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to John C. Duval

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No 514

This is to certify that Kelsey H. Douglass assignee of  
Mariano Manuella Barto. Maria Petra Caranua  
Tomasa Cordova & Amatacio Barto heirs of Jose Cordova Sur  
Sud. have appeared before the Board of Land Commissioners  
for the County of Mecoydoches, and sworn according to Law  
that the said Cordova arrived in this Republic previous  
to 2<sup>nd</sup> May A.D. Eighteen hundred and thirty six, and that  
he was the head of a family and entitled to one League  
and one Labor of Land, upon the conditions of paying  
at the rate of Three dollars & fifty cents for each Labor of  
Irrigable Land. Two dollars & fifty cents for each Labor  
of temporal or arable Land and, two Dollars & twenty  
cents for each Labor of pasture Land and which may  
be contained in the Survey secured to them by this  
certificate.

Given under our hands

This fourth day of April A.D. 1838.

Attest

J. H. M. Adink      G. P. Starr      President  
Associate  
Commissioners

Adolphus Stern

M. W. W. - 1500  
Leopoldo y Walter







State of Texas Dist of Milam

Survey for Wesley B. Douglas assy of the heirs of Jose Cordova Sen of 25 cubos of land situated <sup>in the Parish of Assumption</sup> on the Brazos river about <sup>17</sup> <sup>9756 from Meridian</sup> miles above ~~where~~ being the quantity of land to which he is entitled by virtue of Certificate No 314 issued in Vacoydonish commencing at the S.E. corner of a survey made in the name of Blas Lasalle for the N.E. corner of this survey from which cottonwood marked F bears S 32 E. 90 varas and a sicumous marked G bears N 59 E. 100 varas thence with the meanders of the Brazos down ward

S 47 1/2 E. 2517 varas to the S.E. corner of this survey from which cottonwood marked E bears S 46 W. 80 varas and an arbores marked D bears S 16 W. 50 varas thence S 60 W. 980 varas a large creek 4100 varas crossed it 10797 varas to a stake for the S.W. corner thence N 30 W. 2375 varas around the head of said creek 2400 varas the N.W. corner thence N. 60 E. 10037 varas to the beginning Surveyed

28 July 1853 containing 1 labor arable

S. Riggs <sup>Chas</sup> rest pastor land J. B. Breith <sup>Spicer</sup> Surveyor  
P. Spiegel <sup>Carroll</sup> J. B. Breith  
Dist Milam

I solemnly declare the above survey to be made according to laws at the time above written

Waco 29 July 1853

J. B. Breith  
Surveyor  
Dist Milam



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M. Lane & Claps.

Filed notes 28 Cabors

Mrs. Joss Corwin jur.

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Rec'd Corwin on the  
within from Tho's H.  
Lural ~~Oct 10~~ 1860  
J. W. Moore

R. W. Douglass,

Genl of

of Louisiana &

28 Cabors

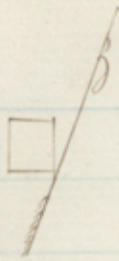
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Examined & Recorded  
in Book-K Page-119

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Wm Amelthorpe District Attorney for Orleans Parish & District  
to certify that I have examined the foregoing rec'd of  
filed notes and find them correct and the same are  
according to laws  
I have under my hand & seal this 11th day of Feb 1860  
Wm Amelthorpe District  
Attorney for Orleans Parish





The state of Texas.

Milam Land Office

Survey for Kelley & Douglass ass. of Just.  
Cordora, former of one Labor of land situated  
On the waters of Brazos about 25 miles above  
Waco and 3 miles from the river being part  
of the quantity of land to which he is en-  
titled by virtue of Certificate No 574. issued  
in Macoyacchar. County

Commencing at the N.W.  
Corner of a survey in the name of  
S H Woodberry (the northern survey) for  
the N.E. Corner of this survey. Thence  
S 30 E 75 is a branch, 950 is a mound,  
for the S.E. Corner of this survey. Thence  
S 60 W 105 is a stake for the E.W. corner,  
Thence N 30 W 950 is to the N.W. corner,  
from which a line cut marked A has N 5 W  
56 is and another marked B has N 30 W  
53 is. Thence N 60 E 105 is to the beginning  
corner from which a line cut marked X has  
S 73 1/2 W 10 is another marked Y has N 75 W  
19 is. all pasture land.

L Riggs. } chain } Surveyed 27<sup>th</sup> of January  
P Spiggle } camera } 1853. G B Erath dept surveyor  
Milam District



I solemnly declare the above survey  
was made according to law at the time  
above written, Made 29<sup>th</sup> January 1853.

G. V. B. Coath Deputy

Surveyor for Milam

Land Dist

I W<sup>m</sup> Armstrong do certify that  
I have examined the foregoing plat  
and field notes & find them correct  
and the survey made according  
to law, Given under my hand Feb  
the 5<sup>th</sup> 1853 W<sup>m</sup> Armstrong; District

Surveyor for Milam

District

I hereby certify that the above  
is a true copy of the Original.  
This the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1860

H. E. Bradford former  
Surveyor of Milam Land Dist

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File 1168  
Milam, Mt. Clem  
Field Notes 1853  
Jas. Corbitt Jr.  
District Clerk 1860



The State of Texas } Survey for Wesley & Douglas  
Milam Land District } of Jose Cordova Jr. of the  
Labor of Land. <sup>In Baysque Co</sup> situated on the  
waters of Brazos. about 25 miles above Gaces  
and 3 miles from the River <sup>and 12 miles S 73° E from Meridian</sup> being part of  
the quantity of land to which he is entitled  
by virtue of Certificate No. 574. issued in  
Tascogdoche County

Commencing at the N.W. Corner  
of a Survey in the name of S. Woodbury (the  
mother survey) for the N.E. Corner of this Survey  
Thence S. 30° E. 75 varas a branch. 950 varas. a  
branch for the S.E. Corner of this Survey  
Thence S. 60° W. 1055 v. a stake for the S.W.  
Corner. Thence N 30° W. 950 varas to the N.W.  
Corner from which a Live Oak marked  
A bears N. 5° W. 56 varas and another marked  
B bears N. 31° W. 53 varas Thence N 60° E. 1055 v.  
to the beginning corner from which a Live Oak  
marked X bears 73 1/2° W. 10 v. another marked Y  
bears N. 72° W. 19 v. all Pasture Land  
Surveyed 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1853.

S. Hogg } Chain } G. B. Crath Deputy Surveyor  
P. Speigler } Claimed for Milam District

I solemnly declare the above Survey was  
made according to Law and at the time  
above written

Yaco 29<sup>th</sup> January 1853.



G. W. Proctor Deputy

Surveyor  
for Milam District

I Mr. Wm. Shurtzong do Certify that I have examined  
the foregoing plot and field notes and find them correct  
and the survey made according to Law.

Witness Under my hand & Seal 5<sup>th</sup> 1855

Wm. Shurtzong District  
Surveyor for Milam District

I Wm. Proctor hereby Certify that the  
foregoing plot & field notes is a true copy  
from the records in my office. Wm. Proctor  
331.

Wm. Proctor 17<sup>th</sup> 1860.  
Wm. Proctor County  
Surveyor of Milam.

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Milam 1<sup>st</sup> Cap

The Cordova  
Copy of field notes 1<sup>st</sup> copy

Filed Feb 24/60

On S. C. Robertson's United Tract No 18  
Cancelled otherwise correct on map  
of Bosque Co  
17<sup>th</sup> 6/60

Patented March 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

R. R. Rivers  
Secy of Land on  
the within from J. W.  
Dural Oct 26/60  
J. W. Dural

cc 1163 to 1168



REPUBLIC OF TEXAS;

COUNTY OF NACOGDOCHES;

BE IT KNOWN, That on this *Tenth* day of *April* one thousand eight hundred, and thirty *eight* of the Independence of Texas, the *Third - wife Maria Manuela Ybarbo, Maria Petra Baedenas & Tomasa Cordova*, the legal heirs of *Jose Cordova Junior* deceased late of said County, for and in consideration of the sum of *one thousand* dollars

to us in hand paid by *Nelsy H. Douglass* of the same county the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, and confirmed, and passed over in full perfect, and bonafide sale, and by these presents, do grant bargain, sell alien convey and confirm, and pass over in full, perfect, and bonafide sale to *the said*

*Nelsy H. Douglass* his heirs and assigns, that tract, lot, or parcel of land. Being the League & Labor of Land to which the said *Jose Cordova Junior* deceased was entitled as a citizen of *Coahuila* and Texas by virtue of the colonization Laws and secured by the constitution of this Republic - But which Land is yet unlocated

and we authorize the said *Douglass* to act as our legal agent or attorney for the purpose of locating said Land

And we *Maria Manuela Ybarbo and Maria Petra Baedenas* make this conveyance by and with the consent of our legal husbands *Anastasio Ybarbo and Guadalupe Baedenas* present and consenting to this conveyance - and with us recognizing all laws tending to affect the validity of the sale -

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained land and premises, with all the rights, rents, issues, profits, members and appurtenances thereunto being, belonging, or in any wise appertaining to *the said Nelsy H. Douglass* his heirs and assigns,

forever in fee simple, and we the said *Maria Manuela Ybarbo the former wife of Jose Cordova Maria Petra Baedenas & Tomasa Cordova* our heirs, executors and Administrators, the said bargained lands and premises, to the said *Nelsy H. Douglass* his heirs executors, administrators and assigns, shall and will warrant, and forever defend against the claim of ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, and against the claim of all other persons claiming or to claim the same,

And we the said *Maria Manuela Ybarbo Maria Petra Baedenas & Tomasa Cordova* - renounce and waive all laws as well as matters of form, which might in any way impair this deed of sale.

IN TESTIMONY OF ALL WHICH, we the said *Maria Manuela Ybarbo Maria Petra Baedenas & Tomasa Cordova* have hereunto set our hand and affixed our Seal on the date aforesaid:

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

*Adolphus Sterne*  
*J. M. ...*

*Maria Manuela Ybarbo* (seal)  
*Maria Petra Baedenas* (seal)  
*Tomasa Cordova* (seal)

I consent to the above sale so far as my wife is interested  
I consent to the above sale so far as my wife *Maria Petra* is interested

*Anastasio Ybarbo*  
*Guadalupe Baedenas*



State of Texas  
 County of Macgregor } Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority  
 Adolphus Stern, to me well known, who being duly sworn, declared that  
 he signed the within instrument as witness and either San Maria  
 Manuela Garbis, Maria Petra Cardenas, Tomasa Cordova, Anastasio  
 Garbis & Guadalupe Cardenas see and execute the same or heard  
 them acknowledge that they had done so

Witness my hand and Seal of Office at  
 the Town of Macgregor this 19th day  
 of March A.D. One thousand eight hundred  
 and forty nine

Nathan A. Amory  
 Notary Public  
 Macgregor County

Thos. Walker

R. H. Saylor  
 &  
J. S. Saylor

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 Maria M. Garbis,  
 Maria P. Cardenas and  
 Tomasa Cordova legal  
 heirs and representatives  
 of  
 Jose Cordova Sr.  
 vs.  
 J. S. Saylor  
Kelsey H. Douglas  
 Filed Nov. 27, 1857

Adolphus Stern  
 +  
San Maria Manuela Garbis  
 +  
Maria Petra Cardenas  
 +  
Tomasa Cordova  
 +  
Anastasio Garbis  
 +  
Guadalupe Cardenas



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State of Texas  
Before me Charles A Rhodes a Notary Public in and for  
the County of Galveston State aforesaid appeared Robert S Johnson  
(to me known) a subscribing witness to the Annulled deed of conveyance from  
Kelley St Douglass to Levi Jones who being duly sworn declared that he saw  
the said Douglass sign and deliver said conveyance as he did & did

In testimony of which I hereunto subscribe my name &  
affix the Seal of my Office at Galveston the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
February A D 1849.

C A Rhodes  
Notary Public



REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

County of Harrisburg,

Know all men by these presents:-

That I Reley H. Douglas of Maria Manuela Wood, Maria Petra Cardenas  
THAT Thomas Leonard, of the Town of San Antonio, Tex.

County of ~~Crawford~~ San Antonio, in the Republic aforesaid, for and in consideration of the  
sum of one thousand Dollars to me in hand paid at or  
before the en sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have  
granted, bargained and sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto Lem Jones  
of the Town of Galveston and

County of Harrisburg  
in the Republic aforesaid, his heirs and assigns forever, all and singular my right, title and  
interest, property, possession, claim and demand in and to the land right colonist  
Certificate number five hundred and fourteen (514) for one league &  
one labor of land as issued by the board of land commissioners for the  
County of Crawford on the 24 day of April 1838, to me as  
opie of the heirs of said San Antonio for said.

said quantity of one league and one labor of Land mentioned  
in the said Certificate to which the said heirs the  
grantee in said Certificate mentioned was entitled. And I hereby, for myself my heirs, executors  
and administrators, fully guaranty to the said Lem Jones  
and his legal representatives the validity, legality and sufficiency of the said Certificate; and do  
further fully guaranty to the said Lem Jones and  
his legal representatives the obtaining, receiving and holding by a good, absolute and indefeasible  
title, the said league and labor of  
Land, mentioned in the said Certificate—Hereby binding myself and my legal representatives, in de-  
fault of the obtaining by the said Lem Jones or  
his legal representatives, of a good and sufficient title to said Land as aforesaid under and by vir-  
tue of the said Certificate, to pay to the said Lem Jones  
or his legal representatives, the full value of the said land as the same  
may be ascertained by appraisalment, or according to the value of the Land of which but for such de-  
fault in reference to said Certificate, he or they might have obtained the title and possession, together  
with any and all other damages he may sustain by reason of any defects whatsoever in the said  
Certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this

sixth day of May in the year of our Lord 1838.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of

R. A. Johnson

R. H. Douglas



File 1163  
R. A. Douglass 1. clasp

to } transfer of  
} Gordon Ashcroft  
Leri Jones

League Labor.

(The certificate sent to  
Liberty for location, 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 1877.)

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Leri Jones

R. A. Douglass

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(No 1) *Proceedings of the Board Land Commissioners for the County of Trazegashas*

No	Name of Applicant	Witnesses Names	Witnesses Testimony	Decision of the Board
624	Kelsey St. Douglas of the heirs of Jose Cordova dec'd of Maria Mandella Barbo, Maria Petra Cardenas Tomaso Cordova Anastacia Barbo	Ignacio Sanchez Adol Stern	1. I know him in 1821 was killed on Basos by Indians family in this county 2. State same ap 14	Entitled to one League & Labor

(No 2) *Proceedings of the Board of Land Commissioners of Trazegashas County*

No	Names of Applicants	Names of Witnesses	Testimony	Decision	Remarks
624	Kelsey St. Douglas of the heirs of Jose Maria Mandella Barbo Maria Petra Cardenas Samala Cardenas Antonio Barbo	Ignacio Sanchez Adolphus Stern	1 <sup>st</sup> I know him in 1821 was killed on Basos by Indians, his family in this county 2 <sup>nd</sup> State same	Entitled to one League & one Labor of Land	

(No 3) *Record of Certificates Granted by Board of Commissioners of Trazegashas County*

No Certificate	Names to whom certificate have been granted	Date Certif <sup>d</sup>	Quantity of Land granted	Date of Emigration
514	Kelsey St. Douglas of Maria Mandella Barbo Maria Petra Cardenas Samala Cardenas & Anastacia Barbo heirs of Jose Cordova dec'd		One League & one Labor	previous 2. May 1835

(No 4)

No Certificate	Names of Claimants	Quantity of Land Leagues	of Land Labors	Date of Certificate
514	The heirs of Jose Maria Barbo	1 League	1 Labor	April 14. 1838

The State of Texas County of Trazegashas I certify the above extract (No 1) to be a true copy taken from what purports to be (the Original) Book of Applications of the Board of Land Commissioners for Trazegashas County Texas, now in my office. I further certify extract (No 2) to be a true copy taken from the application Book of said Board (which Book



purports to be a Transcript of the original <sup>Book of Applications</sup> (Applications) now in my  
Office, I further Certify Extra<sup>d</sup> (No 3) to be a true Copy taken  
from the Record of Land Certificates issued by said Board  
now in my Office. And I further Certify Extra<sup>d</sup> (No 4) to be a  
true Copy taken from the record of the Travelling Board of Land  
Commissioners now in my Office

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at  
Nacogoches this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D 1859  
James F. Hunt  
Clerk County Court  
Nacogoches County

The State of Texas }  
County of Nacogoches } I hereby certify that upon the Records of Land  
Certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners for Nacogoches  
County, Texas) in my Office, I can find no evidence of any Certificate  
No 24 (or any other number) having been issued to the Heirs of Jose Maria  
Waco, <sup>nor any to Jose Maria Roberts</sup> save and except Certificate No 32, issued to Eliza Robert and  
J. Walling of Jose M<sup>o</sup> Roberts for one third of a League of Land

Given under my hand and Seal of Office at  
Nacogoches this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D 1859  
James F. Hunt  
Clerk County Court  
Nacogoches County



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Joso Cordova Sum.

Transcript from the records  
of the Board of Land  
Commissioners Nacogdoches Co.

Tras No. P. 27<sup>th</sup> 39

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Acogood, Nov 10. 1859

Gen. Thos. H. Duval.

Syler  
Garden.

Since receiving your note of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. I have examined the records of the Board of Land Comrs in this County in reference to the head right mentioned, and conclude to send you the enclosed transcript of all that appertains to the matter.

Though a member of the Board from which the certificate was issued I have no recollection of the case, as it is one of many hundred Mexican headrights, nor do I suppose that any one can be found at this late date, whose memory of particulars would enable them to serve you in reference to it.

I have some knowledge of the records however and can in some measure explain how the mistake (as a mistake there evidently was) occurred.

There was a Book of applications, usually known as an "Application Docket," in which all applications were entered - Mr. Hunter's extract No. 1. is from this Book - Subsequently the Clerk of the Board had this Book transcribed into another (the first being a small cap book not very suitable for the purpose) and the Clerk who made the transfer was very careless and his work abounds in errors - Mr. Hunter's extract No. 2. is from this second Book - You will perceive that after the word "Jose" the words "Cordova dec'd, viz." are omitted in the second book -

I am informed that when the "Travelling Board" of Comrs sat in this County (I was then residing in Austin) ~~that~~ the original Application Docket was not before them but in lieu of it they used the second book mentioned - This will in some degree account for their approving the claim in the name of "the heirs of Jose Maria Charles" - though that is a departure from the actual record before them - to some extent.



Another Book was kept called a "Register of Certificates" in which it was intended to enter each certificate as issued. Your certificate appears in that Book or in Mr Hunter's extract No 3 - which is short as it should be - The numbers in this Book are consecutive from 1 upwards - They do not correspond with the numbers of Applications for the reason that many applications were rejected - hence only 514 certificates were granted out of 624 applications as will be seen from the extract taken -

I cannot perceive that the travelling Board had any reference to the "Register of Certificates" unless from that they obtained the numbers - and how their clerk should have obtained from it the true number of your certificate without at the same time discovering the discrepancy in names is more than I can understand -

The clerks of the original Board of Land Courts were very deficient in point of qualification, and very careless - and many errors consequently resulted -

You will perceive that our present clerk certifies that no certificate issued in the name in which you is approved (No 514) which is conclusive that the travelling Board made a mistake - he might also certify that but one certificate appears to have issued in that number (1st class) and that one is shown in his extract No 3 - corresponding with your own - The conclusion is therefore usually certain that the intention was to recommend your claim for patent -

I return all of your papers herewith - If on submitting the matter again to the Commissioners with this note, it shall be thought of any avail to file my affidavit as to matters stated as within my knowledge I will cheerfully furnish it - or if I can save you otherwise in the matter will be pleased to do so -

I paid Mr Hunter one dollar for



Transcript -

my respectfully  
Yours obedient servant

D. A. Starr

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a ledger or list, consisting of several columns of numbers and characters.]*



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File:

James H. Starr

Macg. ches Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Enclosing copy of the report  
of H. L. Combs in case  
of Saw Cordova, applying  
for one League & Labor

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James H. Starr

To 3<sup>rd</sup> Letter

J. H. Duval

Julie Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1859

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2 Surveys 3/1 League  
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League survey on Sterling C. Robertson  
labeled league No. 20 (canceled) otherwise  
correct old map. April 22/56

Labor survey on league No. 18, letter  
to S. C. Robertson - otherwise correct old  
map. April 22/56. C. W. Pfeiffer,  
March 6/50. <sup>1163</sup> full <sup>1163</sup> platy  
with on the <sup>1163</sup> " "

Certificates recommended - See  
original kept. of Trans. Board &  
manuscripts within.

Patent the League Survey  
to J. C. Duval after

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The Labor of 1860  
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League  
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