

Nevada Historical Society

MSNC1053 San Francisco County Documents

This collection consists of two folders with public records of circa 1860-70.

Folder one:

There are three "DEEDS OF TRUST".

1) Charles H. Wakelee to Henry L. Nelson

This deed describes property to be sold for \$ 500.00 in gold coin. Nelson actually bought one half of the property, which was better defined in the 1878 letter. The sale was September 1, 1870. The property was part of a land grant, dated July 13, 1840. The property is in Sonoma County. The property was called "Rancho Agua Caliente". There is also a letter from William Sharp, attorney at law, stating that Wakalee and Nelson are equal owners of the Sonoma property. This letter was dated May 21, 1878.

2) George Barstow to William Barber

William Barber bought a piece of land on Presidio Road in San Francisco for \$ 50.00, The exact description of the property is provided in the deed, The deed is dated March 2, 1863.

3) James Arthur Moulton, Samuel H. Devinelle, Thomas H. Holt, Benjamin T. Moneton, Merit Welton, John Johnston, & Edward W. Jones Atty to William Barber.

This property, described in the deed, was sold to Mr. Barber for \$ 50.00. The sale took place on the 2nd of March, 1863.

Conveyance of Real Estate

Alexander Austin (tax collector for the City and County of San Francisco to Simon Simmons.

The property described in this conveyance had a levy on it for non-payment of taxes. The amount of the levy was \$ 1730.00. Mr. Simon Simmons paid the assessment and secured the property on Mission St. in San Francisco.

Certificate of Sale

Alexander Austin, tax collector to James Dameron.

The property described in this certificate of sale was property repossessed from James Nichols for nonpayment of property taxes. James Dameron received the property with his bid and paid the taxes and costs incurred in the property transfer. It appears Daneron then transferred the property to Simon Simmons. These transactions took place on the 2nd and 3rd of March 1869.

Tide Lands

Marin County Document filed September 26, 1868 and approved March 2, 1870. The document was recorded March 5, 1870. This property was tide lands. It is hard to determine what this document is trying to determine other than what is tide land. Warren Dutton, the surveyor received 6.29 for his work.

Letters and Notes:

- 1) Letter dated December 28, 1863. This letter tells of the transfer of \$ 500.00 between the attorney general of the United States and Isaac Hartman. It also mentions the sum of \$2,100.00 that is due from the United States Govt.
- 2) This letter distributes \$2500 between eight men. They are payments by J B Parker. For what purpose the money was divided is unknown. The letter is dated October 21, 1864.
- 3) Payable Note, dated September 22, 1866. J.C. Maynard requested the sum of \$200 be paid to Hilton and Titors for blacksmith work
- 4) A note to a Mr. G.B. Parker, requesting that he pay a sum of \$50 to Capt. Wm. H. Best. The sum is to be paid in gold. The note is dated April 18, 1864 and was witnessed by Mr. Robertson and Larsen.
- 5) Letter describing a legal case between the United States and the City of San Francisco. It deals with a land claim. The property is now the Presidio, and contains Fort Baker, which is under the Golden Gate Bridge. The paper is dated May 18, 1865.

Folder two:

Articles of Association Amalgamation and Consolidation

The one document that caught my eye in folder 2 was a document issued by the State of California's Department of State, allowing the merger of the San Francisco Bay RR Co. with the Western Pacific RR. The Western Pacific was controlled by the "Big Four" of the Central Pacific RR. The WP was then merged into the CPRR.

There are seven DEEDS, transferring the ownership of property. All the deeds give the legal description of the piece of property to be transferred. All the deeds are dated between 1867 and 1870.

- 1) William Barber to John Johnston
- 2) William Wolf to Sarah Levy
- 3) Orrin Farnharn to William Wolf
- 4) Simon Simmons to Marcus B Seny
- 5) John W Dwinelle to A J Pope and W C Talbot
- 6) S. Simmons to Orrin Farnharn
- 7) William T Coleman to Hetty H Robinson

One "POWER OF ATTORNEY"

Hugh Hamilton to Crane and Boyd, Attorneys at Law

It appears that Hugh Hamilton acquired the services of Crane and Boyd, to clear up the estate of his brother, William F, Hamilton. William had 160 acres of land, to which there may have been money owed. Hugh is attempting to get the property in his name. The document is dated April 29, 1867.

One "MORTGAGE"

George W Dam and Allan J Gladding to Francis Maria Hughes

\$4000 loan secured by property.

Francis Maria Hughes loaned Dam & Gladding \$4000.00, which was secured by a piece of property in Alameda County. It was a 12 month note and was to be repaid in US gold.