISTA PINO.

MATIAS ORTIS.

JUAN BAUTISTA VIGIL,
Secretario.

EXMO. SR.: La solicitud de D. Antonio Chaves, vecino de Belem, es positivo que comprehende parte del terreno del Socorro y parte del que corresponde á Sebilleta; pero tambien es cierto que por lo basto de ambos terrenos, y ser endonde dividen sus posesiones, lejos de serles perjudicial á ambas poblaciones, les resulta en beneficio por las razones que boy á exponer en seguida. La primera y mas principal es el aumento de la pobacion en terminos que proporciona recursos á las expresadas poblaciones del Socorro y Sebilleta, tanto pa. cubrir una parte de las entradas y salidas de los barbaros que aun de paz bienen á robar, como las que de guerra traten de ostilisar á las mismas poblaciones ó sus circumbecinos ó limitroses. La *segun* segunda, que á los indibuidos de las referidas nuebas poblaciones les quedan terrenos amplicimos para pasteos, labores, usos y cerbidumbres, sin que les haga la menor falta él que se le concedó á Chaves, como en otro tiempo no lo hiso á Belem, él que se dio al Sabinal, y aun á la misma Sevilleta, aunque hera de la pertenencia del primero. La tercera que concediéndole al referido Chaves la merced que solicita debe producir las emulaciones que *que* apetecen para que se puedan ocupar los interesantes baldíos del Bosque del Apache y San Pascual, cuyos terrenos en una y otra banda ofrecen la mejor comodidad á los ganaderos y labradores, que aunque en el sentro de las demas poblaciones tengan tierras, estas por su antigüedad estan llenas de laugastas y causadas de un mismo cultibo. Quarta, que la solicitud de Antonio Chaves tiene mas de necesidad que de afecto ú abaricia respecto de que á este indibuido le ha llebado la Nacion Nabajo la mayor parte de sus bienes de campo y necessita poseer un terreno donde, á fuer de su ferocidad, restablecerse de la perdidas que ha recibido durante la guerra de la expresada tribu. Quinta, que no resultando perjuicio el mas lebe al Socorro y Sebilleta en la donacion que solicita Chaves es muy verocimil que los vecinos de ellos tendran endonde por su notoria pobreza recibir ocupaciones que les facilite la subsistencia de que carecen á la par de sus conbecinos que se hallan sugetos á la misma casi deplorable suerte. Por todas estas razones y muchas mas que omito, por no molestar á V. E., soy de parecer que bien pueda desde luego accederse á la solicitud de Don Antonio Chaves en la que no pondrán reparo los de las poblaciones referidas, a menos que uno ú otro indibuido *discolo* enemigo de la filicidad de sus semejantes, las seduzca indebidamente con pretestos que nunca faltan para lo que no se quiere. Esto es lo que puedo informar á V. E. en cumplimiento de lo acordado, y segun los practicos conocimientos que me asisten en la materia. Dios gue. á V. E. muchos años. Santa Fé, 25 de Febrero de 1825.

BARTOLOMÉ BACA.

Sesion del dia 3 de Marz de 1825.

Libro 2º de las actas de la exma. diputacion territorial del Nuevo Mejico, á las 43 pajas de su folio, dice, se procedió á la lectura de dos informes que de solicitud de terrenos por Dn. Antonio Chaves y Don Pedro José Perea presentó en seguida el señor gefe politico, de los cuales, enterando S. E. resolbio que se les adjudique á los dos indibuidos el terreno que solicitan archibándose en la secretaria de S. E. las expedientes originales, como está prebenido, acordado y sistemado para iguales casos, dándose á los interesados el testimonio correspondiente, que les serbirá de titulo, con el cual se presentara D. Antonio Chaves al alcalde del Socorro, para que lo ponga en posesion, y Dn. Pedro José Perea á Dn. Juan Esteban Pino para igual operacion.

Concuerda fiel y legalmte. con el original, del cual para la debida constancia y por disposicion de la exma. diputacion territorial del Nuebo Méjico, hé sacado la presente copia, y del que se les ha dado á los interesados el correspondiente testimonio que les serbirá de titulo. Santa Fé, 5 de Marzo de 1825.

JUAN BAUTISTA VIGIL, *Srio.*

Derechos de todo lo practicado veinte pesos.

[Rubric.]

TERRITORIO DE N. M.,

Condado del Socorro :

Certificó yo el abajo firmado, escribano de la corte de pruebas de dicho condado, que por mi fué enregistrado el antesedente documento en paginas 128, 129, 130, 131 del libro letra D, que en esta oficina de mi cargo hay con tal fin.

En testimonio de lo cual pongo mi mano y el sello de la corte de pruebas de dicho condado hoy 27 de Mayo A. D. 1873.

[SELLO.]

SEVERA A. BACA,

Escribano.

Derechos por registros en los tres documentos cinco pesos.

S. A. BACA.

EXHIBIT B.

D. Juan Franco. Baca, ciudadano y alcalde constitucional de la jurisdiccion de Su. Migl. del Socorro, con la facultad que para ello me conferida pasé en veinte de Abril de mil ochocientos veinty y cinco años, á posesionar al C. D. Antonio Chaves en terreno qe. solicita.

Y en complimte. á la orden qe. con fha. sinco de Marzo del mismo año me presentó dho. Chavs., vesino de la jurisdiccion de Sta. Maria de Belem, en la merced que me presenta de la eselenticima diputacion provincial deste territorio del N. Mco. con un informe del gefe politico que le acompaña á dha. merced, que pasé á posecionar á Chavs. al terreno qe. solicita, á lo que debia pasar y pasé con dos regidores deste ayuntamto. y dos vecinos deste jurisdiccion, á quienes les yse ver la orden y merced. Los primeros fueron D. Anselmo Tafoya, D. Marcos Baca y los segundos son los ciudadanos Don José Lionicio Silba y Don Agustin Trugio, y como tal alce. posecioné al ciudadano D. Anto. Chavs. en el sitado terreno qe. solicita, haciendo las funciones que me previenen las leyes, poniendole por mojoneras por el norte en donde parte la Mesita del Alamio, por oriente el Rio del Norte, por el sur un sabinito orquetudo qe. está en la enmediacion del rincon del rancho de Pablo Garcia, qe. communte. yaman. Este sabinito está para el lado del camino real que se trancita al dho. Socorro, á la parte de la bega ; pr. el poniente el ojo conocido de la Jara Como dho. alcede. cumpliendo con lo mandado en virtud y forma de dro., agarré á dicho Chaves de la mano, le pacié por sus tierras, quien dió voces, clamo viva la nacion y ntra. independencia, viba el Sr., cumpliendo con las serremonias á custumbradas ; dió voces, arancó llervas, tiró piedras y alabaron el nombre de Ds. y esta al lisencia dejé al ynteresado en quieta posesion y con la facultad qe. ms conferida le autericé y firmé con dos testigos de mi asa. de lo que doy fee en dho. dia. mes y año.

JUAN FRANCO. BACA.

Asa.: VISENTE SILBA.

Asa.: JULIAN OCAÑA. +

TERRITORIO DE N. M.,
Condado del Socorro :

Certifico yo el abajo firmado, escribano de la corte de pruebas de dicho condado, que el antecedente documento fué enregistrado por mí en paginas 131, 132, del libro letra D, que en esta oficina de mi cargo hay con tal fin.

En testimonio de lo cual pongo mi mano y el sello de la corte de pruebas de dicho condado, hoy 27 de Mayo A. D. 1873.

[SELLO.]

SEVERO A. BACA,
Escribano.

EXHIBIT A.

Testimonio.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE MOST EXCELLENT PROVINCIAL DEPUTATION OF THE TERRITORY OF SANTA FÉ, OF NEW MEXICO.

Public session of the 16th day of February and 3d day of March, 1825.

I, the undersigned, secretary of the most excellent provincial deputation of the Territory of Santa Fé, of New Mexico, do certify that in book second, wherein appears recorded the journal of the proceedings of its excellency, on page 41 of the book, it appears that there was report made to said honorable body upon a petition the tenor whereof, copied letter for letter, is as follows :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: I, Antonio Chaves, a republican citizen of the United Mexican States, and a resident of the town of Our Lady of Belem, jurisdiction of this province of New Mexico, in the most ample and due legal form appear before your excellency and state, that finding myself very much crowded in the possession of my property and its appurtenances, as well in the pasturing of my stock as in the extension of agriculture, and desiring to remove to another place of greater capacity, with the honest purpose of enlarging both businesses, I apply to the superior wisdom of your excellency, to the end that, if such should be your high pleasure, you may deign to assign and adjudge me the tract called the San Lorenzo Arroyo, whose description and boundaries are: On the south the ranche of Pablo Garcia; on the north the little table-land of the Alamillo; on the east or west the Jara Spring; and on the west or east the river known as the Del Norte; and the said land referred to in my petition being so uninviting, uncultivated, desolate, and bleak, I earnestly believe, from your superior discernment, that your excellency, having in view and considering the matter, will have presented to you no obstacle to the granting, the adjudging, and the assigning of the same to me; for, besides its contributing by cultivation and improvement to the benefit and security of the surrounding individuals, there will result to the province in general a great assistance and relief, inasmuch as at this point will be frustrated and prevented the incursions, ambushes, and assaults of the enemies of our quietude and peace, who often invade and attack; and it will stop the exportation, deterioration, destruction, and decrease of the little live-stock they have left for the subsistence of the inhabitants and families of this needy province; wherefore I ask and pray that your excellency

grant me what I pray for, whereby I will receive favor, grace, and justice. I declare not to act with dissimulation, and as may be necessary, &c.

ANTONIO CHAVEZ.

Session of the 16th day of February, 1825.

This document will pass to the honorable the political chief of this Territory, in order that, in continuation, he report whether the land that this party asks for pertains to that of the settlements of Socorro and Sevilleta, and whether it is embraced in the same, and also whether, though it pertain to the settlements, it may, on account of their great extent, be granted to the petitioner without injury to a third party.

ANTONIO ORTIZ, *President.*
 JOSÉ FRANCISCO BACA.
 JOSÉ FRANCISCO ORTIS.
 PEDRO BAUTISTA PINO.
 MATIAS ORTIZ.

JUAN BAUTISTA VIGIL, *Secretary.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: It is certain that the application of Antonio Chaves, a resident of Belem, refers to a part of the tract of Socorro, and a portion of that which belongs to Sebilleta, but it is also certain, that on account of the great extent of both tracts and it being where their possessions separate, far from being injurious to those settlements, there results to them a benefit for the reasons which I will proceed to state, as follows: The first and most important is the increase of the population to such a degree, that it will afford means to the said settlements of Socorro and Sebilleta, by guarding a portion of the entrances and exits of the savages, who, though at peace, come to rob, as those at war endeavor to harass the same settlements or those surrounding or near them. The second, that to the residents of the said new settlements there remain most ample lands for pastures, fields uses, and transits, so that the land which may be granted to Chaves will cause them not the least scarcity, as on another occasion that granted to Sabinal did not to Belem or even to Sebilleta itself, although it was an appurtenance of the first. The third, that making to the said Chaves the grant he asks, would produce the emulation desired, so that the desirable vacant lands of the Bosque del Apache and San Pascual may be settled, which lands upon the one and the other bank present the greatest advantages to stock-raisers and farmers, for, although they may have lands in the center of the other settlements, these from their age are full of locusts and worn out by constant cultivation. Fourth, that the petition of Antonio Chaves has in it more of necessity than of affectation or covetousness, inasmuch as from that individual the Navajo tribe has taken the greater part of his live stock, and he requires a tract from which through its productiveness to re-establish himself from the losses he has suffered during the war with the said tribe. Fifth, that the slightest damage not resulting to Socorro and Sebilleta from the grant which Chaves asks, it is very probable that the people there, for their poverty is well known, will have a place where they may get employment which may furnish them a subsistence, and which (like their neighbors who are subject to the same almost deplorable condition) they lack.

For all these reasons and many others, which I omit in order not to trouble your excellency, I am of opinion that the petition of Antonio

Chaves may be acceded to at once, to which the people of the settlements aforesaid will make no objection, unless some peevish person or other, enemy of the welfare of his fellow-creatures, should unjustly persuade them with pretexts which never lack against that which is not wanted.

This is what I can report to your excellency in compliance with what was resolved, and in accordance with the practical knowledge I have in the matter. God preserve your excellency many years.

Santa Fé, 25th of February, 1825.

BARTOLOME BACA.

Session of the 3d day of March, 1825.

Book two of the journal of the most excellent territorial deputation of New Mexico, on the 43d page thereof, says, the reading of two reports was proceeded with, which his excellency the political chief then presented upon the petitions of Antonio Chaves and Pedro José Perea for lands, and this honorable body being advised thereof resolved that there be adjudged to the two individuals the land they ask, filing in the office of the secretary of this honorable body the original expedients, as is provided, ordered, and customary in similar cases, and furnishing the parties interested the corresponding testimonio which will serve them as title, and with which Antonio Chaves will present himself to the alcalde of Socorro that he may place him in possession, and Pedro José Perea to Juan Esteban Pino, esquire, for the same action.

This agrees faithfully and legally with the original, from which, as due testimony and by direction of the most excellent territorial deputation of New Mexico, I have taken the present copy, of which there has been furnished the parties interested the corresponding testimonio which will serve them as title.

Santa Fé, March 5, 1825.

JUAN BAUTISTA VIGIL,
Secretary.

Fees for all that has been done, twenty dollars.

[Vigil's rubric.]

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,
County of Socorro:

I, the undersigned, clerk of the probate court of said county, do certify that the foregoing document was recorded by me on pages 128, 129, 130, 131 of book letter D, which is in this office under my charge for such purpose.

In testimony whereof, I place my hand and the seal of the probate court of said county, this 27th day of May, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL.]

SEVERO A. BACA, *Clerk.*

Fees for recording the three documents, five dollars.

S. A. BACA.

EXHIBIT B.

I, Juan Francisco Baca, citizen and constitutional alcalde of the jurisdiction of San Miguel del Socorro, under the the authority conferred upon me in the premises, proceeded on the twentieth of April, of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, to place in possession

the citizen Anto. Chaves, upon the land that he applies for; and in obedience to the order, which, under date of the 5th of March of the said year, said Chaves, a resident of the district of Santa Maria de Belem, presented me, borne upon the grant he exhibited to me from the most excellent provincial deputation of this Territory of New Mexico, with a report of the political chief, which accompanies said grant, directing me to proceed to place Chaves in possession of the land he asks; in consideration whereof I should proceed, and I did proceed, with two aldermen of this ayuntamiento, and two residents of this district, to whom I caused to be exhibited the order and the grant, the former being Anselmo Tofoya and Marcos Baca, and the latter being the citizens José Lionicio Silva and Augustin Trugillo, and as such alcalde did place the citizen Antonio Chaves in possession on the said land which he applies for, performing the ceremonies the laws require of me, assigning him for landmarks on the north, where the small table-land of the Alamillo begins; on the east, the del Norte River; on the south, a small forked cedar tree in the middle of the bend of the Pablo Garcia ranch, commonly so called, this little cedar being on the same side with the main road which is traveled toward said Socorro, on the side of the meadow; on the west, the spring known as the Jara Spring. As alcalde aforesaid, in pursuance of directions, and in virtue and in form of law, I took the said Chaves by the hand and led him over his land, and he, in observance of the customary ceremonies, shouted "Long endure the nation and our independence, and long live the Sovereign," and he shouted and plucked up herbs, cast stones, and they praised the name of God, and by authority I left the party interested in peaceable possession, and I, under the authority which is conferred on me, authenticated and signed this, with two witnesses in my attendance, to which I certify on said day, month, and year.

JUAN FRANCISCO BACA.

Attending: VICENTE SILBA.

Attending: JULIAN OCAÑA. +

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,

County of Socorro :

I, the undersigned, clerk of the probate court of said county, do certify that the foregoing document was recorded by me on pages 131 and 132 of book letter D, which is in this office under my charge for such purpose.

In testimony whereof, I set my hand and the seal of the probate court of said county, the 27th day of May, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL.]

SEVERO A. BACA, *Clerk.*

EXHIBIT C.

In this county of Valencia, at the place Sabinal, in the Territory of New Mexico, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of October, in the year of our Lord 1850, before me, Ramon Luna, prefect of said county, and my attending witnesses appeared, present, and in their proper persons, Mrs. Monica Pino, widow of Antonio Chavez y Aragon, deceased, Rafael Luna, Anastacio Garcillo, and Ramon Luna, all residents of this county, under my jurisdiction, all of whom I recognize and certify to; and the party first afore-mentioned declared that she would convey,

and actually did convey, to the three of the second part the present documents herewith accompanying unto them, the said Rafael Luna, Anastacio Garcillo, and Ramon Luna. The said sale which she has made to the three persons referred to being of the land which was granted to the above mentioned deceased husband of the said vendor, by the most excellent provincial deputation of the Territory of Santa Fé of New Mexico, and she has made the same for the price and sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in merchantable and current money, and if it is or may be worth more she makes unto them gift and donation of the excess, pure, full, and perfect, so termed in law. Said sale and delivery of document she has made to the vendees free of all claim and mortgage, so that the said vendees may, in virtue of their right and at their will, exchange, sell, or alienate the same to the person or persons they wish to, so that to prevent the same there shall be no one to interpose any incumbrance, or raise any question, either through her or through any successor of hers; and if by any accident or mischievousness it should so happen in the future, she prays, requests, and charges the authority or authorities, of whatsoever class they be, that they entertain no claim whatever, but that there be carried into effect what is by her stipulated in this conveyance of document which she has made to the aforementioned vendees, as also covenants and binds herself with all the vigor of the law, if it be necessary, by due process, to prosecute the suit herself, and continue the same until the said vendees are left in quiet and peaceable possession of the land she has sold, and of the conveyance of document she has made to them; and that this conveyance of document and this sale of land which she has made may have all the force and validity necessary, she requested me, the present prefect, to interpose my authority, and I interposed the same in exercise of the power conferred upon me as such, signing this, with those in my attendance, and with the said Doña Monica who, not knowing how to sign, made a sign of the cross with her own hand before me, clerk of the courts, at this place, Sabinal, upon this day of the date above written; to all of which I certify.

RAMON LUNA,
Prefect.
MONICA PINO. +

ANTONIO FRANCISCO CHAVES, *Clerk.*

Attending:

JOSÉ MA. CHAVES Y PINO.

Attending:

YGNACIO CHAVES Y ARAGON.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,
County of Socorro:

I, the undersigned, clerk of the probate court of said county, do certify that the foregoing instrument was by me recorded on pages 132 and 133 of book letter D, which is in this my office for such purpose.

In testimony whereof I set my hand and the seal of the probate court of said county this, the 27th day of May, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL.]

SEVERO A. BACA,
Probate Court.

The foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of three documents in the Spanish language, marked respectively Exhibits A, B, and C.

JOHN P. RISQUE,
Translator.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of August, 1873.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TRANSLATOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., August 24, 1873.

The foregoing translation of the original documents in the Spanish language, on file in this office, having been by me compared with said originals and found correct, is hereby adopted as the official translations.

DAVID J. MILLER,
Translator.

SANTA FÉ, N. MEX., *September 26, 1873.*

Received of Hon. James K. Proudfit, surveyor-general, one paper marked C, written in original Spanish, being a deed from Mrs. Monica Pino to Ramon Luna, Rafael Luna, and Anastacio Garcia, dated October 26, 1850, appearing as Exhibit C in the official translation in the surveyor-general's office, in the case of private land-claim in the name of Antonio Chaves for "San Lorenzo," or Alamillo tract of land in Socorro County, New Mexico.

RAMON LUNA,
ANASTACIO GARCIA,

For themselves and all the heirs of Rafael Luna, and all others interested in said grant, by Martin B. Hayes, their agent.

TESTIMONY.

Testimony of JUAN FRANCISCO BACA, taken before Joseph C. Hill, United States commissioner, in regard to the ranch or sitio of Alamillo or arroyo of San Lorenzo :

My name is Juan Francisco Baca. I live in Limitar, in the county of Socorro, and I was eighty-five years of age in August, 1873. I know the sitio of Alamillo or arroyo of San Lorenzo. I have known it since the year 1815 or 1816. It was granted to Antonio Chaves, commonly known as Antonico Chaves. I was at that time alcalde constitutional. The departmental deputation sent me an order to place said Antonio Chaves in possession of the said sitio. This was about the year 1822. I am not very certain as to the exact date. The sitio is bounded on the north by the mesita del Alamillo, where it leaves the river; on the east by the Rio del Norte; on the south by the ranch of Pablo Garcia, the line running toward a forked cedar tree, about a mile and a half from the river. I do not remember the western boundary. I placed Antonio Chaves in possession in due form of law. He took possession and kept continuous possession of the same until his death. His heirs sold the sitio to Ramon Luna, Rafael Luna, and Anastacio Garcia. They have continuously occupied the said sitio up to the present time. I am not interested in the said sitio or tract of land in any manner whatsoever.

JUAN FRANCISCO BACA. ^{his} [rubric] mark.

Witness:

J. FRANC'O CHAVES,

I, Joseph C. Hill, a United States commissioner for the Territory of New Mexico, do certify that the foregoing evidence was duly taken by me, first having caused the said Juan Francisco Baca to come before me, who first having duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, that thereupon he testified in the words set forth in the foregoing testimony signed by him; that said testimony was taken by me at Limitar, in the county of Socorro, on the 1st day of November, in accordance with the request and direction of the surveyor-general of the Territory of New Mexico, sent to me to that effect.

J. C. HILL,
United States Commissioner.

ANTONIO CHAVES (SAN LORENZO) GRANT.

OPINION.

This grant is brought before me under the act of Congress of July 22, 1852, establishing this office, and the eighth article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

It appears from the record the departmental assembly of New Mexico granted the land in question to Antonio Chaves, in the year 1825; that he was legally placed in possession on the 20th day of April, 1825, by the proper alcalde, and that the said Chaves and his legal representatives have remained ever since in undisputed occupancy and ownership, except when disturbed by savage Indians.

I respectfully recommend to Congress that the title to the land, according to boundaries set forth in the act of possession, be confirmed to the legal representatives of Antonio Chaves, deceased, the original grantee.

I transmit complete copies of the record in triplicate.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., January 5, 1874.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Santa Fé, N. Mex., January 24, 1874.

The foregoing is a correct transcript of the papers on file in this office in private land-claim reported as No. 79 in the name of Antonio Chaves, for land known as the Arroyo de San Lorenzo tract.

JAMES K. PROUDFIT,
United States Surveyor-General.

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