

# Diseño del Rancho del Arroyo Chico

## MSS 295



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### Collection Summary

#### Title

Diseño Rancho del Arroyo Chico, Diseño Rancho del Arroyo Chico

#### Call Number

MSS 295

#### Creator

John Bidwell, 1819-1900

#### Language of Materials

English and Spanish

#### Extent

Items: 1 box

Linear Feet: .20

#### Abstract

Diseño del Rancho del Arroyo Chico, handdrawn in 1846, purchase from William Dickey in 1849, was granted and confirmed to John Bidwell in 1859. Deeds, grants and map showing Arroyo Chico (Big Chico Creek), Arroyo Sacramento (Sacramento River), Arroyo Seco.

### Information for Researchers

#### Access Restrictions

Folder 1a: original. Restricted due to fragility. "A" part 2. Use copy provided.

**Usage Restrictions**

No usage restrictions.

**Publication Rights**

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

**Alternate Form of Material**

Diseño del Rancho del Arroyo Chico [photograph] [sc20000](#)

**Acquisition Information**

Butte County Probate Records, # 1187, Butte County Superior Court

**Processing Information**

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**Online Catalog Headings**

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

[Butte County \(Calif.\) -- Maps.](#)

[Rancho del Arroyo Chico \(Calif.\)](#)

[Sacramento River \(Calif.\) -- Maps.](#)

[Big Chico Creek \(Calif.\) -- Maps.](#)

[Land grants -- California.](#)

[Bidwell, John, 1819-1900.](#)

[Chico \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

[Butte County \(Calif.\) -- History.](#)

**Related Collections**

John Bidwell Papers, MSS 002

<http://opac.csuchico.edu/search~S5/?searchtype=1&searcharg=mss+002&searchscope=5&SORT=D&extended=1&SUBMIT=Search&searchlimits=&searchorigarg=lmss002>

Plat of the Rancho del Arroyo Chico [cartographic material]: confirmed to John Bidwell / exterior boundaries surveyed under instructions from the U.S. Surveyor General, by A.W. Von Schmidt, Deputy Surveyor. [G4363 B8 G465 1859 V8 \(N.E. Cal.\)](#)

Plat of the Rancho del Arroyo Chico [photograph] Historical Photographs [sc13248](#)

Plat of Rancho del Arroyo Chico [photograph] Historical Photographs [sc17320](#)

**Biographical/ Historical Note****Scope and Content/Collection Overview**

Contains deeds and land grants from Spanish and Mexican governments, and California government for the ownership of Rancho del Arroyo Chico. In Spanish and English. Begins with land grant of Rancho del Arroyo Chico to William Dickey, November 18, 1844 by

Governor Manuel Micheltorena. Hand drawn map showing the natural borders described as the Sacramento River to the east, and to the north along Big Chico Creek. The land grant contains 22,214.47 acres or five square miles. Sets of grants and deeds labeled A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. Decree from the United States to John Bidwell labeled H. Certified by J.W. Mandeville, Surveyor General of the United States for the State of California, on October 31, 1859.

### **Arrangement**

Original order.

### **Material Cataloged Separately**

None.

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

#### **Located in oversized manuscript drawer:**

“A” part 1, J.W. Mandeville, Office of the Surveyor General, of United States, for California. Certificate of authenticity that the documents transferred from the Archives of Upper California Spanish and Mexican territory to ascertain and settle the private land claims in California of Rancho del Arroyo Chico, October 31, 1859. This certificate refers to 8 pages in Folder 1. One item. Handwritten in English

**Folder 1: use copy** “A” part 2. 8 pages referred to in above certificate. Land grant from Spanish and Mexican territory to William Dickey, June 4, 1846. First plat map (page 5) of Rancho del Arroyo Chico, hand drawn. Change of boundaries by John Bidwell, April 2, 1852. Hand written in Spanish and English.

**Folder 1a: original. Restricted due to fragility.** “A” part 2. 8 pages referred to in above certificate. Land grant from Spanish and Mexican territory to William Dickey, June 4, 1846. First plat map (page 5) of Rancho del Arroyo Chico, hand drawn. Change of boundaries by John Bidwell April 2,1852. Hand written in Spanish and English.

**Folder 2:** “B” Grant. Manuel Micheltorena to William Dicky [sic]. November 18, 1844. Hand written English translation of grant.

**Folder 3:** “C” Deed. William Dickey to George M. Kinstry Jr. Certified Copy. May 7, 1849. Hand written in English.

**Folder 4:** “D” Deed. George M. Kinstry Jr. to John Bidwell. Certified Copy. July 6, 1849. Hand written in English.

**Folder 5:** “E” Deed. George M. Kinstry Jr. to Justus M. Kinstry. Certified Copy. December 7, 1850. Handwritten in English.

**Folder 6:** “F” Deed. Justus M. Kinstry to John Bidwell. Certified Copy. February 20, 1851. Handwritten in English.

**Folder 7:** “G” Deed. William Dickey to John Bidwell. Certified Copy. May 1, 1852. Handwritten in English.

**Folder 8:** "H" Decree. United States to John Bidwell. July 16, 1855. Handwritten in English.