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of

The Final Survey of the  
Rancho Topanga Malibu Sequit  
Matthew Keller, Confirmer.

by

G. H. THOMPSON, Deputy Surveyor.  
July 20, 1867.  
August 17, 1868

Under his instructions of August 3, 1870

Survey commenced August 16, 1870

Survey completed 18

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We garret Lynch and Charles Wright do solemnly swear that we will well and faithfully execute the duties of chain carriers; that we will level the chain upon uneven ground and plumb the tally pins whether by sticking or dropping the same; and that we will report the true distance to all notable objects, and the true lengths of all lines we may assist in measuring to the best of our skill and ability.

his	
GARRET X LYNCH	Chainman
mark	
C. WRIGHT,	"

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16, day of August 1870.

G. HOWARD THOMPSON,  
U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

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I, Jose Matias Oromine do solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully execute the duties of Axeman, according to the instructions given me, to the best of my skill and ability.

his  
JOSE MATIAS X OROMIN  
mark  
Axeman.

Witnessed by F. W. PEREHIKE.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16, day of August 1870.

G. HOWARD THOMPSON,  
U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

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I, Refugio Mendoza do solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully execute the duties of Flagman, according to the instructions given me, to the best of my skill and ability.

his  
REFUGIO X MENDOZA  
mark

Flagman.

Witnessed by F. W. Perahke.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16, day of August 18-

G. HOWARD THOMPSON,  
U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

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Field Notes of the final survey of the Rancho "Topanga Malibu" situated in Los Angeles County and finally confirmed to Matthew Keller, surveyed by G. H. Thompson, Deputy Surveyor under instructions from L. Upson U.S. Surveyor General bearing date July 20, 1867 and August 17, 1868 and from Sherman Day, U. S. Surveyor General, dated August 3, 1870.

## Courses

## Chains

Survey commenced August 16, 1870; from a post which I set in a mound of stones marked "T. M. No. 1" near the edge of high tide, on the shore of the Pacific Ocean in the mouth of a cañada called "Cañada de Mateo".

(This point is about three miles west of the place referred to in the decree of confirmation of this Rancho, called "Topanga" which place is called for by said decree as the eastern boundary but to which point the parties in interest did not wish to extend the final survey on account of the great excess of land within the exterior boundaries over the quantity granted and finally confirmed) from the above mentioned post, I run up the arroyo,



and Cañada de Mateo with the  
meanders of same as follows-

Variation 14° 28' E.

1	N.36½ W.	12.00
2	N.4½ W.	7.50
3	N.25 W.	5.00
4	N. 14° E.	3.00
5	N.46¾ E.	6.00
6	N.55½ W.	3.50
7	N.5¾ W.	1.50
8	N.11° E.	4.50
9	N.18° E.	3.50
10	N.68½ W.	7.50
11	N.6° E.	1.50
12	N.29½ E.	4.50
13	N.31° W.	6.00

To a sycamore tree 8 inches  
diameter which I marked "T. M.  
No. 2" standing on left, bank of  
arroyo in the Cañada de Mateo  
from which a live oak tree  
10 in. in diameter bears  
S. 61° W. 65 links distant  
standing on the right bank of  
creek and marked same for  
bearing tree to corner. This  
Canada is very narrow rocky  
and brushy, and the hills  
on each side are steep, rocky  
and broken. Thence leaving  
Cañada de Mateo, and over  
steep brushy and broken hills.

	Courses	Chains	
14	N.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.	73.71	To a live oak tree standing on the right bank of the Arroyo in the middle of the Canada Piedro Colorado, I marked same tree "T. M. No. 3". This canada is very narrow, crooked and brushy, the hills on the left side are rocky and broken, and on the other sloping and grassy Thence over steep brushy hills
15	N.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.	128.44	To a mound of stones on the N.E. edge of the canada "Malibu" Thence along the foot of hills on the side of the Canada Malibu.
16	S.63° W.	22.00	To a sycamore tree 12 inches diameter standing on the left bank of the Arroyo Malibu, near where same issues from the high broken mountains marked said sycamore "T. M. No. 4" Thence over steep brushy hills.
17	S.85 $\frac{3}{4}$ W.	212.42	To a sycamore tree 18 inches diameter standing in the rocky gorge of the Canada Los Americanos, which Canada bears south; marked said sycamore "T. M. No. 5" Thence over broken brushy hills.
18	S.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.	210.82	To a sycamore tree 24 inches diameter standing at the foot of Penascos, or rocky prairie about 50 ft. high, from which flows a large spring called

	Courses	Chains	
			"El Aguaga del Escondido, which spring forms the head of the Arroyo, del Escondido I marked said sycamore tree "T. M. No. 7" Thence Over steep open hill. To a live oak tree 20 inches diameter standing in the middle of the Canada Ramirez where said Canada narrows into a gorge. I marked said live oak tree "T. M. No. 8". Thence over steep brushy and broken hills.
19	S.71½ W.	66.08	
			To a sycamore tree 16 inches diameter standing in the arroyo in the middle of the Canada Zuna about 2 chains wide course S.27° E. I marked said tree "T. M. No. 9" Thence over rocky brushy and broken mountains.
20	N.86½ W.	90.88	
			To a live oak tree 12 inches diameter standing at foot of steep hill on E. side of the arroyo, and Canada Los Francos 2 chains wide, course S.E.. I marked said live oak tree "T. M. No. 10" Thence over steep, high rocky brushy and broken hills.
21	N.80 W.	147.75	



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- 22 N.68°.10'W. 406.00 Cross Canada and arroyo Siquet or  
Seques 2 chains wide course  
south  
466.95 To a mound of stones on top  
of a high sharp peak on top  
of the ridge on the west side  
of the Canada Siquet or  
Seques.  
Thence descending on same ridge
- 23 S.6½ W. 162.46 get a post in a mound of stones  
on top of rocky bluff bank  
of the Pacific Ocean marked  
same "T. M. No. 14" and "W. P."  
for witness post to true corner.  
164.21 Made a large mound of rocks  
at the foot of a rocky bluff  
point, near the edge of high  
tide on the shore of the  
Pacific Ocean, for the south -  
west corner of this survey.  
(This is about 3 miles east of a  
point called Moga, which point  
is called for in the Decree of  
confirmation of this Rancho as  
its northwestern boundary  
but to which point the parties  
in interest in the Grant, did  
not wish the line of this survey  
extended, on account of the  
exterior boundaries described in  
said Decree embracing a greater  
quantity of land than that  
finally confirmed to the Grant

	Courses	Chains	
			Thence from said mound of stones the southwest corner of this survey, I meandered along the shore of the Pacific Ocean as follows.
24	S.72 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> E.	37.00	Station, thence
25	N.73 E.	7.00	A point of rock extends out about 2.00 chains into the sea
		9.00	A point of rocks on the W. side of the Canada and Bay of Siquet or Siques extending about 3.00 chains into the sea S. 55° E.
26	N.56 E.	6.00	Set a post in a mound of stones on the west side of the mouth of the canadaSiquet or Siques marked same T. M. No. 15.
			Thence crossing the mouth of the Canada or valley of Siquet or Siques along the shore of Harbor and Bay of Siques.
27	N.66 E.	1.50	Cross arroyo Siques 50 links is coming from the north.
		13.00	To point on E. side of canada
28	N.87 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> E.	30.00	along sand beach.
29	S.65 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> E.	43.00	
30	S.40° E.	6.00	along rocky shore to mouth of canada and arroyo San Nicolas comes from N.15° E.
31	S.84° E.	5.00	
32	N.81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> E.	4.50	
33	S.81 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> E.	4.00	Thence leave rocky shore for sand beach.

	Courses	Chains	
34	N.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	11.50	
35	S.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	15.00	
36	S.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	3.00	Rocky point
37	N.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	2.12	
38	S.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	15.00	Along sand beach
39	S.65 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	23.00	
40.	S.73 E.	12.00	mouth of the Arroyo La Chusa coming from the N.
41	N.81 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	1.28	Rocky point
		3.78	
42	S.81 E.	13.00	Along sand Beach
43	N.74 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	4.00	
44	East	5.00	
45	S.75 E.	4.00	Along bluff bank
46	S.86 E.	5.00	Across mouth of ravine
		19.69	
47	S.83 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	8.50	Cross mouth of ravine
		21.75	
48	S.75 E.	4.00	
49	N.85 E.	2.50	Cross the mouth of ravine
		8.00	Cross the mouth of ravine
		10.60	
50	N.73 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	2.00	
51	S.74 E.	10.00	Along sand beach
		30.00	mouth of arroyo Pardia
			course from the N.E. set a post in a mound of rock marked "T.M."
		71.00	
52	N.78 $\frac{3}{4}$ E.	1.29	To a rocky point extending about 3 chains into the sea.
53	N.5° W.	1.00	



	Courses	Chains	
54.	N.45 E.	2.50	
55	N.77 E.	4.00	Along sand beach
56	S.86 E.	27.00	
57	S.61½ E.	67.00	To a post in mound of stones in the E. side of the mouth of the Canada Las France about 20 chains wide course north and south.
58	S.49½ E.	109.00	to point of hill on the W. side of the Canada Zuna.
		131.21	Set a post at point of hill on the east side of the Canada Zuna marked "T.M."
59	S.36½ E.	44.00	To a rocky point extending about 5 chains in to the sea.
60	S.40½ E.	42.00	Point Zuna or Dumeo, thence along on steep bluff of rocks, around said point.
		47.00	
61	N.83 E.	5.50	
62	N.5° E.	11.00	
63	N.32½ E.	20.00	
64	N.67 E.	16.00	
65	N.87½ E.	21.00	
66	N.60 E.	5.00	
67	N.21 E.	7.00	
68	N.5 W.	12.00	Along sand beach to mouth of a ravine coming from the N.W.
69	N.43½ E.	9.50	
70	N.21½ E.	10.00	
71	N.34 E.	7.00	
72	N.17½ E.	9.00	
73	N.41½ E.	15.00	
74	N.27½ E.	10.00	To a post which I set in a mound

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	Courses	Chains	
			of earth and stones, at point of hill on the west side of the mouth of the Canada Ramirez marked same "T. M. S. 16" Thence crossing the mouth of the Canada Ramirez which is about 15 chains wide course N. and S. with a stream of water in it. (There is a small bay, and good harbor in the mouth of this Canada called Bannings Harbor)
75	N.63 E.	25.00	
76	N.76 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	80.00	To the center of the Arroyo and Canada Escondido about 10 chains wide course N. and south Set a post.
77	N.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	32.00	
78	N.80° E.	10.00	
<sup>9</sup> 79	N.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	14.00	
80	N.53 E.	5.50	Mouth of a Dry Arroyo course
		17.50	N.W.
81	N.64 E.	15.00	Rocky bluff
82	N.70 E.	13.00	
83	N.77 $\frac{3}{4}$ E.	20.00	To the mouth Canada del Sosto course N.W.
<sup>4</sup> <del>84</del>	N.87 E.	15.00	To a rocky point.
		32.00	Set a post mound "M.S. 26" in the center of the mouth of the Arroyo and Canada de los Americanos course N. and S.
85	S.81 E.	70.00	
86	N.87 E.	19.00	
87	S. 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.	18.50	To a point 50 links south of

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	Courses	Chains	the S.E. corner of township 1 S. range 18 W. of San Bernardino Meridian.
		40.00	To a rocky point.
88	N. $80\frac{1}{2}$ E.	5.00	
89	N. $64\frac{1}{2}$ E.	4.00	Leave rocky point.
90	N. $76\frac{1}{2}$ E.	18.00	Rocky point.
91	N. $69\frac{1}{2}$ E.	15.00	To a post marked "T. M. S. 34" at the point of the hill on west side of the valley of Malibu- Thence along the sea shore in front of the mouth of the valley of Malibu.
92	N. $84\frac{3}{4}$ E	20.00	To a point about 5 chains south of the west end of a Lake about 4 chains wide which extends along parallel with the sea shore.
93	S. $74\frac{1}{2}$ E.	25.00	
94	S. $83\frac{1}{2}$ E.	25.00	
95	N. 62 E.	13.00	
96	N. $36\frac{1}{2}$ E.	7.00	To a post at east end of lake at point of hill on east side of the valley of Malibu from which a large post marked "T. M." bears N. 40 W. 4.00 chains distant. This station is at the landing of the Malibu Harbor.
97	N. 15 E.	17.00	
98	N. 58 E.	20.00	
99	N. $80\frac{1}{2}$ E.	43.00	
100	S. $82\frac{3}{4}$ E.	75.00	To mouth of the Canada Piedra



## Topanga Malibu.

	Courses	Chains	
			Colorado or (Red Rock) at which point I set a post in a mound of stones marked "T. M. S. 44"
101	N. $66\frac{1}{2}$ E.	10.00	
102	S. $78\frac{1}{2}$ E.	50.00	
103	S. 67 E.	5.00	To the point of beginning containing $13,315\frac{70}{100}$ Acres.

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#### GENERAL REMARKS.

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This Rancho extends about 20 miles along and fronting on the shore of the Pacific Ocean all along which there are good landing places especially at the mouth of the Canada Siques, Ramirez, and Malibu, where there are small, well protected Bays with very deep and smooth water. The soil of this Rancho is exceedingly rich, and fertile, which with the warm, mild climate, makes it particularly well adapted to the cultivation and production of all the tropical fruits, and it is also admirably adapted to the growth of coffee, tea, sugar-cane and cotton as well as to corn, wheat, barley and so forth.

This Rancho is peculiarly located and protected by the surrounding mountains, and the ocean, which makes the climate of that particular locality very mild and warm, all the year around, there never having been seen a particle of frost or ice there and the Tomato vine and all such tender plants flourish the whole year, blooming and bearing fruit to perfection as well as in the winter as the summer. The Rancho is well watered, there being 13 canadas traversing different parts of it, which contain running water during the whole year, these canadas also contain large quantities of sycamore, oak, walnut and other kinds of wood, of great value, and in one of them there are good indications of coal besides large beds of Asphaltum and Petroleum.

The whole Rancho is covered with a most lux-

uriant growth of various kinds of grasses, and in the  
driest seasons it maintains a great quantity of stock.

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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that we assisted G. H. THOMPSON  
U. S. Deputy Surveyor in surveying the boundary lines of  
the Rancho "Topanga Malibu" situated in the County of  
Los Angeles in the State of California, and finally  
confirmed to Mathew Keller, and that said Rancho has been  
in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and belief,  
well and faithfully surveyed, and the boundary monuments  
established according to the laws of the United States,  
and the instructions of the Surveyor-General.

his		
GARRET X	LYNCH	Chainman
mark		
C. WRIGHT		"
his		
JOSE MATIAS X	OROMIM	Axeman
his mark		
REFUGIO X	MENDOZA	Flagman.
mark		

Witness

F. W. PERSHK.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26, day of  
August 1870.

G. HOWARD THOMPSON,  
Deputy Surveyor.

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I, G. HOWARD THOMPSON, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, do solemnly  
swear that, in pursuance of instructions from Sherman Day  
U. S. Surveyor-General for the State of California,  
bearing date the 3, day of August 1870 and in strict  
conformity to the laws of the United States and the said  
instructions from the Surveyor-General I have well and  
faithfully surveyed the boundary lines of the Rancho

Topanga, Malibu, Siquet and so forth situated in the County of Los Angeles in the State of California, and finally confirmed to Mathew Keller and I do further solemnly swear that the foregoing are the true and original field notes of said survey.

G. HOWARD THOMPSON,

U.S. Deputy Surveyor.

Subscribed by said G. HOWARD THOMPSON, U.S. Deputy Surveyor, and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of San Francisco in the State of California, this      day of 188.

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U. S. SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
San Francisco, California.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript  
has been correctly copied from the original field notes  
as the same appear of record and on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name  
officially and caused my seal of office to be affixed  
this 17, day of February 1882.

THEO. WAGNER.,

U.S. Surveyor-General,  
for California.

(SEAL)