

## Historic Documents File

### Description

The Documents File consists of unpublished records (2.5 linear ft.) of original and photoduplicated materials related to Monterey and early California. The collection is divided into six series. Series I contains a selection of land deeds, title abstracts, and land patents. Series II contains letters. Series III includes probate, baptismal and marriage records. Series IV. includes Monterey and early California ordinances, petitions and proclamations. Series V consists of selected descriptive articles and records not filed in the Clipping File. It also contains a photocopy of the Monterey County Jail ledger, 1850-1858. Folders are arranged chronologically and numerically.

### Series I. Property and Tax Records Box 1

1. **Land grant to Fernandez by Governor Mariano Vallejo, June 3, 1828.** Photostat copy.
- 2a. **Sello cuarto una cuartilla a' habilitado de Monterey de la alta California.** Original "sealed papers." Signed by J. J. Gomez and Salvador Espinosa. Ramon Abella, Jose Eusebio Boronda, Jose Antonio Gasiola (sp?), P. Garcia.
- 2b. **Sello cuarto una cuartilla habilitado per la administracion de la Aduana maritima de Monterey . . .** Signed by Jose Rafael Gonzales, Gov. Figueroa. To Comandante, Presidio of San Francisco. 1830. Original sealed document.
3. **Sello primero ocho pesos. Habilitado provisionalmente por la Aduana maritima del puerto de Monterey . . .** Signed by Gov. Michelterena, Manuel Castasa... Sealed document. Photostat copy.
4. **Sello cuarto dos Reales, Jose Abrego, Monterey, December 31, 1837.** Original sealed document. See archivist.
5. A. **Sello cuarto dos Reales. Certificate of Governor and Comandant General Micheltorema. Por cuanto Don Diego Forbes . . .** Santa Clara. Signed by Manuel Jimeno, Feb. 28, 1844. Photostat.  
B. **Habilitado provisionalmente . . . Puerto de Monterey, 1830.** Signed by Echeandia and Casarin. Photostat sealed document.  
C. **Jose Castro certification of Don Juan Bovet, June 20, 1858.** Photostat.  
D. **Sello cuarto dos Reales. Habilitado provisionalmente por aduana maritima del puerto Monterey.** Signed by Castanares, July 17, 1843. Manuel Jimeno.  
E. **Manuel Castro, Republica Mexicana, 1859.** Signed by Jose Abrego, December 31, 1833. Photostat copy of sealed document.
6. **Disenos del Rancho San Vicente.** Maria Antonia Field. Includes map. Esteban Munras, Pachito Soto, San Vicente. Photostat.
7. **Selected facsimiles of early California documents.** Includes: Bear Flag; Drake's account; letter of Fr. Serra; Signatories for the school in Monterey, September 1844; Proclamation of Gov. R. F. Stockon, Aug. 17, 1846; Donner letter, May 11, 1848; Californian, March 15, 1848; Brig. Gen. Riley's proclamation to the people of California, June 3, 1849. Heritage House.

8. **Deeds of Talbot Green, Wm. R. Garner, Bernard McKenzie, Monterey, California, 1844-1848. Signed by Alcalde Walter Colton.** Deeds of A. Soto, Vicente Molina, Juan Abeya, Francisco Soto, and Advuana Maritima, signed by Marcelino Escobar. Photocopies from U. S. Records of the General Land Office, California Private Land Claim 403, 1879. Part of Exhibit, No. 38702 (City of Monterey), 1954.
9. **Land conveyance of Jose Abrego to Lewis Belcher, Rancho San Francisquito, 1853.** 9 p. Photostat copy. 9 p.
10. **Transcript of the proceedings in case no. 714, City of Monterey, claimant, vs. the United States, defendant, for the place named "Pueblo Lands." 1853-58.** 119 p. Photostat copy. Includes petition of the City presented to the U.S. Board of Land Commissioners and depositions of Juan B. Alvarado, Manuel Castro.
11. **Power of attorney of Delos R. Ashley to David Jacks, dated Apr 15, 1868.** Transcribed typescript [photocopy]. Title to Lot 16, Block 116, Monterey, 1868-1874. Reverse negative photostat.
12. A. **Field notes of the Reservation and examination made in the Pueblo of Monterey, by A.T. Herrmann, Deputy Surveyor . . . commenced September 8, 1879 . . . completed September 23, 1879.** Exhibit 3, No. 38702, May 11, 1954. U.S. General Land Office. Photostatic copy.  
 B. **Minutes, Monterey Board of Trustees, January 1859.** 5 p. Typed transcript [photostatic copy]  
 C. Typed transcription of **Act granting to the city of Monterey the title to the water front.** 3 p. Exhibit 1, No. 38702, May 11, 1954. Includes maps of Custom House Reservation and railway line.
13. **B. Report by A. T. Herrmann, Deputy Surveyor, of examination of reservations within the Monterey Pueblo Lands, California, November 15, 1879.** U. S. General Land Office Records. 8 p. photostat copy made by the U. S. General Land Office. Exhibit 4, No. 38702, May 11, 1954. Includes Custom House Reservation grants.
14. **Deed of gift of John B. C. Cooper to Martha M. Cooper, February 5, 1879.** Lands situated in Castroville. 4 p. Original deed.
15. **Abstract of title to lot of land in the city of Monterey, owned by Wilhelmine Michaelis, and fronting . . . Alvarado Street . . . towards Tyler.** 1843-1893. 29 p., with handwritten additions, typed carbon copy. Includes deeds of Stokes, Harner, Withers, Hatton, Schaufele, et al.
16. **Land patent, U. S. General Land Office to the City of Monterey, filed November 28, 1891, Monterey Co. Patents Book, Vol. F,** p. 178-193 (Apr 14, 1896). 16 p. photostat copy. See No. 17 below for transcribed copy of record.
17. **Land patents of the City of Monterey, 1844-1896.** Includes grants of Francisco Soto and of City, 1844( Solares de Monterey, p. 54); of Wm. R. Garner and Barnard McKenzie, signed by Alcalde Walter Colton, July 20, 1848 (Solares de Monterey, p. 232); 1844 grants of David Spence, Antonio Osio, Wolter; 1891 General Land Office patent to the City of Monterey (Monterey Co. Patents, Vol. F, p. 178-193). Photostat copies. Part of exhibit for Case No. 38702, May 11, 1954.
18. **Land patent of the City of Monterey "for certain lands situated within said City," recorded 1896.** Issued by President Benjamin Harrison, November, 1891. Recorded in Monterey County Patents Book, Vol. F, p. 178-193. Photocopies of original record and typed transcriptions. Also see No. 14 above.

19. **City of Monterey property tax record of Cosgreve Heard.** February 21, 1900. Original document, mounted.
20. **Abstract of title to lot D of Rancho Bolsa del Potrero y Moro Cojo . . . made at the request of J. B. R. Cooper.** 1829-1900. 23 p., typed carbon copy, dated 1901.
21. **City of Monterey payments and receipts of sale to D. R. Ashley, dated 1859.** Exhibit in case of City of Monterey vs. David Jacks, et al., July 22, 1902. 5 p. Typed carbon and certified payments and receipts.
22. **Abstract of title to Lot 30 not in block as per Assessor's Map of Monterey City, Cal., made at the request of J. B. R. Cooper, Esq.** 1846-1902. 11 p. typed carbon.
23. **Deed of George W. Devereaux, Leroy Lacey, and Silas Mack to Rufugio and Frank Gomez, May 5, 1906.** Mimeograph with affixed signed certification.
24. **Deed of Frank Gomez, et al to Filipe Gomez, Lot 4, Block 1, Johnson's Addition, Monterey, Nov 15, 1906.** "Running from Van Buren to Gordon streets . . . behind Colton Hall, originally granted to Tiburcio Vasquez, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1840."
23. **Abstract of title to a lot of land situate in the City of Monterey conveyed by David Jacks to Placida M. Espinosa . . . , December 14, 1901.** Recorded in Monterey County Records, Deeds, Vol. 66, p. 97.  
**Abstract of title to a lot of land situate in the City of Monterey conveyed by Gracio Martinez to Refugio Martinez, October 29, 1896.** Recorded in Monterey County Records, Deeds, Vol. 50, p. 71. Typescript. Includes maps, deeds from 1861 to 1920, and 1891 court decree. Title search completed by Monterey County Abstract Co. in 1924. 43 p. total. Names: Ashley, D. R.; Basham, Frank M.; David; Dutra, Vicente; Dutra, William; Espinosa, Abel N.; Fritz, Samuel L.; Martinez, Gracia; Martinez, Maria Antonio, Martinez de Espinosa, Placido; Martinez, Refugio; McConnell, William J.; McConnell, May; Powers, Arthur; Wheeler, James F.; Arthur H.; Williams, John M.
24. **Pacific Improvement Company. (A) Pebble Beach Price List No. 3, 1914. (B) List of Pebble Beach accounts** (typescript). (C) **Pacific Improvement Co., Pacific Grove pass, August 21, 1901** (Signed by B. A. Eardley).
25. **William R. Staats Co., San Francisco, cover letter for del Monte Properties Co.** first mortgage gold bonds.
26. **Monterey County land grants - Western Ranch & Home.** Typescript listing title, acreage, grantee, and date of confirmation. N.d. [Copy placed in Clipping File.]
27. **Spanish and Mexican land grants and brands.** 1977. Boronda y Espinosa Spanish & Mexican Land Grants Co. Printed list. [Copy placed in Clipping File.]
28. **Abstract of Title and Certificate of Search of Lots 10, 12, 14 and 16 in Block 8 of Little's Survey of New Monterey, 1886 to Sept. 1889.**

## Series II. Letters and Biographical Materials

Box 2

1. Signature from letter, Monterey, May 26, 1826. Photostatic copy.
2. **Letter of Walter Colton to family friend, July 25, 1827.** See archivist.
3. **Letter of Cesareo Labaillado to John Marsh, Monterey, November 19, 1843.** Photostatic copy.
4. **Letter of M. M. McCarver, delegate to the California Constitutional Convention, to Francis Voris, Peoria, Illinois, September 19, 1849.**  
Photostatic copy.
5. **Letter of John Boston, President, Common Council and Acting Mayor, City of Monterey, to the Common Council, May 6, 1850.** Original.
6. **Letter of C. M. Hitchcock, San Francisco, to Captain V. Silgreans [sp?], June 20, 1858.** Reference to the "Frazer River Excitement" among "our Miners." 2 p.
7. **Letter of John (Jack) Swan, "My old spectacles," ca. 1873.** Photostatic copy [poor].
8. **Letter of William T. Sherman to Aley[sp.?], Washington, D. C., July 29, 1881.** Includes reference to Gen. Sherman's stay at the Hotel Del Monte as a member of the Presidential party. A. Original [See archivist.] B. Photostatic copy of original.
9. **Letter of A. S. Roe, Wembly, Middlesex, England, to Ann Dare, Carmel, California, March 3, 1897.** Original with envelope.
10. **Letters of Ann Dare.** Original.
  - A. **A. S. Roe to Madam Ann Dare, Carmel, March 3, 1897.**
  - B. **Adam Beck and Madam Ann Dare to c/o Farmers Loan & Trust Co., London, September 12, 1906.**
  - C. **Radcliffe Hall to Madam O'Dare, March 11, 1929,** mentions works of Robinson Jeffers.
11. **Letters of John Cook describing California and Monterey in 1847-1849,** including the raising of the American flag. Written in 1908. A. Original [see archivist.] B. 6 p. Typed transcript and photostatic copies of original.
13. **Letter of John A. Swan to Edwin H. Frost, 1894,** regarding first newspaper in California. Original, mounted.
12. **Biographical sketch of Rev. Walter Colton, n.d.** 2 p. Photostatic copy and typed transcript. [Copy placed in Clipping File: Bio - Colton, Walter]
13. **William O. Raiguel documents.**
  - A. **Notice of hearing petition for probate of will of Bema Lyn Raiguel, May 1941** [carbon copy].
  - B. **Monterey Peninsula Rotary Club Autobiograph of William Otis Raiguel,** ca. 1930s.
  - C. **Biographical sketch [draft] of architect W. O. Raiguel** [photocopy].
14. **Letter of Maria Antonia Field to Mrs. Hellam (City Librarian), Monterey, November 31, 1945.** Original. [See archivist.]
15. **Letter of Herbert Hoover to Pauline McCleary, Colton Hall Curator, March 15, 1962,** regarding demolition of the Henry House. Photocopy. (Copy placed in Clipping File?)
16. **Letters of Donnan Jeffers to Charles Rollo Peters, 1964-66.** [See archivist.]

**Series III. Wills, Birth, Marriage and Related Records.** Box 2

1. **Baptismal record of Rita de la Torre de Serrano, April 15, 1827, Presidio of Monterey.** Photostatic copy.
2. **Birth record of Martha Ines Wolter, daughter of Carlos Wolter and Josefa Antonia Estrada, April 22, 1851.** Photostatic copy. **Record of Josefa Antonia Estrada, Presidio of Monterey, May 18, 1813(?).**
4. **Last will and testament of W.E.P. Hartnell, Monterey, February 28, 1854.** Monterey Co. Probate Court. 7 p. Photostatic copy.
5. **A. Marriage certification of Florencio Serrano and Maria Rita de la Torre, Monterey, January 10, 1856.** Photostatic copy.  
**B. Baptismal record of Joaquin Serrano, son of Florencio Serrano and Rita de la Torre, Monterey, January 10, 1856.** Photostatic copy.
6. **Certification of Juan Bovet by Military Commandante Jose Castro, June 20, 1858.** Photostatic copy.
7. **Will of Maria Teresa del Guerra de Hartnell, April 20, 1882, filed August 3, 1885,** Superior Court of Monterey, No. 142. 5 p. Photostat copy.
8. **Last Will and Testament of Alice Larkin Toulmin, January 31, 1963, with codicil.** Photocopy.

**Series IV. Ordinances, Proclamations, and Notices.** Box 2

1. **Petition of Jose Maria Albizu at the Presidio of San Francisco to the Comandante** for discharge from the Cabala a guarnera, August 2, 1831. Photostatic copy, mounted.
2. **Notice of Guillermo Eduardo Hartnell (William Edward) of the establishment of a "Casa de Educacion y Pupilaje," Port of Monterey, December 10, 1833.** Photostatic copy.
3. **Proclamation of Comandante Mariano G. Vallejo, General de la Alta California, to the residents, February 24, 1837.** [Issued during revolt against Gov. Alvarado.][Facsimile]
4. **Notices of The Californian, 1846-1847.** Photostatic copies [3].
5. **Proclamation to the people of the District of San Francisco," by Bvt. Brig. General & Governor Riley, June 4, 1849.** Photostatic copy.
6. **Ordinance No. 108 concerning the incorporation of Monterey, June 10, 1889. Notice of Election to incorporate Monterey, May 13, 1889.** [Photostatic copies].
7. **Official notices of the census of Monterey, 1905-1908.** [4]. Signed original documents.
8. **Memorandum, Monterey Chamber of Commerce to Shell Oil Co., Jan. 26, 1944.** [Photostatic copy].

## **Series V. Records and Selected Articles**

1. **Jail Register, Monterey County, California, 1850-1858, 1860s.** [Photocopy of original in the California History Room Archival Collections.]
2. **Article of Co-partnership . . . between Robert D. Hume and Herbert Hume, San Francisco, May 5, 1898.**
3. **Steel, Malcolm W. The Great California Earthquake of 1906.** Description of earthquake damage, written by Carmel resident whose family moved to Pacific Grove after the earthquake. Copy placed in Clipping File. [Mimeograph]
4. **Pacific Biological Laboratory file cards, 1922-1935.** [Photocopies].
5. **Data on State Highway 1, Monterey to San Luis Obispo, ca. 1935-38.** [Typescript]
6. **United States Flag Centennial Press Releases, Envelopes and Program.** [16 items] [Mimeographed and printed originals]
7. **Analysis of the data. Fort Ord downsizing . . . for the educational reuse of Fort Ord.** Delphi Panel, Educational Advisory Committee to the Ft. Ord Community Task Force. 27 p. [p.53-79]. [Typescript]
8. **Jones and Stokes. Preliminary report of Archeological Investigation, Presidio of Monterey** [Lighthouse Ave. Widening Project,] May 3, 1985. [Typescript]
9. **An alphabetical record of Monterey County Representatives in the Legislature, 1849-1987.** 43 p.; illus. E. C. Davis, comp. [Typescript]. Bound copy added to Book collection, 1/99.