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Abstract: Originals and contemporary copies of materials related to land transactions in Baja California, including petitions, grants to Milatovich and others, deeds, receipts, some dise~nos, and related materials. Some pertain to Gochicoa y Compa~nia, a colonizing venture in Baja California.
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Scope and Content

These documents, originals and contemporary copies, were purchased from Miss Barbara Jean Stewart November 29, 1966. They relate mainly to land transactions in Baja California, and include petitions, grants to Milatovich and others, deeds, receipts, some diseños and related material. Some items pertain to the Gochicoa y Compañía, a colonizing venture in Baja California near the Colorado River.

The material is arranged in groups according to the property involved, and then chronologically within each group. Each folder is numbered, and a detailed scheme of arrangement follows. At the end of the report is a partial list of authors or signers of documents.

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Box 1, folder 1

Papers relating to the lands of the Gochicoa y Compañía, a colonizing venture, 1856-1858

1. A share of the company, made out to Antonio Milatovich, with printed statement concerning the colony on verso. Oct. 24, 1856. Signed by Juan Julio Mörner.
2. Copies of documents relating to the proposed establishment of the colony. 1856.
3. Memorandum of an agreement between Mörner and George R. Morris regarding surveying the company's lands. Mar. 3, 1857
4. Letter from Bernardo Flores to Francisco de Paula Gochicoa, transcribing copy of his letter to the Jefe Político of Baja California concerning the Gochicoa Colony. Nov. 24, 1857
5. Agreement between Juan Julio Mörner and Manuel Castro concerning the surveying of the company's lands by Manuel Castro in return for 32 shares in the company. Also signed by Vicente Perfecto Gómez. Apr. 1, 1858

folder 2

Papers relating to Las Juntas, 1858-1860

1. Grant by José Casrro of 8 square leagues of Las Juntas to Juan Mendoza and to Cecilio Zeraga. June 17, 1858
2. Transfer by Juan Julio Mörner of 2 leagues of Las Juntas formerly in the possession of Juan Mendoza and Cecilio Zeraga to Antonio Milatovich. June 18, 1859
3. Agreement of Juan Julio Mörner to transfer deed for 6 leagues of Las Juntas to Antonio Milatovich. Oct. 13, 1859
6. Deed from Juan Mendoza to Manuel Castro of 4 square leagues of Las Juntas. Aug. 7, 1860

folder 3

Papers relating to Ojo de Liebre and its salt marshes, 1858-1863

1. Grant by José Castro to Manuel Díaz y García and José Antonio Castro for 22 square leagues of land in Ojo de Liebre. Nov. 20, 1858
2. Deed from José Antonio Castro to Antonio Milatovich for one third of his Ojo de Liebre property. George T. Knox, notary public, M. Barragán and Manuel Castro, witnesses. Oct. 3, 1859
3. Deed from José Antonio Castor of 2 square leagues of his Ojo de Liebre lands to Antonio Milatovich. George T. Knox, notary; M. Barragán and Juan Julio Mörner. witnesses. Oct. 13, 1859
4. Deed from José Antonio Castro to Antonio Milatovich for 4 square leagues of Ojo de Liebre. George T. Knox, notary public. Nov. 26, 1859
5. Statement of Manuel Díaz and José Antonio Castro re division of the Ojo de Liebre lands and shares. José Antonio Chávez, witness. Dec. 19, 1859
6. Certificate by José Castro that Manuel Díaz and José Antonio Castro have paid 400 pesos for the Ojo de Liebre land. Mar. 3, 1860
10. Deed of one square league of Ojo de Liebre to Antonio Milatovich from Manuel Castro. George T. Knox and Juan Julio Mörner, witnesses. Aug. 29, 1862
11. Deed from Manuel Díaz to Vicente P. Gómez for 15/72 shares in the Ojo de Liebre. July 25, 1863
15. Deed from Manuel Díaz to Antonio Milatovich for 15/72 shares in Ojo de Liebre. Sept. 1, 1863
4. File containing: Deed from Juan Julio Mörner for 8 leagues of property to Antonio Milatovich (George T. Knox, public scribe, and S. C. Simmons, witness), Mar. 15, 1859; deed from Mörner to Antonio Milatovich for two and one half leagues of land (George T. Knox, Notary) Sept. 23, 1859; and copies of the two documents.

5. Draft of petition of Juan Julio Mörner to the Minister of Fomento in Mexico re land granted him, stating that due to revolutionary times he has been unable to measure off and claim the land within the year. Dec. 10, 1860


8. Map showing the relative position of the ex-mission of San Fernando, by J. G. Müller. n. d.

folder 7

Papers relating to land in Santa Catarina, 1858-1860

1. File containing: petition by Rafael Rodrigo for 2 square leagues of unoccupied land in the northern part of Santa Catarina, Apr. 5, 1858, with grant signed by José Castro; Statement by Castro of conditions of grant, Apr. 7, 1858; statement by Castro to Rodrigo that the claim has been registered in the Archives, Feb. 1, 1860; Deed from Reyes Rodrigo to Antonio Milatovich for two leagues of the land (George T. Knox, notary; José Antonio Cháves and Juan Julio Mörner, witnesses), Aug. 1, 1860; Power of attorney from Rafael Rodrigo to his brother Reyes re land. May. 28, 1860; affidavit by John Reed for Rafael Rodrigo, May 28, 1860; and deed from Rafael Rodrigo to Antonio Milatovich for 2 leagues of land, Sept. 29, 1860.

2. Release of interests in 5 leagues of Santa Catarina property by Juan Julio Mörner to Antonio Milatovich. June 14, 1859

folder 8

Papers relating to Santa Clara, 1841-1859

1. Copy of 1841 espediente granting Santa Clara to Guadalupe Melendres. Copy made Aug. 30, 1858

2. Statement by Manuel Díaz re sale of property by Guadalupe Melendres to Juan Julio Mörner. Jan. 29, 1859

3. Deed from Juan Julio Mörner of Santa Clara to Antonio Milatovich. George T. Knox, public scribe. Mar. 3, 1859

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Papers relating to Santa Gertrudis, 1860


2. Certificate by José Castro that Antonio Milatovich has paid for the 11 square leagues granted him in Santa Gertrudis.

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Papers relating to land in the Pueblo de Santa Tomás and the nearby Aguaje de los Alizos, 1858-1860

Scope and Content Note

File sewn together containing: petition of Saturnina Munoz de Chaves requesting additional land adjacent to her property, Feb. 26, 1858; deed from José Antonio Cháves to Antonio Milatovich for land in Santo Tomás and in the Aguaje de los Alizos, Jan. 21, 1860; petition of Saturnina Chaves for farm land in the Aguaje de los Alizos, Mar. 31, 1858; and request of José Antonio Cháves for land in Santo Tomás, Mar. 31, 1858.

Box 2, folder 11

Papers relating to a floating grant to Francisco Rico in Baja California, 1860-1864

Scope and Content Note

File containing: grant by José Castro of eleven square leagues in Baja California to Francisco Rico, Mar. 2, 1860; certificate by Castro of Rico's payment for the property, Mar. 2, 1860; power of attorney from Rico to Manuel Castro re his land, Aug. 3, 1863 (Henry Haight, notary public); and deed from M. Castro to Antonio Milatovich, Feb. 24, 1864 (George T. Knox, notary).
folder 12  
**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Juan Bautista Alvarado, 1859**

*Scope and Content Note*

File containing: copy of Ocampo's grant of land on the northern frontier of Baja California to Juan Bautista Alvarado, Aug. 1, 1859; deed from Alvarado to Manuel Castro for one quarter of the property, Oct. 18, 1859 (George T. Knox, notary; Vicente Perfecto Gómez and S.C. Simmons, witnesses); deed from M. Castro for the above to Antonio Milatovich, Oct. 24, 1859 (George T. Knox, notary; M. Barragán, witness).

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**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Juan Argos, 1860-1861**

*Scope and Content Note*

File containing: grant by José Castro to Juan Argos for eleven square leagues, Mar. 2, 1860; certificate of payment, signed by Castro, Mar. 2, 1860; deed from Argos to Antonio Milatovich for the eleven square leagues, Dec. 20, 1860 (George T. Knox, notary); and petition of Juan Argos for judicial possession of the property granted him, Dec. 10, 1861 (George T. Knox, witness).

folder 14  
**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Juan Bautista Castro, 1858-1863**

1. Grant by José Castro of eleven square leagues of land on the northern boundary of Baja California to Juan Bautista Castro. Original and copy. Nov. 22, 1858
2. Deed from Juan Bautista Castro for five and one half leagues of his land to Manuel Castro (José Abrego, witness). May 21, 1860
3. Deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich for two and three quarters leagues of land in Juan Bautista Castro's grant. George T. Knox, notary; M. Barragán, witness. June 6, 1860
4. Deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich for one square league of land in Juan Bautista Castro's grant. July 7, 1862
5. File containing: deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich for four leagues of land (George T. Knox, witness), June 4, 1863; and deed from Juan Bautista Castro for five and one half leagues of land. Sept. 3, 1863

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**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to José Anronio Cháves, 1859**

*Scope and Content Note*

File containing: deed of 2 square leagues of property from José Antonio Cháves to Juan Julio Mörner (George T. Knox, notary), Oct. 12, 1859; deed from Mörner to Antonio Milatovich, Oct. 13, 1859 (George T. Knox, notary); and deed from Cháves to Milatovich of two square leagues, Oct. 7, 1859

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**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Benito Díaz, 1860-1864**

*Scope and Content Note*

File containing: grant, with statement of conditions, by José Castro to Benito Díaz, Mar. 3, 1860; certificate by Castro of payment by Díaz, Mar. 3, 1860; deed from Díaz to Manuel Castro, Mar. 17, 1864; and deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich, Mar. 28, 1864 (George T. Knox, public scribe.).

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**Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Ambrosio Gómez, 1858-1863**

*Scope and Content Note*

File containing: grant by José Castro of eleven square leagues to Ambrosio Gómez, Nov. 29, 1858; deed from Gómez to Manuel Castro, June 20, 1863; deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich. June 25, 1863 (George T. Knox, notary and witness).
Papers relating to land on the northern boundary of Baja California, originally granted to Antonio Milatovich, 1858-1860
1. Petition of Antonio Milatovich for land, May 12, 1858, with grant of request by José Castro. June 9, 1858
2. Petition of Antonio Milatovich to Castro for extension of time to satisfy requirements for occupying land granted to him on June 9, 1858. Apr. 4, 1859
3. File containing: grant by José Castro of eleven square leagues of land, with certain conditions to be fulfilled, June 9, 1858; certificate by Castro that Milatovich has paid for the land, Mar. 2, 1860; and copy of request by Juan Julio Mörner for extension of time for surveying. May 19, 1859.

Papers relating to land on the right bank of the Colorado River, the original grant to Maximino Barragán, 1858-1860
1. Grant by José Castro of land to Maximino Barragán. Copy. Apr. 15, 1858
2. Deed from M. Barragán for one and one half square leagues of property to Antonio Milatovich. Oct. 7, 1859
3. Deed from Barragán of one square league of property to Antonio Milatovich, May 2, 1860. Manuel Castro, witness.

Papers relating to land on the right bank of the Colorado River, the original grant to Manuel Castro and Agustín Alviso, 1857-1863
2. File containing: duplicate copy of order by José Castro to register payment by Agustín Alviso and Manuel Castro for Colorado River property. Feb. 5, 1859; certificate by Zerega stating this has been done, Feb. 6, 1859; deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich for one league of land, May 2, 1860 (M. Barragán, witness); and deed from Manuel Castro to Antonio Milatovich for three leagues of the land. May 2, 1860 (Juan Julio Mörner, witness).
3. Copy of deed from Antonio Milatovich to Etienne Casterauste for the property. Apr. 4, 1863

Papers relating to land on the slopes of the Colorado River, original grant to Eugenio Montenegro, 1858-1860
2. File containing: grant of land to Eugenio Montenegro, June 23, 1858; deed from Montenegro to Antonio Milatovich for this property, Mar. 1, 1860; and power of attorney from Montenegro to Milatovich concerning these lands. June 27, 1860

Papers relating to land near the Rancho de la Ensenada, original grant to Antonio Milatovich, 1860
Scope and Content Note
File containing: request of Antonio Milatovich for land near Rancho de la Ensenada, Mar. 1, 1860, and grant of request by José Castro; certificate by José Castro of payment for land. Mar. 6, 1860

Correspondence of Juan Julio Mörner, 1858-1859
1. Letter from Ricardo Palacio. Dec. 28, 1858
2. Letter from Mörner to Father J. Alric requesting his opinion as to safety for a colony of settlers to take possession of lands in Baja California near the Colorado River, May 23, 1859, with, at bottom, reply that Alric thinks it inadvisable at this time.

Receipts, etc., from Juan Julio Mörner to Antonio Milatovich, 1858-1859 (8 items)

Miscellaneous papers of Antonio Milatovich, 1858-1860
1. Copy of letter from Vicente Gómez Fariás of decree promulgated by Benito Juárez concerning the powers of Santos Degollado. Apr. 7, 1858
2. Decree of José Castro concerning land grants he has made. Copy. Jan. 29, 1859

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3. Statement by John Judson Ames concerning the safety of persons going to the Colorado River at this time, [1860], with sworn statement that Antonio Milatovich received the statement in 1860, dated July 7, 1886.

4. List of grants confirmed by Juárez and Comonfort, with note re D. O. McCarthy pasted to bottom. n. d.

Miscellaneous receipts to Antonio Milatovich, 1859-1860 (6 items)
Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1890-1882

Ames, John Judson, 1821-1861
Castro, José, 1810-1860

Castro, José Antonio, 1830-
Castro, Juan Bautista, 1835-
Castro, Manuel de Jesus, 1821-
Cháves, José Antonio
Flores, Bernardo
Gochicoa y Compañía
Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1884

Gómez Farias, Valentín, 1781-1858
Mörner, Juan Julio, barón

Montenegro, Eugenio
Müller, Julius J.
Rico, Francisco, 1820?-1886
Simmons, S. C.