Rinconada del Arroyo de San Francisquito

1/2 sq. leagues

María Antonia Mesa

Juan B. Alvarado

Febr. 16, 1841

María Antonia Mesa, Heirs of

[United States]

July 26, 1872.

2,229.84 A.

Patentee María Antonia Mesa, Heirs of [H]

confirmed María Antonia Mesa, widow of Rafael Soto [H]

By whom

Date

Acreage

United States Patent

Size and location Near Mission Santa Clara (AD)

Grantee Don Rafael Soto [H]. Confirmed to María Antonia Mesa, widow of Don Rafael Soto. [H]

Grantor [of grant. Gov. Figueroa, of confirmation Gov. Alvarado]

Date 1835 [H] Date of confirmation 1841. [H]

OriGinal Grant

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84B4 1 mapped 1825, T 6S, R 3W, M.E.M. [A.D.1]" observed by H. de la Pena according to "Army Surveying Instructions" [...] [A.D.]

Sources:

GLO-GNM-USGS-S'66-BC

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ADDITIONAL DATA (See also back of sheet)

"Mesa (María Ant.) . . . grantee of Rinconada del Arroyo de S. Francisquito. '41. IV 672-3." [BC iv 739]. "Ranchos of northern Cal. , granted in 1841-5. Rinconada del Arroyo de S. Francisquito (Sta Clara)... 1/2 l. , 1841, M. A. Mesa, who was cl." [BC iv 672-3]

After the death of Don Rafael, the property, consisting of 2,229.84 acres, was confirmed to the widow, María Antonia Soto Mesa; and her heirs received the patent. . . [H]Neither the archive copies nor Bancroft mention anything about Rafael receiving the grant to this rancho. However, it is possible that the grant was given to him in 1835 and that after his death it was regranted to his widow in 1841, a fact that probably would not appear in the patent. The author that the title was confirmed in her name only and the patent issued to her heirs would indicate that, at the time of filing that claim she was considered the sole
owner of the grant in her own right and not as an heir of Rafael Soto. This is about the only explanation possible for the difference between statements in the sources mentioned.

The records indicate that Rafael Soto filed a petition for this rancho in 1838, but no grant of it was made to him at that time. The fact that two other men filed petitions later asking for the same land would indicate that no grant had been made to Soto and that the first granting of the land was to his widow. [AD]

BIBLIOGRAPHY

238, 129, N.D. 221. Maria Antonia Mesa, widow of Rafael Soto, claimant for Rinconada del Arroyo de San Franciscquito, one-half square league, in Santa Clara county, granted Feb. 16, 1841, by Juan B. Alvarado to M.A. Mesa; claim filed May 25, 1852, by the Commission March 21, 1854, confirmed by the District Court Nov. 26, 1855, and appeal dismissed April 16, 1857; containing 2,229,84 acres.