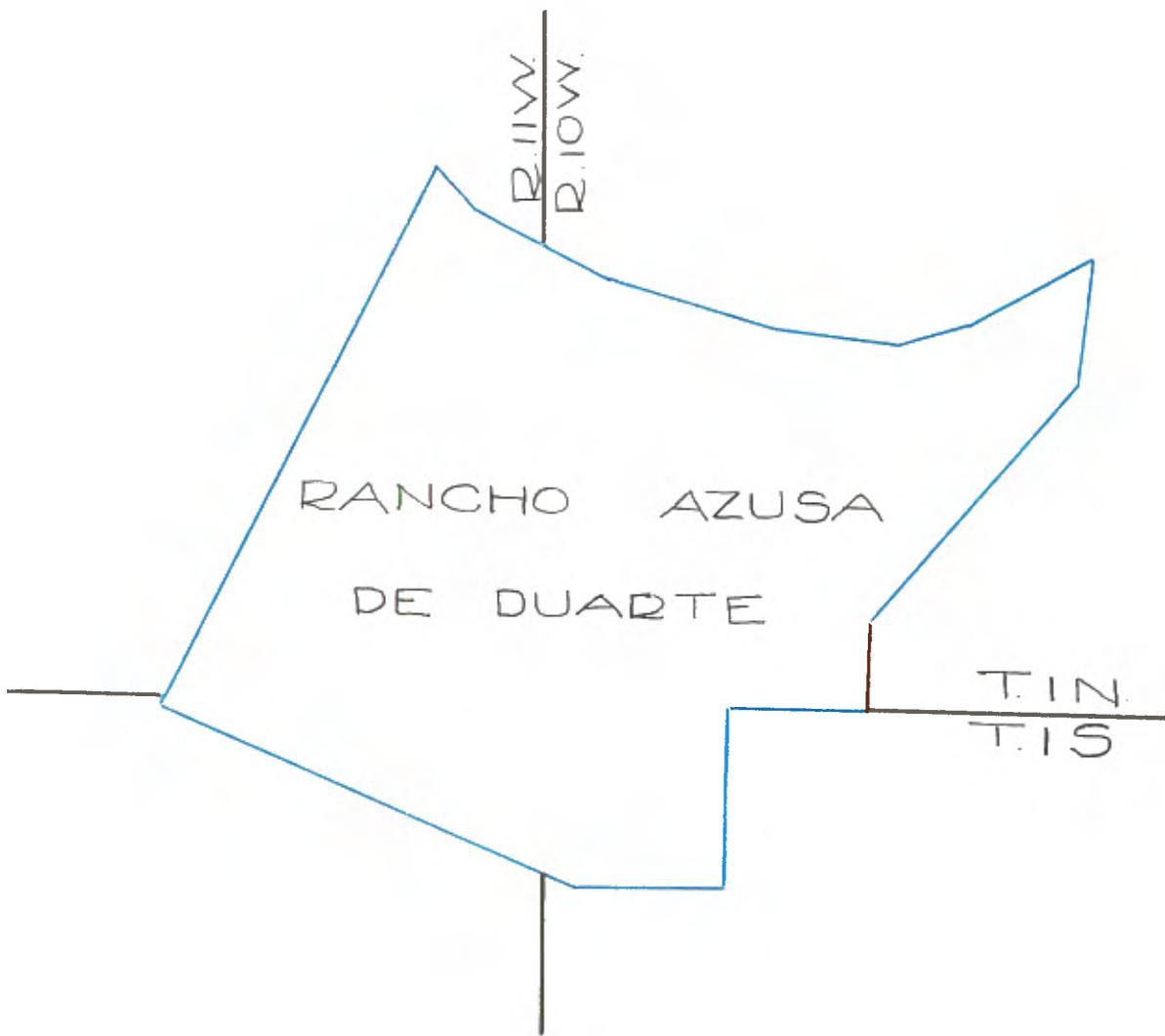


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The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Azusa
Andreas Duarte
confirmed

Receipt of
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June 18, 1878
N. 50.115

Whereas it appears from a duly authenticated transcript filed in the General Land Office of the United States, that pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved the third day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land claims in the State of California," Andres Duarte, as claimant, filed his petition on the sixth day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, with the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of Los Angeles, in which petition he claimed the confirmation of his title to the tract of land known by the name of Azusa containing one and one half square leagues, a little more or less, situate in the then County of Los Angeles and state aforesaid, said claim being founded on a Mexican grant to the petitioner made on the tenth day of May A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, by Juan B. Alvarado then Constitutional Governor of the Department of the Californias

And whereas, the Board of Land Commissioners aforesaid on the fourth day of November A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, in the cause entitled, "Andres Duarte vs The United States", rendered a decree of confirmation as follows, to-wit:

"In this case, on hearing the proofs and allegations
"it is adjudged by the Commission that the said
"claim of the petitioner is valid, and it is therefore
"hereby decreed that the same be confirmed to him.
"The land hereby confirmed is that known by the
"name of 'Azusa' being the same on which he resides
"and is bounded and described as follows, to wit:
"Commencing at the north east corner of said premises
"at a point on the bank of the river Azusa contiguous
"to the western boundary of land known in 1841, as
"belonging to Don Luis Arenas and running thence in a
"straight line westwardly close to the Sierra five
"thousand varas to an oak tree which was marked for a
"landmark with a few strokes of the cutlass as the
"boundary of the place called Santa Nita thence running
"south five thousand varas to a tall alder tree burned
"at the feet adjoining the Papas thence running east
"five thousand varas to the bank of the river Azusa,
"which river is the western boundary of the land of said
"Arenas, and thence northwardly along the bank of said

"river to the foot of the Sierra at the north at
"the point of commencement five thousand varas
"containing one and a half square leagues of land
"be the same more or less reference for a more
"particular description to be had to the original
"grant of said land and to the record of juridical
"possession on file in this case," which decree or
"decision having been taken by appeal to the District
"Court of the United States for the Southern District
"of California, the said Court at a special Term in
"September A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
"five, in the cause entitled "Andres Duarte appelle
"ads The United States appellants" rendered its decree
"as follows, to wit:

"This cause coming on to be heard at a stated term
"of this Court on an appeal from the final decision of the
"Commissioners to ascertain and settle private land claims
"in the State of California under an Act of Congress
"approved March 3rd 1851, upon the transcript of the
"decision and proceedings and the papers and evidence
"on which said decision was founded and on additional
"testimony taken in this Court, and it appearing that
"said Transcript has been duly filed according to law, and
"counsel for the respective parties having been heard.

"It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the
"decision of the said Commissioners be affirmed, and
"that the claim of the said Andres Duarte to the land
"described in the grant in this case, is a good and
"valid claim, and the same is hereby confirmed to the
"extent of one and a half square leagues.
"Provided that the said quantity of one and a half
"square leagues be contained within the limits called
"for in said grant and map to which it refers, but if
"there be less than said named quantity, then the
"claim of said appellee to said less quantity is
"hereby confirmed."

And thereafter the Attorney General of the United
States having given notice that appeal would not be
prosecuted in the above entitled cause, the aforesaid
District Court at its December Term A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-six, "ordered that the order
"of appeal heretofore granted in this cause be and the
"same is hereby vacated and the appellee have leave
"to proceed under the decree of this Court heretofore
"rendered in his favor as a final decree" whereby
the proceedings of Court upon title became final.

And whereas under the thirteenth section of said
Act of the third of March A. D. one thousand eight
hundred and fifty-one, and the supplemental legislation
and in accordance with the proceedings had pursuant
to said Act and supplemental legislation there has been
deposited in the General Land Office a return with the
descriptive notes, certificate of advertisement, and
plat of the survey of said claim confirmed as aforesaid,
authenticated by the signature of the United States

Surveyor General of the State of California, which descriptive notes, certificate of advertisement and plat of survey are in the words and figures, as follows, to wit:

U. S. Surveyor General's Office

San Francisco, Cal.

23rd March, 1876---

"Under and by virtue of the provisions of the 13th section of the Act of Congress of the third of March 1851, entitled 'An Act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California', and of the 12th section of the Act of Congress, approved on the 31st of August, 1852, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1853, and for other purposes' and whereas the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of California, rendered a decision whereby it recognized and confirmed the title and claim of Andres Duarte to the tract of land designated as 'Azusa', as appears from the certified copy of the final decree of the said District Court, a copy of which is hereto annexed. The said tract of land was surveyed in conformity to the grant thereof and the said decision, and I hereby certify that the accompanying map is a true and accurate plat of the said tract of land as appears by the field notes of the survey thereof, made by Henry Hancock Deputy Surveyor, under the directions of this office, which, having been examined and approved, remain of record therein. The descriptive notes of the said survey, are in the words and figures following, to wit:_____

"Beginning at a post established for the North east corner of the rancho called 'Santa Anita', at the south base of the Mountain, from which a Sycamore four inches in diameter bears North seventy-five degrees fifteen minutes West, distant thirty-one links, another Sycamore four inches in diameter bears North fifty-four degrees West, distant thirty-four links.-----

"Thence, according to the true Meridian, the variation of the magnetic needle being thirteen degrees and thirty minutes East, along the South base of the mountain called 'Azusa', South fifteen degrees East, three chains and sixty-four links to a blazed Sycamore three inches in diameter, Station:-----

"Thence South two degrees East, three chains and fifty links to a stake on East bank of a small stream of water five links wide course South Station.-----

"Thence South sixty-eight degrees thirty minutes East. At twenty-five chains crosses mouth of a Canada from mountain four chains wide course South west. At forty-six chains and sixty links crosses dry Arroyo twelve links wide course South-west. At sixty-nine chains to a point between two mining gulches near the head of same, course Southwest reaching the plain some fifteen chains distant, Eighty-four chains and twenty-two links to a granite rock eighteen inches in diameter Station;-----

"Thence South seventy-nine degrees thirty minutes East, at seven chains and fifty links crosses dry Arroyo on west side of a Canada course Southwest, twelve links wide, at fifteen chains leaves Canada the head of which is in the mountain some twenty-five chains northeast, One hundred and

"nineteen chains to a stake. Station Number five: _____
"Thence North seventy-five degrees East, eleven
"chains to a stake in mound of rock. Station number six:
"Thence North sixty-eight degrees thirty minutes
"East, forty-five chains to a granite boulder, Station
"number seven from which the Ranch house bears
"South fifty-nine degrees thirty minutes west distant
"ten chains: _____
"Thence North fifty-eight degrees, fifteen minutes
"East forty-six chains and ten links a blazed sycamore
"tree thirteen inches in diameter. Sta. 9. (8)
"Thence South six degrees West, at twenty five
"chains to western edge of dry bed of San Gabriel river
"fifty-seven chains sixty links to a mound of rock on the
"north side of road course northeast station number
"nine; _____
"Thence South thirty-nine degrees West, in center
"of river bed along the line of the Arusa rancho confirmed
"to Henry Dalton, one hundred and fifteen chains to a
"blazed sycamore tree twelve inches in diameter. Station
"number ten; _____
"Thence South fifty-eight degrees thirty minutes
"West, fifteen chains and fifty links to a stake from which
"a Manzanita tree three inches in diameter bears North
"fifty-four degrees West, distant thirty-seven links,
"Station number eleven; _____
"Thence South forty-two degrees West seven chains to a
"post and charred stake in an irregular mound of rocks.
"Station number twelve; _____
"Thence South, forty chains to a post and charred
"stake in mound, Station number thirteen; _____
"Thence West, at twenty-seven chains leaves dry
"bed of San Gabriel river; Sixty chains to corner to
"sections six, five, thirty-two and thirty-one in Town-
"ships one North and one South of Range ten West of the
"San Bernardino Meridian Station number fourteen; _____
"Thence South eighty chains to a post and charred
"stake in mound, Station number fifteen; _____
"Thence West, sixty-five chains a post and charred
"stake in mound, Station number sixteen; _____
"Thence along boundary of Rancho San Franciscita
"North sixty-seven degrees west, one hundred and ninety
"chains a sycamore tree, eighteen inches in diameter
"marked with various brands, Station number seventeen
"and Southwest corner of rancho; and _____
"Thence along East boundary of Santa Anita rancho
"North twenty-six degrees fifteen minutes East, at five
"chains and seventy-eight links intersects San
"Bernardino base line at a stake four chains East of the
"corner to sections thirty-four and thirty-five on the
"South boundary of Township one North Range eleven
"West. Two hundred and forty-six chains and twenty five
"links to the point of beginning, containing six thousand
"five hundred and ninety-five and sixty-two one hundredths
"Acres; and being designated upon the official plats of

*Public Surveys as Lot number thirty-nine in Township one
*South, Range ten West; Lot number forty-four in Township
*one South, Range eleven West; Lot number thirty-seven
*in Township one North Range ten West and Lot number thirty-
*nine in Township one North Range eleven West, all of the
*San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto signed
*my name and caused my official seal
*to be affixed in the City of San Francisco,
*this twenty-third day of March, A. D. 1876.

*H. G. Rollins.

*U. S. Surveyor General
*for California."

L. S.

"U. S. Surveyor General's Office.
"San Francisco, Dec. 27, 1875.

"I hereby certify, that by virtue of the provisions of
"The Act of Congress, approved 1st July, 1864, entitled 'An
"Act to expedite the settlement of title to Lands in the
"State of California,' notice of the plat and survey having
"been made of the rancho Azusa, in Los Angeles county
"finally confirmed to Andreas Duarte surveyed by Henry
"Hancock U. S. Deputy Surveyor, in September 1858, has
"been advertised in accordance therewith in two newspapers,
"to wit; the Los Angeles Star published in the County of
"Los Angeles State of California, being near to where the
"said land is located: the first publication being on the
"14th day of October 1874, and the last on the 11th day of
"November 1874; also in the Alta California a newspaper
"published in the City and County of San Francisco, State
"aforesaid; the first publication being on the 14th day of
"October 1874, and the last on the 11th day of November 1874,
"and that the plat of said survey was retained in this
"Office subject to inspection during all of ninety days, and
"until the expiration thereof from the date of the first
"publication.

"In Testimony whereof, I have here-
"unto signed my name officially,
"and caused my seal of office to be
"affixed in the City of San Francisco,
"this 27th day of Dec. 1875.

Jas. T. Stratton.

"U. S. Surveyor General for California.

"U. S. Surveyor General's Office. San Francisco Cal.
March 17th 1876.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true
"and correct copy of the record of advertisement of the
"Rancho Azusa as the same appears of record in my said office.

Attest. H. G. Rollins
"U. S. Sur. Gen'l.
"for Cal."

L.S.