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ASSESSMENT ROLL OF MONTEREY COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1851.

Below we present a list of the tax-payers (or rather the Assessment Roll) of Monterey county for the year 1851. Old residents, we are sure, will take much pleasure in seeing the names of their former acquaintances. The rate of taxation was only twenty-five cents on the \$100. The assessment of Francisco Pacheco, the largest tax-payer in the county, we print in full, in order to show the valuation of different kinds of property:—

FRANCISCO PACHECO.					
35,576 acres pas. land @ 25c	\$ 8,894 00	*Jose Garcia	480 00	William Miller	435 00
4,447 acres pas. land @ \$2.25	11,112 75	*Henry Cocks	1,100 00	*Felipe Gomez	550 00
17,780 acres pas. land @ 50c	8,890 00	Calletano Lugo	7,147 00	Antonio Mendez	2,200 00
1 house on same	6,000 00	Dennis McCarty	450 00	Andoniah Valleck	600 00
10 milch cows @ \$20	200 00	Trinela Espinosa	762 00	Abraham Solomon	1,000 00
10 yoke bullocks @ \$50	500 00	George Kempt	1,000 00	Harris G. Avery	200 00
7,000 wild cattle at @ \$10	70,000 00	*Mariano Soberanes	500 00	John A. Barban	1,500 00
100 sheep at @ \$3.50	350 00	William Richardson	7,323 50	John Ryan	900 00
30 large swine @ \$16	480 00	Rafael Gonzalez	42,075 00	Rafael Galento	5,300 00
10 small swine @ \$4	40 00	Joaquin Soto	10,750 00	R. C. M. Hoyt	1,250 00
30 working horses @ \$50	1,500 00	Mariano Soberanes	21,547 00	John Morrison	100 00
8 mules @ \$45	320 00	Guade Soberanes	7,000 00	*Robert Ord	720 00
1 carriage	100 00	James Watson	28,100 00	Frederick R. Coyan	325 00
2 wagons @ \$75	150 00	David Spence	41,549 75	William Matthews	4,970 00
3 lots in St. Johns	150 00	John Morris	600 00	*Francis Doud	1,760 00
1 lot in Monterey	1,000 00	*Jose E. Boronda	5,072 50	Charles Lawson	500 00
House on same	2,000 00	*Judah T. Davis	4,250 00	*Carmel Pinto	2,397 00
1 lot on Spence street	1,000 00	*Rosa Avalia	1,900 00	*William Johnson	425 00
Cash on hand	50,000 00	James Cullman	1,130 00	*James Meadows	3,120 00
Furniture	300 00	Joseph Boston & Co	1,596 00	*Jose Antonio Espinosa	11,121 00
		Milton Little	11,847 00	Telciano Soberanes	23,850 50
		Samuel Combs	300 00	A. Garcia	340 00
		Curtis & Loveland	4,550 00	Vicente Cantua	17,646 00
		James Mackinley	21,328 00	*Santiago Moreno	10,314 00
		Salvadora Munras	4,550 00	*Manuel Castro	900 00
		John H. Hoffman	400 00	*Jose Antonio Alviso	6,416 00
		Dolores Vasquez	2,433 00	Hyponte Peyron	7,750 00
		Estate of Juan Malarin	27,516 50	S. Cariago	4,050 00
		*Rafael Estrada	11,974 25	J. E. Espeveria	3,325 00
		Pedro Estrada	1,100 00	William Roeb	4,077 00
		Robert King	1,800 00	Cruz Cervantes	17,258 00
		*James Stokes	18,553 00	*Jose E. Boronda	450 00
		William E. Hartnell	23,346 00	Concepcion Boronda	1,600 00
		*G. Sanchez	2,000 00	John Brown	500 00
		W. H. Chevers	100 00	Antonio Lima	350 00
		*David Jacks	270 00	Rufina Castro	1,300 00
		Manuel Dias	2,810 00	*James A. Gray	150 00
		*Leopold Cohn & Co	1,800 00	Aaron Lyons	200 00
		Jose Abrego	24,331 00	Ignacio Anser	1,240 00
		*Juan B. Alvarado	14,437 00	S. M. St. John	1,190 00
		Manuel Tabous	4,100 00	John Hut	200 00
		*Arata & Ping	8,774 00	John B. Spitter	200 00
		Jose M. Lowrey	3,550 00	Chas. White and Juo. Carney	40,023 00
		Bernardino Vasquez	9,975 00	John Gerandeno	1,550 00
		*Theodore Gonzalez	32,772 00	Charles Wolters	19,660 00
		*Francisco Rico	9,709 25	Patrick Breen	6,449 00
		*J. F. Dye	6,999 00	Manuel Larias	24,082 00
		*Jacob P. Leese	15,668 00	Jesse Smith	1,000 00
		Scott Wilson	1,480 00	Edward Smith	830 00
		Leese, Green, Snyder, Yull, Taylor, Alvarado and Hart- nell, mine interest, etc.	50,000 00	Jose Maria Sanchez	59,880 00
		Manuel Dutra	2,000 00	Jose Antonio Vallejo	37,340 50
		*John A. Swan	5,552 50	Rafael Mota	6,063 00
		James Cheney	225 00	Jose C. Vallejo	21,000 00
		Andrew Watson	450 00	Manuel Dias	7,706 00
		*Thomas Bralee	375 00	Angel Castro	4,045 00
		Edward Tierney	375 00	*Jose Espinosa	5,525 00
		James Renny	75 00	*Albert Trescony	23,400 00
		John McElroy	475 00	*Albert Trescony & Co	4,930 00
		Charles Layton	600 00	Mariano Soberanes	10,693 00
				James Gleason	2,200 00
				Santiago Estrada	11,875 00

* These marked with a star are now dead.

Vincente Gomez	50 00	W. S. King	983 00	Philip A. Roach	2,706 25
Edward Kennedy	150 00	*James L. Ord	1,300 00	Isaac E. Owens	100 00
John B. Phillips	683 00	Jose Amesta	1,500 00	John S. Owens	100 00
William Bowen	450 00	James Browning	300 00	David R. Jones	100 00
Toomes & Toms	6,210 00	John Barber	200 00	*Captain Halleck	200 00
E. Brown	687 00	James Doyle	500 00	*E. L. Williams	150 00
Silas T. Elsworth	852 00	Edward T. Ames	200 00	Thomas O. Larkin	4,650 00
Domingo Vasquez	580 00	Francisco Arius	3,640 00	*Charles Botts	350 00
*Juan Escobar	787 00	Jacinto Rodriguez	2,900 00	*Talbot H. Green	1,200 00
Francis Granada	600 00	Simeon Castro	23,694 00	J. S. Dickinson	2,500 00
Bonita Dias	2,300 00	John Myers	1,000 00	*J. McMahon	3,726 00
James Anthony	645 00	David Littlejohn	21,210 00	Thomas Cole	100 00
John Tierney	2,000 00	Joaquin Botero	6,420 00	Francisco Palacio	9,606 00
Dr. Taylor	1,750 00	Andrew G. Randall	9,361 00	S. E. Woodworth	780 00
John B. Mason	625 00	John Wilson	2,000 00	Juan Jose Rankle	770 00
Dr. McKee	600 00	Charles White	350 00	Palmer, Cooke & Co.	580 00
*Mrs. Romie	10,919 00	*John Wallace	320 00	Isaac S. Wall	4,000 00
Petra Allen	380 00	Thomas Smith	400 00	City of Monterey	18,000 00
John B. R. Cooper	32,179 00	Santa Rosa	75 00	*William D. Robinson	1,950 00
William Roach	6,773 00	Peter Davis	3,523 00	Thomas Allen	150 00
Thomas Cole	2,370 00	G. W. Ball	350 00	E. R. Rane	2,200 00
Charles H. St. John	4,150 00	Samuel Belcher	250 00	Edward S. Canby	100 00
Manuel Juanero	10,865 00				

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FIRST JURY TRIALS AND VERDICTS.

The first grand jury drawn after the organization of the county, was June 10, 1850, by order of the Court of Sessions for Monterey county, as follows: H. Wright, Wm. Bowen, E. Kennedy, James Chaney, Peter Davidson, and Henry Cocks. The next day the Court asked Trinidad Espenosa if he was ready for trial, and he answered in the affirmative; whereupon the above-named persons were sworn as jurors in the case. The same day the jury returned a verdict as follows: "We find a verdict to acquit the prisoner." But the records fail to inform us what this trial was about.

At this early date the jury not only found a verdict, but also fixed the punishment or penalty, and we find recorded such verdicts as the following: "Guilty of assault, and assess the fine at 12½ cents." Another: "We find the defendant guilty of taking the lumber, and assess a fine of one dollar and costs." Another: "Guilty, and fine the prisoner \$25 and one month in the county jail."

HUNG BY AN ARMED MOB.

On date of August 9, 1850. "We, the jury, find the prisoner, William Otis Hall, guilty of grand larceny, and do award him to be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for the term of four years." The next day the Sheriff reported to the Court that "between one and two o'clock this morning a party of unknown, armed men broke open the prison, bound and gagged the jailor, and proceeded to the cell of Hall by force of arms, and there produced death upon the prisoner by strangulation."

TO BE HUNG FOR GRAND LARCENY.

We find from the records of June 11, 1852, that Francisco Martinez was tried for grand larceny, and the jury "do find the prisoner guilty of the crime alleged in the indictment, and sentence him to death, but at the same time recommend him to the mercy of the Court." The prisoner was sentenced to be hung on the 6th day of August, 1852. He was, however, pardoned by the Governor August 21st, according to the record. From the differing dates, it is probable that some stay of proceedings had taken place in date of execution, although that fact is not mentioned in the records, which simply state, "Francisco Martinez pardoned, August 21, 1852."

FIRST DIVORCE RECORD.

The following is another of the old records, certified to by the Alcalde of the district, living at Sutter's Fort: "This is to certify, that I, Rebecea Fowler, the lawful wife of Wm. Fowler, have, by my own free act, left his 'bed and board,' and do not consider myself longer under his protection and care, and no longer acknowledge his control over me as a husband. Furthermore, I do give my consent, without any threats or influence, that said Mr. Fowler should receive a legal divorce from me, dissolving the contracts of matrimony which at this time exist between us.

In witness whereof I have fixed my signature.

JOHN A. SUTTER."

Nueva Helvetia, February 2, 1845.