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Scope and Content
This collection of documents supplements the collection of Castro papers obtained by H. H. Bancroft. It contains materials relating to family and business matters, especially transactions involving cattle and land. Also included are papers relating to the estate of Josi Simesn Juan Nepomuceno Castro and documents concerning Manuel Castro's military command in Baja California. The provenance of the papers is uncertain; they may have been part of the Cowan Collection. The documents, housed in three boxes, are arranged chronologically, with the exception of some accounts and land papers in Box 3 which have been placed in related groups. A calendar of the documents and an index of correspondents and/or signers of documents follow.

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Scope and Content Note
Order, Apr. 28, 1836, to Simeón Castro re livestock belonging to Francisco Soto which Soto sold to José María Sanchez. Castro is to place this cattle at the disposal of Teodoro González. Also signed by José María Maldonado.

folder 2.  **Estrada, José Ramón, 1811-1845[?]**

Scope and Content Note
Reiteration of his order to Simeón Castro concerning the livestock belonging to Francisco Soto, Apr. 30, 1836.


Scope and Content Note
Letter to Simeón Castro, Nov. 13, 1840, requesting him to turn over three cows to Antonio Castro.


Scope and Content Note
Letter, July 23, 1841, to Simeón Castro, stating that he will send some sheep soon, and requesting information on foreigners said to have arrived with Graham.
folder 5. **Soto, Francisco**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, July 5, 1842, to Manuel Castro, re José María Sánchez' claim against the estate of Simeón Castro for some cattle.

Scope and Content Note  

folder 7. **González, Teodoro, 1806-1880[?]**  
Scope and Content Note  
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folder 8. **Spence, David, 1798-1875**  
Scope and Content Note  
Statement, July 1, 1844, concerning José María Sánchez' claim against Simeón Castro in 1839, at which time Castro showed Spence the order received from Estrada to turn over the livestock to Teodoro González.

folder 9. **Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882**  
Scope and Content Note  
Statement, July 7, 1844, re his judgment in the case Sánchez brought against Simeón Castro.

folder 10. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to José Antonio Aguirre, Oct. 16, 1846, requesting twenty five pesos.

folder 11. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
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folder 12. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, Oct. 12, 1847, to his mother, stating he expects to be away from California for at least one more year.

folder 13. **Sasuete, Domingo**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Felipe Sasuete, his son, Oct. 20, 1847[?], stating he wishes to see him.

folder 14. **Sasuete, Domingo**  
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folder 15. **Almonte, Juan Nepomuceno, 1803-1869**  
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- Scope and Content Note
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folder 18. **Rodríguez, Sebastián, 1786-ca. 1854**
- Scope and Content Note
- Letter to Rafael Sánchez, Apr. 4, 1849, re land purchased from Bernal.

folder 19. **Espinosa, Rafael**
- Scope and Content Note
- Letter, May 21, 1849, to Manuel Castro, stating he hopes to see Castro in Guadalajara soon. The bearer of the letter will bring twenty pesos to pay for the repair of the carriage and other expenses of the journey.

folder 20. **Roldán, Josefa (Castro)**
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folder 21. **Roldán, Josefa (Castro)**
- Scope and Content Note
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folder 22. **Morillo, Basilia**
- Scope and Content Note
- Letter to Loreto Cortés, Sept. 19, 1849, saying she would like to have news of him.

folder 23. **Rodríguez, Gerónima**
- Scope and Content Note
- Letter to Nicolás Rodríguez, Sept. 19, 1849, stating she would like to see him and have news from him.

folder 24. **Mayoralgo, Potenciano**
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folder 25. **Ayala, Juan Nepomuceno, 1814**
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- Scope and Content Note
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folder 26. **Merritt, Josiah**
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folder 27. **Unsigned note to Mr. Moreno, ca. 1850[?]**

**Argüello, Santiago E., 1813-1857**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, ca. 1850[?], requesting Castro to give 100 pesos to Luis.

folder 28. **Cháves, José Antonio**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, ca. 1850[?], informing him that he and Mr. Larkin are on their way to Monterey and expect to see him there.

folder 29. **Flores, Rosalia**

Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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folder 31. **Hamilton, James, d. 1858**

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folder 32. **Nieto, Juan de Dios**

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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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folder 36. **O. C.**

Scope and Content Note
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Scope and Content Note
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**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 52. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 53. **Maldonado, Juan**

**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 54. **Díaz, Manuel, 1810-**

**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 55. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 56. **Domínguez, Santiago**

**Scope and Content Note**
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**Scope and Content Note**
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folder 58. **Ríos, Santiago**

**Scope and Content Note**
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**Scope and Content Note**
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Scope and Content Note  
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folder 63. **Machado, Juan**  
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folder 64. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
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folder 65. **Arce, Ventura**  
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folder 69. **Alvarado, Tomása (Pico)**  
Scope and Content Note  
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folder 70.  

**Moreno, José Matías, 1817-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 26, 1851, stating that Pío Pico has given him three documents re debts incurred by Manuel Ruiz, the said Manuel Ruiz under contract to Pico for three years having absconded with funds. He is known to have gone to Baja California and may stop at the house of José Espinosa, a friend and relative. Moreno requests Castro’s assistance in seeing that the money is returned to Pico.

folder 71.  

**Sánchez, Rafael**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 27, 1851, telling Castro it is of the utmost importance for him to return home to attend to business. His brothers José Antonio and Manuelito Castro have already taken some cattle from their mother’s Rancho Cañada de San Miguel, and the Rancho de la Punt a del Año Nuevo may be lost if he does not return soon.

folder 72.  

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Scope and Content Note  
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**Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
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folder 79.  

**Garwood, George M.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, Apr. 8, 1851, to Manuel Castro thanking him for his kindness during Garwood’s stay in Baja California.
folder 80. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

**Scope and Content Note**
Incomplete draft of letter, Apr. 21, 1851, to Rafael Sánchez, stating he was not able to go to Monterey. He thanks Sánchez for his information and advice and hopes to be able to settle matters soon.

folder 81. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

**Scope and Content Note**
Draft of letter, Apr. 23, 1851, to Rafael Sánchez telling him he was entrusted business affairs to William C. Jones.

folder 82. **Espinosa, Carlos**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 2, 1851, reporting on arrival of Andrés Manríquez at Rosario.

folder 83. **Ramírez, Juan, 1807-**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuelito [Castro?], May 10, 1851, commenting on disturbed conditions in Los Angeles.

folder 84. **Osuna, Julio**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 13, 1851, requesting a loan of three hundred pesos.

folder 85. **Bandini, Juan, 1800-1859**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 18, 1851, acknowledging receipt of Castro's letter and returning his envoy. With a bill for items purchased by Ignacio Valle.

folder 86. **Gasteluim, Francisco Xavier**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 21, 1851, requesting payment of fifty pesos.

folder 87. **Saiz, José Domingo**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 21, 1851, reporting he was done all that Castro ordered.

folder 88. **Arce, José Ignacio**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter, May 27, 1851, sending grain via servants of Antonio Cháves.

folder 89. **Argüello, Santiago E., 1813-1857**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 3, 1851, transmitting letters by Mr. Scott who will also return a horse to him.

folder 90. **Espínosa, Carlos**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 3, 1851, stating he would like a reply to his letters concerning an unnamed soldier.
folder 91. **Gastelum, Francisco Xavier**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 4, 1851, requesting Castro to find someone to serve as godmother in his daughter's stead.

folder 92. **Honsemberger, Peter**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 7, 1851, reporting that he had just arrived in Ensenada with items that escaped a fire in San Francisco. He wants to clear with Castro if he can disembark on the coast. He does not come himself for he is ill with fever.

folder 93. **Mansilla y Gamboa, Agustín**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 12, 1851, stating he has received Castro's letter and will see him on the 13th, as requested.

folder 94. **Spooner, Samuel B.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, June 20, 1851, to his wife.

folder 95. **Spooner, Samuel B.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Francisco Carvajal, June 20, 1851, describing Santo Tomás. He also mentions chaotic conditions in California and gives in detail his reasons for wishing to take Mexican citizenship.

folder 96. **Saiz, José Domingo**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, June 28, 1851, re soldier Flores.

folder 97. **Argüello, Santiago, 1791-1862**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, July 7, 1851, to Manuel Castro, voicing a complaint against a Juan Alvarado who maintains a tavern on the Rancho de Jesús María and sells liquor to the Indians. Since this is forbidden, he informs Castro so that he can take official action on the matter.

folder 98. **Spooner, Samuel B.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, July 8, 1851, to Castro, stating he thinks he can find capital to work the lodes he discovered. The assays on the metal are rich and he hopes on his return to discuss the business with Castro.

folder 99. **Martínez, Máximo, 1790-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 14, 1851, stating he would like to see Castro and would be interested in exchanging some of his land for a portion of the Punta del Año Nuevo.

folder 100. **Monterey Co., Calif. Sheriff**  
Scope and Content Note  
Receipt, Oct. 13, 1851, to Simeón Castro for taxes.
Calendar of Documents

folder 101. **Hidalgo, Manuel S.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Francisco Xavier Castillo Negrete, Oct. 14, 1851, expressing condolences on the death of Castillo Negrete's son, and transmitting five letters.

folder 102. **Castro, José Antonio, 1830-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Promissory note, Oct. 20, 1851, for three thousand pesos to Manuel Castro.

folder 103. **California. District Court (3rd District)**  
Scope and Content Note  
Subpoena, Oct. 22, 1851, for Castro to appear as a witness in the case of the Heirs of José María Armenta vs. Milton Little et al.

folder 104. **Romero, José E.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Receipt, Nov. 3, 1851, to Manuel Castro for cattle and money in payment for his services as former majordomo of the Rancho de la Punta del Año Nuevo. Witnessed by F. Alzina and Luis González.

folder 105. **Fourcade, Jean**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, Nov. 5, 1851, to Mr. Charfandi, introducing the bearer, Manuel Castro, who wishes to sell some cattle.

folder 106. **Merritt, Josiah**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 6, 1851, requesting information on the situation between Castro and Graham.

folder 107. **Castro, José, 1810-1860**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 16, 1851, returning a document.

folder 108. **Zaldo, Ramón de**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 4, 1851, stating he has been successful with the Bolsa del Moro Cojo.

folder 109. **Zaldo, Ramón de**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 110. **Castillo Negrete, Francisco del**  
Scope and Content Note  
Accounts for September-December 1851, with receipts for monthly salary, at Santo Tomás.

folder 111. **San Diego Herald**  
Scope and Content Note  
Bill to José Antonio Chávez, Jan. 14, 1852, with request by John Judson Ames to Manuel Castro asking him to pay the bill to C. R. Johnson.
folder 112.  **Saiz, José Domingo**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Antonio Chávez, Jan. 21, 1852, re cattle.

folder 113.  **Bona, Tomás**
Scope and Content Note
Statement, Jan. 22, 1852, re Ignacio Valle's claim against Pedro Aguilar for debt of 26 pesos.

folder 114.  **Castro, Manuel R.**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Antonio Cháves, Feb. 2, 1852, re livestock.

folder 115.  **Lerega, C.[?]**
Scope and Content Note
Certificate, Feb. 9, 1852, also signed by P. Honsemberger, concerning quantity of wood sold by Auguste Jouan to Loreto Amador.

folder 116.  **Castro, María Antonia (Pico), d. 1884**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 15, 1852, reporting that land commissioners have arrived in San Francisco and begun their work.

folder 117.  **Fuentes, Jesús**
Scope and Content Note
Deposition, Feb. 16, 1852, before Tomás Bona re cattle taken by Santiago Domínguez from the rancho of José Luciano Espinosa. Witnessed by P. Honsemberger and Manuel Díaz.

folder 118.  **Amador, Loreto**
Scope and Content Note
Receipt, Feb. 16, 1852, for cattle from the ranch of José L. Espinosa, on behalf of Mrs. Espinosa.

folder 119.  **Bona, Tomás**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Juan Bandini, Feb. 18, 1852, informing Bandini of the claim of Ignacio Valle against Pedro Aguilar, Bandini's servant.

folder 120.  **Losa, Carlos**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 18, 1852, stating he has received Castro's communication, and will do as much as he can.

folder 121.  **Losa, Carlos**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Tomás Bona, Feb. 18, 1852, acknowledging receipt of Bona's letter, and stating he will attempt to do all that has been ordered.

folder 122.  **Bona, Tomás**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 19, 1852, reporting on arrival of two neophytes from San Jacinto. They brought with them two pieces of lead, which he remits to Castro along with two others.
folder 123. **Bona, Tomás**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 20, 1852, reporting he is sending by the bearer two cases of explosives, and reiterates he has sent two Indians with two pieces of lead.

folder 124. **Lerega, C.[?]**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 20, 1852, stating that an Indian is bringing him a case of explosives, all that he has, but if necessary more can be obtained from the Rancho de Guadalupe. Bona says there have been no communications from San Jacinto.

folder 125. **Cháves, José Antonio**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 23, 1852, reporting that he expects to go to Mulegé and La Paz, and will bring mail to La Paz for Castro, if possible.

folder 126. **Mendoza, Juan Bautista**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to the military commandant, Feb. 25, 1852, enclosing report on men, munitions and horses at Guadalupe.

folder 127. **Alvarado, Juan**

Scope and Content Note
Letter, Feb. 27, 1852, to Manuel Castro re a horse.

folder 128. **Argüello, Santiago, 1791-1862**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 27, 1852, stating that San Diego needs government assistance against pirates.

folder 129. **Pico, José de Jesús, 1807-**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 1852, requesting that Castro remit some livestock to the bearer of the letter, Juan Marrón. He also asks Castro to furnish Marrón with a passport and ten pesos.

folder 130. **Magruder, John Bankhead, 1810-1871**

Scope and Content Note
Letter, Mar. 5, 1852, requesting an interview with Manuel Castro.

folder 131. **Ramírez, Anastasio**

Scope and Content Note
Receipt, Mar. 9, 1852, to Father Real for funds for the troops.

folder 132. **Bona, Tomás**

Scope and Content Note
Receipt, Mar. 11, 1852, to Manuel Castro for livestock from the property of José Luciano Espinosa and José Eugenio Espinosa.

folder 133. **Argüello, Luis Antonio**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 18, 1852, reporting that Col. Magruder has left for San Francisco to request troops for an expedition into Baja California.
folder 134.  
Gastelum, Francisco Xavier  
Scope and Content Note  
Pass, Mar. 19, 1852, for neophyte Julio to go to Manuel Castro.

folder 135.  
Ryan, Francisco E.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 26, 1852, reporting that he is returning the horse Castro loaned him via Indian Julián. He expects to leave for Los Angeles soon, and hopes to work in Bandini’s mine. He will return at the end of April and will keep Castro informed.

folder 136.  
Merritt, Josiah  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 5, 1852, informing him that Graham has sold the rancho he bought from Castro to his son to settle taxes. The land commissioners have come to San Francisco and titles are being presented to them. He urges Castro to come soon to attend to these matters.

folder 137.  
Serrano, José Antonio  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to José Saenz, Apr. 12, 1852, re livestock.

folder 138.  
Ruiz Escajadiello, J.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Antonio Sánchez, Apr. 18, 1852, requesting him to buy him some lard and send it as soon as possible. He is also enclosing a letter for Pedro Carrillo to settle an account.

folder 139.  
Castillo Negrete, Francisco Javier del  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 23, 1852, re some fruit he left at Bona’s rancho.

folder 140.  
Gastelum, Francisco Xavier  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 3, 1852, re some flour.

folder 141.  
Merritt, Josiah  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 1, 1852, urging him to come up immediately, and informing him that Jacinta and Manuel Rodríguez have taken possession of the Punt a del Año Nuevo Ranch.

folder 142.  
Sánchez, Rafael  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 31, 1852, re land matters and local news.

folder 143.  
Bustamante, Mariano  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 2, 1852, re Antonio Bernal’s debts to him. Bernal has left for Baja California without paying his debts and Bustamante gives power of attorney to Castro in the matter.
folder 144. **Franklin, Lewis A.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 16, 1852, requesting Castro to pay his debt of ten pesos, since he wants to settle accounts before leaving for San Francisco.

folder 145. **Arana, Francisco**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to his wife, Aug. 20, 1852.

folder 146. **Zaldo, Ramón de**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Jacinto Rodríguez, Aug. 22, 1852, re land matters.

folder 147. **Campbell, Alvin C.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, Aug. 28, 1852, to George Hobe, requesting Hobe to look for John Watson, who is supposed to be working in an iron foundry in San Francisco, and to send him home, should he find him.

folder 148. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Jesuú Islas, Sept. 1852, re an agreement concerning cattle.

folder 149. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
Scope and Content Note  
Two incomplete drafts to Rafael Espinosa, Sept. 15, 1852, re his leaving his post in Baja California.

folder 150. **Soto, Manuel**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 151. **Townsend, Narcissa**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Mr. Gutiérrez, Sept.[?] 18, 1852, stating that her husband awaits a decision from Pico concerning his rancho.

folder 152. **Castro, María Antonia (Pico), d. 1884**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 12, 1852, reporting that Green came to Monterey and wants to see Castro in San Jose.

folder 153. **Zaldo, Ramón de**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 15, 1852[?], requesting him to come [to San Francisco?] as soon as possible.

folder 154. **Gregory, D. S.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 1, 1852, requesting information concerning copy of a title for James Williams, his client.
folder 155. **Berreyesa, María Zacarías (Bernal)**

Scope and Content Note

Promissory note, Nov. 9, 1852, to Manuel Castro, witnessed by A. C. Campbell, with receipts, Aug. 14, 1853 and Aug.[?] 12, 1854, signed by Castro.

folder 156. **Zaldo, Ramón de**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 1, 1852, reporting that Castro's uncle Andrés [Pico] has arrived in San Francisco and that Moreno is now in Los Angeles.

folder 157. **Carrera, Rodolfo [?]**

Scope and Content Note

Letter, Dec. 6, 1852, re sale of cattle.

folder 158. **Zaldo, Ramón de**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 13, 1852, requesting Castro to drop him a few lines concerning the business matter discussed the previous day.

folder 159. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, ca. 1853[?], re land case title.

folder 160. **Huse, Charles E.**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Castro, ca. 1853[?], stating he would like to represent Castro in the matter of California land case claims.

folder 161. **Romero, Maríano**

Scope and Content Note

Promissory note, Jan. 4, 1853, to Manuel Castro, witnessed by Josiah Merritt.

folder 162. **Castillo, Loreto**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 15, 1853, giving Castro power of attorney in a cattle transaction with Lorenzo Soto.

folder 163. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 17, 1853, wanting to know when he will see Castro.

folder 164. **Zaldo, Ramón de**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 19, 1853, stating that Castro's presence is required in San Francisco.

folder 165. **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1884**

Scope and Content Note

Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 30, 1853, sending documents re his father's title to El Tucho, and requesting Castro to present them before the land commissioner.
Box 2, folder 166. **Monza, Joaquín**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 167. **Castro, José Antonio, 1830**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 14, 1853, stating he has turned over all documents to Ramón de Zaldo.

folder 168. **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1884**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 25, 1853, requesting Castro to present his title before the land commissioners.

folder 169. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 170. **Packard, Albert**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Francisco Rico, ca. 1853[?], sending draft of power of attorney for Packard to act in land case 413, re land claimed on the Stanislaus River by Francisco Rico and José Antonio Castro.

folder 171. **Zaldo, Ramón de**  
Scope and Content Note  
Receipt for documents re title for the ranch on the Stanislaus River, for presentation before the land commissioners.

folder 172. **Honsemberger, Peter**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 12, 1853, reporting that Bona has not yet arrived in San Diego and Lorenzo Soto claims he has paid the account.

folder 173. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 15, 1853, asking him to arrange negotiations with Maríano Romero.

folder 174. **Bona, Tomás**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 12, 1853, re his arrival in San Diego.

folder 175. **Cháves, José Antonio**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, May 3, 1853, to Manuel Castro, stating he expects to be in San Jose later that afternoon.

folder 176. **Cháves, José Antonio**  
Scope and Content Note  
folder 177. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 1, 1853, re various business affairs.

folder 178. **Chávez, Jose Antonio**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 4, 1853, reporting that Castro’s affairs on the frontier are alright; several people have been interested in the Rancho Santa Catalina but he has made no settlements with anyone.

folder 179. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 4, 1853, telling Castro it is very important for him to come to San Jose.

folder 180. **Vera, Braulio[?]**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 6, 1853, re cattle.

folder 181. **Packard, Albert**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 6, 1853, introducing Eugene Sullivan, a lawyer who may be able to help in land claims.

folder 182. **Cervantes, A. León**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 7, 1853, re cattle transactions.

folder 183. **García, Francisco**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 8, 1853, requesting that Castro remit to the bearer, Juan Ignacio Cantua, the 150 pesos he loaned to Castro. With note of receipt signed by Cantua.

folder 184. **Buelna, María Joséfa**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 17, 1853, concerning some cattle.

folder 185. **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1084**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 25, 1853, introducing the bearer, his brother-in-law, and requesting Castro to help him in his business in San Francisco.

folder 186. **Packard, Albert**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 25, 1853, stating he expects cases to begin next week.

folder 187. **Gallagher, Edward**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 29, 1853, stating he expects to hear from Castro immediately. Writing as attorney for Basilia (Bernal) ____ Martin.
folder 188. **Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 11, 1853, stating he expects to be in San Jose in a few days, but would like to hear from Castro prior to his departure.

folder 189. **Gallagher, Edward**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 20, 1853, written for his client Basilia (Bernal) [Martin] re claim 779 before the Land Commission.

folder 190. **Tomásevich, Pedro**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Antonio Pico, Aug. 5, 1853, requesting information concerning a land matter.

folder 191. **Campbell, Alvin C.**
Scope and Content Note
Receipt, Aug. 14, 1853, of five hundred dollars from Zacarías Berreyesa for Manuel Castro.

folder 192. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 19, 1853, announcing his arrival in Stockton, and asking Castro to write to him in San Jose.

folder 193. **Campbell, Alvin C.**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 24, 1853, stating he is leaving that evening for Stockton.

folder 194. **Pico, Antonio María, 1803-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 30, 1853, reporting he is going through the local archives to prove title to El Rincón.

folder 195 . **Watson, son, John H.**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Antonio María Pico, Sept. 2, 1853, stating he hopes to be in San Jose in two weeks and will settle note at that time.

folder 196. **Arce, Francisco Casimiro, 1821-1878**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 6, 1853, sending his power of attorney to Castro to sell his land, Santa Isabel, in San Luis Obispo County.

folder 197. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 1, 1853, granting Castro power of attorney in sale of land.

folder 198. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter, Sept. 15, 1853, to Manuel Castro, acknowledging receipt of a receipt for money Castro turned over to Andrés Pico.
folder 199.  **Glidden, George Robins, 1809-1857**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 19, 1853, asking Castro to send him Antonio Chabolla's papers, he thinks he can do something about that claim.

folder 200.  **Packard, Albert**
Scope and Content Note
Letter, Sept. 29, 1853, stating he wishes to see Castro concerning land grants.

folder 201.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 1, 1853, requesting Castro to inform José de los Santos Berreyesa that he has not received any money nor was there any reply to his telegram.

folder 202.  **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1857**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 3, 1853, re land claim difficulties he would like to discuss with Castro.

folder 203.  **Pico, Andrés, 1810-1876**
Scope and Content Note
Telegram to Manuel Castro and A. C. Campbell, Oct. 6, 1853.

folder 204.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 15, 1853, sending a letter for Castro to answer, since he has the power of attorney to conduct Pico's business. Chabolla has not yet left, since he has not found the document Castro needs.

folder 205.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 27, 1853, stating he has received an offer for part of Calaveras, and wants Castro to find out about it. He also requests Castro to give twenty pesos to the bearer of the letter.

folder 206.  **Arce, Francisco Casimiro, 1821-1878**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 1, ca. 1853[?], stating he is pleased the Stanislaus River land grant has been confirmed and exhorts Castro to find some money.

folder 207.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 28, 1853, re sale of some lands.

folder 208.  **Berreyesa, José de los Santos**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to José Noriega, Dec. 24, 1853, taking exception to defamatory remarks allegedly made by Manuel Castro concerning the Berreyesa family.

folder 209.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Telegram, 1854.
folder 210. **Díaz, Manuel, 1810-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Francisco Arce, Jan. 6, 1854, requesting Arce to transmit 27 pesos to Carmen Cibrián.

folder 211. **Arce, Francisco Casimiro, 1821-1878**
Scope and Content Note

folder 212. **Cháves, José Antonio**
Scope and Content Note
Telegram to Antonio María Pico, Jan. 25, 1854, requesting Castro to return to San Francisco.

folder 213. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note

folder 214. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 15, 1854, stating he has just returned from San Francisco and would like to see him.

folder 215. **Rico, Francisco, 1820[?]**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to José Sepúlveda, Mar. 4, 1854, clarifying settlement of a debt between Sepúlveda and Manuel Castro.

folder 216. **Sánchez, Rafael**
Scope and Content Note

folder 217. **Escamilla, Blas A.**
Scope and Content Note
Telegram to Manuel Castro, Mar. 25, 1854, requesting Castro to send him 200 pesos.

folder 218. **U. S. Commission for Ascertaining and Settling Private Land Claims in California**
Scope and Content Note
Summons, Mar. 29, 1854, for Manuel Castro to appear as witness in petition of the City of San Francisco in case no. 280. Printed form filled in, signed by George Fisher.

folder 219. **Moreno, José Matías, 1817-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to José Castro, Apr. 1, 1854, reporting he has talked to Castillo Negrete re Castro's title to Las Salinas and San Quintín, and asks Castro to send him the expedientes so that title can be approved.

folder 220. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**
Scope and Content Note
Telegram, Apr. 4, 1854, to Manuel Castro, approving the extension of two leagues.
folder 221.  
**Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 6, 1854, reporting that Mr. Campbell is due to return soon.

folder 222.  
**U. S. Commission for Ascertaining and Settling Private Land Claims in California**  
Scope and Content Note  
Summons, Apr. 15, 1854, for Manuel Castro to appear as witness in the petition of Sebastián Rodríguez, case no. 192. Printed form filled in and signed by George Fisher.

folder 223.  
**Neilson, José R.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Juan Bautista Castro, Apr. 17, 1854, offering to teach him and his brother English.

folder 224.  
**Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 23, 1854, reporting that the Berreyesas have received a summons to appear in the U. S. Court.

folder 225.  
**Sánchez, Antonia M.**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter, Apr. 26, 1854, re an invitation.

folder 226.  
**Alvarado, Tomásina (Pico)**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 227.  
**Sepúlveda, José, 1802-1875**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 11, 1854, stating that Mauricio will settle the account.

folder 228.  
**Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 229.  
**Avila, Miguel, 1796-1874**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 27, 1854, sending documents stating that Joaquín Estrada is in his debt for a considerable number of livestock. Since he has not fulfilled his obligations, Avila gives Castro power of attorney to settle the matter for him.

folder 230.  
**Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 8, 1854, reporting that since the moment is opportune, a vessel is being outfitted under the Mexican flag and will leave soon for San Diego.

folder 231.  
**Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 9, 1854, stating that it is very important for Castro to come to San Jose to discuss findings of the Land Commission.
folder 232. **Castro, José Antonio, 1830-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Juan Bautista Alvarado, June 11, 1854, sending a copy of the expediente re grant of San Quintín.

folder 233. **Packard, Albert**
Scope and Content Note
Letter, June 18, 1854, to Manuel Castro, reporting that he is going to Los Angeles soon, and offers his services to Castro. He notes that he and Rico should occupy themselves with their rancho in the tulares, the case will be coming up soon.

folder 234. **Zaldo, Ramón de**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 25, 1854, telling Castro it is important to line up witnesses and requests him to come as soon as possible.

folder 235. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter, June 29, 1854, to Ramón de Zaldo, stating he hopes to leave for San Francisco in a few days. He tells of whereabouts of some of the witnesses.

folder 236. **Rico, Francisco, 1820[?]-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 25, 1854, requesting Castro to look up Limantour’s claim to El Gavilan.

folder 237. **Castro, Francisco, 1832-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 2, 1854, reporting that he has arrived in San Jose and wants to see Manuel. He will go on up to San Francisco if necessary.

folder 238. **Muñoz, Petra**
Scope and Content Note
Letter, Aug. 5, 1854, to Manuel Castro, requesting Castro to forward a letter to Cháves.

folder 239. **Islas, Jesús**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 1, 1854, re work for a friend of his who would like to settle in the area.

folder 240. **Hugues, Mariano**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 9, 1854, requesting position in Castro's office.

folder 241. **Rico, Francisco, 1820[?]-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 10, 1854, requesting that Castro pick up for Josefa Buelna Boronda her title and other documents from Halleck’s office.
folder 242. Pico, José de Jesús, 1807-
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 10, 1854, stating he has heard that the case of the San Jose Mission lands is coming up soon, and that the squatters are working with others to declare against the title.

folder 243. Montenegro, Eugenio
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Guadalupe Montenegro Figueroa, Sept. 15, 1854, re settlement of estate of José Figueroa in which his sister's two sons were left a part of the inheritance. He requests from them a power of attorney to Manuel Castro to represent them in court, and copies of their birth certificates.

folder 244. Urquidez, Tomás
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Francisco García, Oct. 12, 1854, re litigation over land, Rodeo de las Aguas, which he purchased from his brother-in-law Ricardo Bejar, which now a certain Benito Wilson says he bought from Rita Villa. Urquidez gives García his power of attorney to act for him in the matter.

folder 245. Pérez Vidal, Andrés
Scope and Content Note

folder 246. Rico, Francisco, 1820(?)-
Scope and Content Note

folder 247. Rico, Francisco, 1820(?)-
Scope and Content Note
Telegram to Manuel Castro, Oct. 23, 1854, requesting Castro to send the money, if he can spare it, to Adams & Co.

folder 248. Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 25, 1854, wishing to know what Castro is going to do about the Santa Clara proposal.

folder 249. Sánchez, Rafael
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 25, 1854, complaining about Castro's young friends and relatives who stay at the house in Monterey and require all kinds of services.

folder 250. Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 29, 1854, stating that the business they are interested in may be coming up soon.

folder 251. Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869
Scope and Content Note
Letter, Nov. 11, 1854, to Manuel Castro, sending a notice about Chabolla's ranch.
folder 252. **Avila, Miguel, 1796-1874**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 18, 1854, lamenting his present condition, and asking for information concerning his negotiations with Joaquín Estrada.

folder 253. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Miguel Avila, Nov. 25, 1854, stating that, to date, he has not been able to settle the business with Estrada, and mentioning other land matters.

folder 254. **Sánchez, Rafael**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 27, 1854, sending copy of expediente that Castro wanted.

folder 255. **Sepúlveda, José Dolores**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 30, 1854, requesting Castro to remit money loaned him to Francisco Rico, if he does not need it at this time.

folder 256. **Berreyesa, María Zacarías (Bernal)**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 1, 1854, requesting Castro to remit money owed her to Mr. Marks in San Francisco.

folder 257. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Juan B. Castro, Dec. 4, 1854, re collection of a debt from Teodoro González.

folder 258. **Sánchez, Rafael**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 8, 1854, reporting arrival of Juan Bautista and requesting Castro to pay a debt.

folder 259. **García, Francisco**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 14, 1854, asking him not to forget Tomás Urquides' business deal.

folder 260. **Sánchez, Rafael**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 23, 1854, re payment of a debt in San Francisco. Pico, the bearer, will tell him about what Castro's brothers are doing with the cattle. He also complains about the disorderly life on the ranch in Castro's absence.

folder 261. **Abrego, José, 1813-1878**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 27, 1854, informing him of the report of Teodoro González re the theft of 89 horses on the 24th. A reward has been posted for the return of the horses whose brands are recorded in the letter.

folder 262. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Draft of letter, ca. 1855(?), to Victorine [Laurent].
folder 263. **Laurent, Victorine**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Undated note, ca. 1855(?). With this, note of her address in Sacramento, written on verse of an October 1855 invitation.

folder 264. **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1884**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 1(?), 1855, reporting that he has heard that some individuals have come from Mexico to protest the title. Benito Díaz who heard this will be willing to come to San Francisco to discuss the matter. He asks Castro to carefully preserve all the documents in the case.

folder 265. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter, Jan. 3, 1855, to Manuel Castro, advising him to get in touch with Mr. Campbell who is now in San Francisco.

folder 266. **Dutra de Vargas, Manuel, 1822-**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 8, 1855, requesting financial assistance from Castro.

folder 267. **Avila, Miguel, 1796-1874**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 14, 1855, stating he feels Castro has delayed a lot in taking care of his business which has suffered as a consequence.

folder 268. **Pico, Antonio María**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 11, 1855, requesting Castro to send him the Santa Clara documents.

folder 269. **Sánchez, Rafael**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Feb. 14, 1855, telling him that Zaldo has requested the notebook re Guaymas be returned to him.

folder 270. **Leguizamont, M.**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 2, 1855, requesting a loan from Castro, in part to pay for a lawsuit.

folder 271. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 25, 1855, requesting him to take care of several business matters.

folder 272. **Sánchez, Rafael**  
*Scope and Content Note*  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Mar. 28, 1855, asking Castro if he has discussed the title with Ramón de Zaldo. He complains of the behavior of Josiah Merritt.
folder 273. **Arce, Francisco Casimiro, 1821-1878**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 8, 1855, introducing José María Cortazar who is going to San Francisco to have some assays done. He requests Castro to assist Cortazar in obtaining legal possession of the mines, etc.

folder 274. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 11, 1855, requesting replies to his two previous letters.

folder 275. **Pico, Andrés, 1810-1876**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 25, 1855, thanking Castro for informing him of the confirmation of titles of Santa Margarita and Las Flores. He now awaits confirmation of title to El Rincon.

folder 276. **Valdés, Juan**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 6, 1855, asking Castro to transmit a letter to his father-in-law, Juan Buelna, requesting news of his family.

folder 277. **Sawyer, Federico A.**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 10, 1855, informing Castro he will drop by later in the afternoon concerning a business matter.

folder 278. **Castro, Francisco**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 14, 1855, stating that their mother has incurred certain debts that must be paid. If Manuel cannot find the ready money, he should sell some cattle.

folder 279. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

**Scope and Content Note**
Draft of letter to María Antonia Pico Castro, May 19, 1855, concerning the debts mentioned in Francisco's letter. Business is not good, and some money he expected has not come in. He hopes to go down to Monterey soon.

folder 280. **Laurent, Victorine**

**Scope and Content Note**

folder 281. **Rodríguez, Manuel**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 27, 1855, sending some cattle to sell in order to obtain some money to pay for the confirmation of title for his ranch.

folder 282. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 27, 1855, re cattle business in the family.

folder 283. **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

**Scope and Content Note**
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 28, 1855, stating he cannot leave San José at the present time.
folder 284.  **Clarke, J.**

Scope and Content Note
Receipt, May 31, 1855, for 300 dollars from Manuel Rodríguez, via Manuel Castro.

folder 285.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, June 3, 1855, concerning Castro's lands in San José.

folder 286.  **López, Francisco**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to his parents, July 7, 1855, informing them that he is staying with his cousin, Francisco Arce, in San Francisco.

folder 287.  **Vallejo, Maríano Guadalupe, 1807-1890**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 16, 1855, stating that he left in a hurry to attend to some important business in Napa, and has returned home, but expects to return to San Francisco soon.

folder 288.  **González, Teodoro, 1806-1880[?]**

Scope and Content Note
Letter, July 21, 1855, informing Castro that he has written to Ramón de Zaldo requesting him to return documents re title to the Punt a del Monte, and he urges Castro to see that Zaldo do so.

folder 289.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

Scope and Content Note
Telegram, July 22, 1855, to Castro concerning whereabouts of Nasario Domínguez.

folder 290.  **Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, July 23, 1855, stating he wishes to get in touch with Nasario Galindo.

folder 291.  **Sánchez, Rafael**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 3, 1855, re family finances.

folder 292.  **Pico, Francisco**

Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel de Jesús Castro, Aug. 4, 1855, reporting that four horses were stolen from him at Monterey, and have turned up in the hands of some Americans. He needs some money to get them back.

folder 293.  **Laurent, Victorine**

Scope and Content Note

folder 294.  **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**

Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter, Aug. 24, 1855, to M. G. Vallejo reminding him of money due a certain individual.
folder 295.  Díaz, Benito
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Aug. 28, 1855, stating that on his return to San Francisco he hopes to be able to discuss business matters with Castro.

folder 296.  Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter to M. G. Vallejo, Sept. 1, 1855, requesting reply to his letters concerning certain business negotiations.

folder 297.  Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter to Lino López, Sept. 9, 1855, stating that Matías Moreno expects to return to California. Complete[?]

folder 298.  Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter to Lino López, Sept. 9, 1855, stating that Matías Moreno expects to return to California perhaps next June. Castro requests López to inform Moreno's family. He also introduces Felix Wierzbicki, the bearer of the letter. On verve of the draft, a list of lands claimed by Castro, signed by Felix B. Wierzbicki.

folder 299.  Chabolla, Antonio, 1804-
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 10, 1855, requesting Castro to give the bearer, Tomás Pico, thirty pesos.

folder 300.  Pico, Francisco
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 11, 1855, reiterating his need for some money; he cannot leave Monterey otherwise.

folder 301.  Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter to M. G. Vallejo, Sept. 12, 1855, re repayment of debts.

folder 302.  Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Sept. 15, 1855, concerning the person who is interested in Chabolla's land.

folder 303.  Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-
Scope and Content Note
Draft of letter to M. G. Vallejo, Sept. 27, 1855, requesting reply to his letters.

folder 304.  Moerenhout, Jacques Antoine, 1796-1879
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 7, 1855, requesting Castro to finish payment on his loan.

folder 305.  Pico, Francisco
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 12, 1855, reiterating his need for money.
folder 306. Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869  
Scope and Content Note  

folder 307. Marriott & Wheeler, San Francisco  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Oct. 22, 1855, notifying him that a note is due on the 24th.

folder 308. California. District Court (4th District)  
Scope and Content Note  
Summons, Nov. 14, 1855, for Manuel Castro to appear as witness in case Dewey vs. Lambier.

folder 309. Pico, Antonio María, 1808-1869  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Nov. 16, 1855, asking Castro to try to sell a lot of the Rincon.

folder 310. Alirre, Agustín  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Dec. 6, 1855, stating he has heard that lands belonging to Pico and Alvarado at the San José mission are about to be auctioned off by the sheriff at Union City. He asks Castro to get Pico to arrange for a portion of the garden to go to Alirre.

folder 311. Luco, José L.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Francisco Rico, Jan. 19, 1856, re sale of sheep.

folder 312. Mendivil, Ramón  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Jan. 23, 1856, re some documents he needs that are in Castro's possession.

folder 313. Campbell, Alvin C.  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, Apr. 25, 1856, requesting Castro to come to San Francisco, since the case is to begin next week.

folder 314. Alvarez, Santa María  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Manuel Castro, May 16, 1856, asking Castro to remit some letters to Andrés Pico.

folder 315. Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-  
Scope and Content Note  
Draft of letter, June 14, 1856, to Rafael Sánchez re family matters.

folder 316. Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-  
Scope and Content Note  
Letter to Juan Bautista Castro, June 30, 1856, re his lawsuits, the sale of a portion of the Stanislaus River land, and matters involving cattle.

folder 317. Drafts of an agreement between H. P. Hepburn and Henry Wilkins with Manuel Castro. 1856
folder 318. **Gómez, Vicente Perfecto, 1824-1884**
Scope and Content Note
Complaint in case Gómez vs. Manuel Castro, Mar. 1863 in litigation over Rancho Panocha Grande.

folder 319. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**
Scope and Content Note
Description of some land, with rough map on verve. Undated draft.

folder 320. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**
Scope and Content Note
Draft, entitled “Colonización a Sonora”, re an edict by Santa Anna.

folder 321. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**
Scope and Content Note
Portion of testimony re a certain land case document. Undated.

folder 322. **Flores, José María, d. 1866[?]**
Scope and Content Note
Land grant to Francisco Arce of land in Baja California, named Punta Banda. Undated.
Complete[?] Copy only.

folder 323. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús, 1821-**
Scope and Content Note
Letter to Arenas, Sept. 30, n.y., requesting Arenas to give Gómez the 10 pesos loaned to Arenas the preceding year.

folder 324. **Miscellany**
Scope and Content Note
8 items, including an arithmetic notebook.

Box 3, folder 325. **Castro, José Simeón Juan Nepomuceno: Accounts, 1838-1842**
Scope and Content Note
Undated items at end of folder. 19 items.

folder 326. **Castro, José Simeón Juan Nepomuceno: Estate accounts, 1843-1856**
Scope and Content Note
Include bills from Francis Dye, David Spence, José Rafael Gonzalez, William R. Garner, and receipts for state and county taxes assessed on the estate. 11 items.

folder 327. **Castro, María Antonia (Pico): Accounts, 1849-1852**
Scope and Content Note
Include receipts from Thomas 0. Larkin and Isaac B. Wall, and receipted bill from Bernardino Vázquez. 3 items.

folder 328. **Castro, Manuel: Accounts, 1853-**
Scope and Content Note
Includes receipt from Anastasio Vargas, witnessed by Pedro Vázquez. 3 items.

folder 329-334. **Castro, Manuel de Jesús: Accounts, 1840-1856**
folder 329. 1840-1844.
Scope and Content Note
Includes accounts with David Spence, Thomas O. Larkin, James Watson. 9 items.

folder 330. 1845-1851.
Scope and Content Note
Includes accounts with Thomas O. Larkin, William Howard, Manuel Dutra and James Watson. 7 items.

folder 331. 1852-1853.
Scope and Content Note

folder 332. 1854.
Scope and Content Note
Includes accounts with Gailhard Frères (St. Francis Hotel), Tehama House, Howard & Kemp, E. S. Dean, Cory & Spencer, Adams & Co. 10 items.

folder 333. 1855.
Scope and Content Note
Includes accounts with the San Francisco Herald, L. Fisher, St. Francis Hotel, Javier Jofré, St. Francis Restaurant, Pacific Express Company. (16 items)

folder 334. 1856 and n. d.
Scope and Content Note
Includes accounts with I. Ezquer and others. 5 items.

folder 335. Castro, Manuel de Jesús
Scope and Content Note
Promissory notes, 1845-1855 (4 items)

folder 336-344. Land papers, relating to property in California.
folder 336. Merced and Fresno Counties - Sanjon de Santa Rita
Scope and Content Note
Deed from Francisco Soberanes to Manuel Castro, Jan. 11, 1853

folder 337. Rancho Bolsa Nueva y Moro Cojo
Scope and Content Note
Mortgage from María Antonia Pico Castro and Manuel Castro to James Ross and Alexander Forbes, Mar. 10, 1856, with note of satisfaction of the mortgage, Jan. 20, 1857; and mortgage from María Antonia Pico Castro and Manuel Castro to Domingo Pujol, Jan. 16, 1857

folder 338. Rancho Cañada de los Osos
Scope and Content Note
Incomplete deed, Sept. 8, 1854, José Castro and his wife with George C. Bates and Albert Packard; and incomplete deed, Jan. 30, 1855, José Castro and his wife with Ramón de Zaldo.
Rancho Cañada de San Miguel
Scope and Content Note
Lease by Manuel Castro to Robert King, Nov. 14, 1853

San Benito Mine
Scope and Content Note
Agreement, Dec. 26, 1855, between Manuel de Jesús Castro, Ramón Mendivil, Francisco Rico and Mariano Soberanes, concerning the exploitation of the mines located on San Benito Creek; and declaration by José Francisco Castro, Juan B. Castro, José A. Castro, Mariano G. Soberanes and Josiah Meritt of a mine in Monterey Co., Jan. 7, 1856.

San Joaquín Co. Ranchería del Río Estanislao
Scope and Content Note
Copy of original grant by Manuel Micheltorena to Francisco Rico and José Antonio Castro, Dec. 29, 1843; copy of diseno; deed from Francisco Rico to Manuel Castro for the property, May 30, 1853; deed from Manuel Castro to Albert Packard, Oct. 28, 1854, in draft form; financial statement, 1855, concerning the property; draft statement to Cándido Gutierrez[?], n. d., by Manuel Castro concerning mortgage payments on part of the property.

San Luis Obispo Co. Rancho Santa Isabel
Scope and Content Note
Incomplete deed, Oct. 12, 1855, from Francisco Aree to Manuel Castro.

Santa Clara Co. Embarcadero de Santa Clara
Scope and Content Note

Santa Cruz Co. Rancho Punt a del Año Nuevo
Scope and Content Note
Copy by Rafael Sánchez of Jan. 21, 1849 document describing the land granted to Simeón Castro; draft of deed of sale to Isaac Graham, 1851; Manuel Castro's petition, Sept. 9, 1851, concerning an evaluation placed on the land; agreement signed by Manuel Castro and Isaac Graham, Sept. 23, 1851, re sale of land to Graham; copy of deed from heirs of Simeón Castro to Isaac Graham, Oct. 1, 1851; receipt by Josiah Merritt for his wife Juana Castro Merritt, Oct. 25, 1851, for part of the sale of the rancho; receipt by Peter Tracy of payment for his services, Nov. 12, 1851; receipt by Manuel Castro to Graham, Oct. 26, 1852; receipt by Josiah Merritt for his wife, Oct. 31, 1852; 2 undated desenos.

Unidentified maps (3)
Scope and Content Note
Possible locales noted on maps