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Finding Aid for

Spanish land grant records for Marin and Sonoma County

ARC-049

Collection Overview

Creator

Los Californianos (San Francisco, Calif.)

Extent

29 files in 1 document case

Call Number & Location

ARC-049

Collection Summary

In 1980, Los Californianos, an organization that works to preserve the heritage of early Hispanic Californians in Alta California, photocopied the expedientes, or case files, for land grants throughout California. The original documents are located in the Spanish Archives of the California State Archives. Charmaine Burdell, one of the project donors, collected those documents pertaining to land grants and ranchos within Marin and Sonoma Counties.

From the California State Archives Inventory of State Records: "Expedientes are the files of documents accumulated when the grant was applied for and contain the petitions, the reasons the land was wanted, the locations of the tracts sought, as well as reports of local officials on the status of such land, and, finally, the declarations by the Spanish or Mexican Governor who approved the grant. The diseños are maps of the land requested. Some of these sketch maps are crudely drawn; others reflect a good deal of skill. The diseños show existing travel routes, locations of houses, local place names, and natural features, such as streams, rivers, and mountains. Not all expedientes contain diseños."

Language(s)

Collection materials are in English and Spanish.

Processing Archivist

- Lori Deibel, June 2024

Collection Details

Acquisition Information

Donated by Charmaine Aspey Burdell, May 2024, accession no. 2024.17

Biographical / Historical Note

Charmaine Burdell is the descendant of several Marin and Sonoma County pioneers, including James Black, Galen Burdell, and Domingo Sais. Many of the original land grants in Marin were granted to these families, including Rancho Nicasio, Rancho Olompali, Cañada de Herrera.

Arrangement Description

The files are arranged by Expediente number, first Marin County, followed by Sonoma County.

Separated Materials

None.

Related Materials

California ranchos : patented private land grants, listed by county [979.4 Shu 1988 CAL]

Ranchos of California : a list of Spanish concessions, 1775-1822, and Mexican grants, 1822-1846 [979.4 Cow 1977 CAL]

Reports of land cases determined in the United States District court for the Northern district of California : June term, 1853, to June term, 1858, inclusive [979.4 Hof 1975 CAL]

Spanish and Mexican land grants in California, complete to February 25, 1886 [979.4 Spa CAL]

Location of Originals

California State Archives, Sacramento, Calif.

Subject Headings

- Land grants–California–Marin County.
- Land grants–California–Sonoma County.
- Land tenure–California–Marin County.
- Land tenure–California–Sonoma County.
- Land titles–California–Marin County.
- Land titles–California–Sonoma County.

Using the Collection

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Collection Inventory

Description	Date(s)	Box	Folder
Invoice for donation from Charmaine Burdell to Los Californianos for the acquisition of 25 land grant records	November 18, 1981	1	1
Photocopied pages from Ranchos of California : a list of Spanish Concessions, by Robert G. Cowan, with highlighted entries of Ms. Burdell's family lands	1977	1	1

El Corte de Madera del Presidio or Sausalito or San Clemente Rancho, Marin Co. Expediente no. 27, Titulo no. 52, Juan Reed, grantee	1834-1873	1	2
Ex-Mission San Rafael Rancho, Marin Co. Original file no. 55, Antonio Maria Pico, Antonio Sunol, grantees	1846-1853	1	3
Punta de Reyes or Tomales y Bolinas, Marin Co., Expedientes nos. 73, 178, Titula no. 96, Jose Francisco Snook, James R. Berry, grantees	1835-1858	1	4
Sausalito Ranch, Marin Co., Expediente no. 111, Unclassified expediente no. 192, William A. Richardson, grantee	1835-1858	1	5
Tamales y Baulenes Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 124, Titulo no. 97, Rafael Garcia, grantee	1836-1865	1	6
Buacocha Rancho, Marin Co., Original title no. 144, Maria Teodora Peralta, grantee	1845-1876	1	7
Canada de Herrera Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 167, Domingo Saenz, grantee	1839	1	8
Corte de Madera de Novato Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 182, Juan Martin, grantee	1839-1859	1	9
Novato Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 188, Fernando Feliz, grantee	1839-1862	1	10
San Jose Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 207, Ignacio Pacheco, grantee	1838-1859	1	11
Punta de San Quintin y Canada de San Anselmo Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 208, Juan B.R. Cooper, grantee	1839-1865	1	12
Blucher Rancho, Sonoma and Marin Cos., Expediente no. 280, Juan J. Vioget, grantee	1842-1857	1	13
Olompili or Santissimo Rosario Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 320, Jose Camilo Ynitia (Indian), grantee	1843-1859	1	14
Punta de los Reyes Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 322, Antonio M. Osio, grantee	1841-1907	1	15

Canada de San Geronimo or Geronimo Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 343, Rafael Cacho, grantee	1838-1858	1	16
Las Gallinas y Santa Margarita or San Pedro Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 346, Timoteo Murphy, grantee	1844-1858	1	17
Soulajulle Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 365, Jose Ramon Mesa, grantee	1844-1878	1	18
Nicasio Rancho or Ex-Mission San Rafael, Marin Co., Expediente no. 420, unclassified Expediente no. 171, Original file no. 154, Teodocio Quilajuequi, et al., Pablo de la Guerra, Juan Cooper, grantees, Salvador Vallejo, Jacob P. Leese, petitioners	1843-1853	1	19
Tamalpais or San Clemente Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 441, Hilaria Sanchez, grantee	1845	1	20
Laguna de San Antonio Rancho, Marin and Sonoma Cos., Expediente no. 483, Bartolome Bojorquez, Juan Bojorquez, grantees	1846-1857	1	21
Bolsa de Tomales Rancho, Marin Co., Expediente no. 571, Juan N. Padilla, grantee	1846	1	22
Island of Los Angeles or Angel Island Rancho, Marin Co., Unclassified Expediente no. 35, Antonio M. Osio, grantee	1837-1839	1	23
Las Baulenes Rancho, Marin Co., Unclassified Expediente no. 157, Gregorio Briones, grantee	1841-1859	1	24
Islands of Farallones, Alcatraz and Yerba Buena and Sobrante at Point Tiburon, San Francisco and Marin Cos., Unclassified Expediente no. 308, Jose Y. Limantour, grantee	1846-1852	1	25
Lot in San Rafael, lot and vineyard in San Rafael, Orchard in San Rafael, Marin Co., Unclassified Expediente nos. 310, 190, Timoteo Murphy, grantee	1844	1	26
Canada de Pogolomi Rancho, Sonoma Co., Original file no. 5, Maria Antonia Cazares, grantee	1839-1858	1	27

Estero Americano or Canada de Mais Rancho, Sonoma Co., Expediente no. 172, Unclassified Expediente no. 199, Edward Manuel McIntosh	1837-1857	1	28
Canada de Jonive Rancho, Sonoma Co., Expediente no. 501, James Black, grantee	1844-1857	1	29