
Finding Aid for the Rancho San Pedro : documents, [1854?]

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rancho San Pedro : documents

Date (inclusive): [1854?]

Collection number: 170/041

Creator: Rancho San Pedro

Extent: 220 leaves : paper ; 28 x 22 cm

Abstract: Typescript abstract of title for the Rancho San Pedro, consisting of copies of documents related to the property, dated 1805 to 1854.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

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Biography/History

The Rancho San Pedro, also known as the Dominguez Ranch, consisted of 75,000 acres gifted to Juan Jose Dominguez, a Spanish soldier, in 1784. In 1826, Dominguez's nephew, Manuel Dominguez, built an adobe home on the property for his family. Manuel Dominguez and his wife, Maria Engracia Cota, had ten children; six daughters survived, and were all raised in the adobe. The Rancho San Pedro was strategically located during the Mexican War and was the site of major skirmishes; it was also an important stagecoach stop for travelers, conveniently situated between the Pueblo of Los Angeles and the port of San Pedro.

Don Manuel Dominguez held public office under both the Mexican and U.S. governments in California. Before 1857, he was elected three times as Alcalde (Mayor) and Judge of Los Angeles; he later served as a Supervisor for Los Angeles County. He was also selected as a delegate to the convention in Monterey which drew up the first State Constitution.

Scope and Content

Typescript copies of legal documents relating to Rancho San Pedro, including wills, complaints, orders from Governor Arrillaga, boundary reports, letters concerning territory, deeds, agreements, petitions, and decrees from the Board of Land Commissioners. The abstract was compiled by the firm of Grove and Wilkinson, probably for the purpose of proving ownership by Juan Jose Dominguez, and later, his nephew, Manuel Dominguez, to the Board of Land Commissioners. Includes index.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Genres and Forms of Material

Manuscripts.

Related Material

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