

BANC MSS C-A 52 — State Papers, Missions and Colonization, Tomos I

Finding aid · 43 records · 1779–1804 · Archives of California: A Documentary Calendar of the Savage Transcripts

Provenance. Thomas Savage's 1876–77 copies (for H.H. Bancroft) of the Spanish- and Mexican-era government records of Alta California, made at the U.S. Surveyor-General's office; the originals burned in the 1906 San Francisco fire, leaving these transcripts the sole record. Manuscripts: Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley (BANC MSS C-A 52); digitized microfilm on the Internet Archive (bancarchca_81_14). This calendar is an independent, AI-assisted index with published error rates — verify any record against the manuscript scan before citing (searchable, with scan links: archivesofcalifornia.com). **Coverage:** Every distinct document itemized; long printed laws (1779 Reglamento etc.) carried as single records.

Date	Doc	Record	Orig. p.	Scan
1795-07-28	1	orders formation of circumstantial reports on the state of the missions (per the printed 1792 model + R.O. every 2 yrs); forwards a copy of the essential part of his pre...	2	n1
1793-12-30	2	general report on the missions of New Spain incl. Baja + Alta California (400+ ¶): history (1751 R.O. → Matías de Gálvez 1784 → Fiscal Posada); Baja CA (Jesuit 1697 → 15...	3–30	n2
1793-01-04	3	distribution of *solares* in propiedad to the pobladores of Pueblo San José; + a matter of mares (yeguas) soldier Felipe Tapia sold to Mission San Luis	31	n30
1804-09-28	4	hemp-harvest report — 18 arrobas 13 lbs (expected 20–24); humidity/quality complaints	33	n32
1804-10-30	5	hemp-program report — price to pay growers, San Blas export, labor (incl. Indian laborers), seed to SLO/La Purísima/Sta Inés; 'p.p. 339–41'	35–38	n34
1794-11-03	6	hemp-seed (cáñamo) distribution to named San José farmers (Martínez, Vásquez, Pacheco, Macario de Castro, Higuera, Amézquita) + missions SLO/Sta Inés/La Purísima/San Jos...	36	n35
ca.1803	7	Larios & Ballesteros vs Mission San José over a *paraje* — sale of land 'no era suya, mas q.e en el uso'; govt commission for the pueblo's land delivery; mala-fe accusat...	40	n39
1803-08-19	8	disapproves the cession of the Rancho de Larios (△ prev. read 'Loríos') between missions — jurisdictional/land question ('límite del Pueblo'); 'p.p. 345–6'	41	n40
1802-02	9	discovery of a silver/lead mine near the Rancho del Rey (NW) — Ignacio Ortega found the vein hunting lime for soap; an assay (by a man off a ship) yielded 6 oz of silver...	43	n42
1800-10-31	10	earthquakes at Mission San Juan Bautista (the 1800 SJB earthquake swarm)	41	n40
1795-07-27	11	founding history of Mission Santa Clara (1777) & Pueblo San José — the friar-vs-pueblo proximity conflict on the Río Guadalupe (Neve founded the pueblo too close to the ...	46	n45
—	12	Mission–Pueblo boundary set at the Río Guadalupe (Fiscal Victoria Posadas) — mission left the smaller/poorer band; 'p.p. 358–365'	51	n50
s.f.	13	requests license for a cattle-brand (fierro) for his mares & cattle; 'p.366'	51	n50
1783-07-30	14	possession of solares & suertes de tierra at Pueblo San José (founding land distribution)	51+	n50
1781-05-27	15	service certificate for soldier Pedro de Amador (Amador Co. namesake) — his service in the land expeditions to San Diego, Monterey, San Francisco (signed ~2 months before...	53	n52
s.f.	16	license to reassign flood-ruined *suertes* of Manuel González & Tiburcio Vásquez to better land; 'p.p. 373–4'	56	n55
1800-09-03	17	on hemp cultivation & export (order to the Ministro Principal de San Blas)	56	n55

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1787	18	division of the Comandancia General de Provincias Internas into divisions (altering Croix's 26 Aug 1786 Instrucción, 3 frontier divisions); the 2nd Comandancia's duty = ...	61–70	n60
ca.1795	19	presidio cattle-economy report — Real Hacienda herds (>3,000 head cattle, 400 lesser stock), milk (*chichiguas*) to troops' families & the sick / ship crews rent-free; a...	71–80	n70
1796–97	20	authorization to found the Villa de Branciforte under 'el glorioso título de Branciforte' at the proposed site	81	n80
1781-11-05	21	R.O. conceding the Viceroy the use of 'media firma' (half-signature) on routine documents; 'p.p. 402–3'	84–85	n83
1803-08-26	22	two American frigates at SF — *Alexander* (Capt. John Brown) & *Hazard* — forced out with no trade (Alexander sailed 12th, Hazard 13th; resupplied w/ 2 calves + flour, p...	85–88	n84
1803-08-12	23	narrative of battles with armed NW-Coast Indians — req. permission to repair his frigate; no water ('Indios tan bárbaros'); 1st battle at 'Pto de Tequin,' Chatham Strait...	89–95	n88
s.f.	24	complaint re uniform braid (galón) & rank insignia (cites the Loreto co. / Ignacio de Maytorena); 'p.p. 413–14'	96–97	n95
s.f.	25	short fiscal fragment — habilitados & Indian-community funds (deuda del Habilitado, gastos de muertos)	97	n96
1781-11-19	26	founding CENSUS of the Pueblo de la Reina de los Ángeles, 'fundado el 4 de Set.e de 1781' — each vecino by name, age, wife, sons/daughters + 'calidad de Gente' (casta: E...	98–99	n97
1781-05-08	27	Instrucción for founding the pueblos of gente de razón — settler pay/ración, term, auxilios, distribution of solares + suertes, obligations 'con fuerza de Ordenanza' (ja...	102–116	n100
1783-03-06	28	presidio herd-accounting instruction — how habilitados are to keep the livestock accounts (carga/data; pastor's salary; yerba puebla); w/ an inventory table (herd end-17...	120	n116
1787	29	'Informe General sobre las Misiones' — Fages's comprehensive mission-by-mission report (per the Cmdte Gral's 1 Dec 1786 order), province growth 1769→1787 ('210 leguas,' ...	121–154	n119
ca.1790s	30	presidio-garrison reorganization (Loreto, San Diego 13-mission district, Monterey escoltas)	165	n160
1779	31	the 1779 Reglamento (Títulos incl. IX 'Revistas mensuales' @n180; presidio supply/fiscal via San Blas @n200) — △ NOT a single continuous document: the band is a MIX, als...	155–209	n150
1782-12-24	32	land-grant registration ordinance (títulos, marcas, Libro Maestro, linderos) + an *Auto de Obedecimiento* at Pueblo San José	242	n240
1783-05-09	33	San José 1783 possession dossier (COMPLETE roster, item-read) — Fages's framing ordinance + Moraga's *autos*; for each poblador 3 *diligencias*: (1) a 30-vara-square sol...	242–271	n240
1797-08-04	34	boundary survey between Pueblo San José & Mission Santa Clara — the dividing line 1958 varas from the Presa vieja del Río to the mojonera; the friars (Sánchez, Viader) d...	272	n270
1786-09-04	35	Los Angeles 1786 possession dossier (roster ~COMPLETE, item-read) — the formalization of the LA founders' titles: per Fages's mandate & Neve's Reglamento, the 'nueva Pob...	285–307	n280
ca.1790s	36	plan for founding NEW FRONTIER ESTABLISHMENTS (the San Diego–Baja frontier: new missions/pueblos, incl. one near Mission San Miguel) — a numbered document reusing the fu...	328–~364	n326
1796-07-01	37	*parecer* on the site to found the Villa de Branciforte (soil, water, timber, grain); 'p.p. 374–7'	365–370	n360

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1797-01-25	38	order on erecting the Villa de Branciforte — sending settler families + 'vagos y reos de delito ligeros' (vagrants & petty convicts) + artisans of all trades, transporte...	370--~	n365
1798-1799-02-01	39	1798 roster of the 9 salaried pobladores of Villa de Branciforte (\$116.3.22/yr) — named: José M ^a Mojica, José Barbosa, José Machuca, José Arceo, José Robles, Fermín Cord...	380	n375
1796-97	40	Villa de Branciforte settler roster recruited from Guadalajara — table of pobladores by *calidad / edad / estado / oficios / originario* (Barbosa, Guzmán, Robles...); cert...	385--910	n380
1782-04-03	41	1782 pueblo-founding reglamento/instruction (distinct from the 1779 Reglamento; interleaved in the n161-235 band) — the articles on *solares*/*suertes* (indivisible & in...	210-230	n205
1780s	42	first-person Colorado-frontier RECONNAISSANCE / campaign narrative (interleaved in the Reglamento band) — a night march to Indian rancherías (Mavallo, Atunga 'rumbo al o...	231-239	n226
1782-06-06	43	1782 PLANO/MAP of the Pueblo San José *suertes de tierra* — the grid of distributed farm-plots (each 200 v ²) labeled with the pobladores' names (Amézquita, Alvitre, Clau...	240 (exp.684)	n238

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