

Gurulé and Montano Families Apply for Land Grant

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In March 1892, the heirs of the Bernabe Montaña and Gurulé families filed a petition in the court of Private Land Claims, known as PLC #7. Titled Nuestra Señora de la Luz, San Fernando y San Blas.

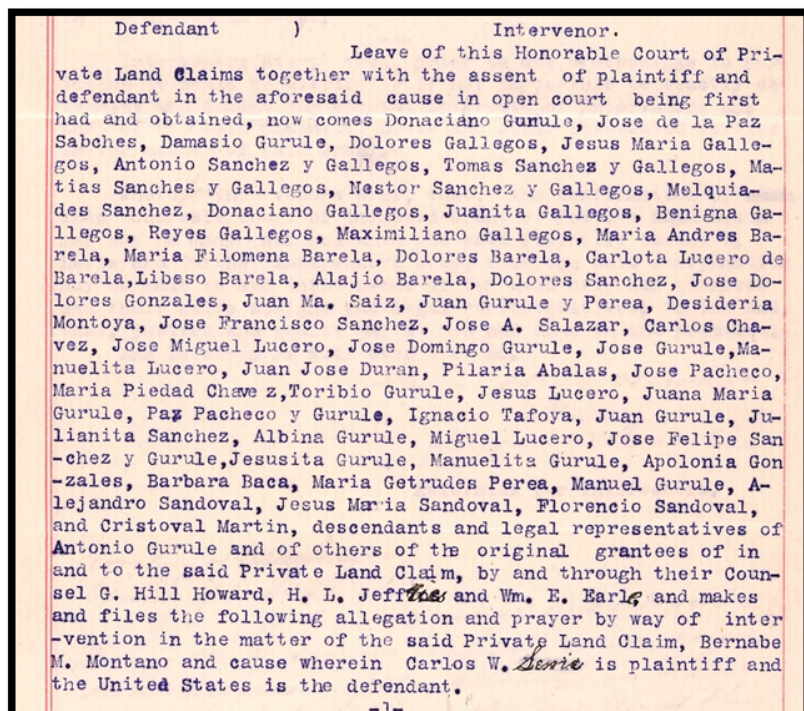
In November 1753, Antonio Gurulé had applied for this land grant along with his future in-law, and others. So what stands out about this land grant?

Item #1 – This one is in addition to the one Antonio inherited from his mother, Elena Gallegos.

Item #2 – Antonio Gurulé is doing business with the family members, albeit future in-laws.

The petitioners are all related closely or not close, but descend from Antonio Gurulé and the Montaña clan. [see image – petition dated March 1892]

The principal was Bernabe Montaña. His grand-children would later marry into the Gallegos, Garcia and Gurulé families.



Defendant) Intervenor.
Leave of this Honorable Court of Private Land Claims together with the assent of plaintiff and defendant in the aforesaid cause in open court being first had and obtained, now comes Donaciano Gurule, Jose de la Paz Sabches, Damasio Gurule, Dolores Gallegos, Jesus Maria Gallegos, Antonio Sanchez y Gallegos, Tomas Sanchez y Gallegos, Matias Sanchez y Gallegos, Nestor Sanchez y Gallegos, Melquiades Sanchez, Donaciano Gallegos, Juanita Gallegos, Benigna Gallegos, Reyes Gallegos, Maximiliano Gallegos, Maria Andres Barela, Maria Filomena Barela, Dolores Barela, Carlota Lucero de Barela, Libeso Barela, Alajio Barela, Dolores Sanchez, Jose Dolores Gonzales, Juan Ma. Saiz, Juan Gurule y Perea, Desideria Montoya, Jose Francisco Sanchez, Jose A. Salazar, Carlos Chavez, Jose Miguel Lucero, Jose Domingo Gurule, Jose Gurule, Manuelita Lucero, Juan Jose Duran, Pilaria Abalas, Jose Pacheco, Maria Piedad Chavez, Toribio Gurule, Jesus Lucero, Juana Maria Gurule, Paz Pacheco y Gurule, Ignacio Tafoya, Juan Gurule, Julianita Sanchez, Albina Gurule, Miguel Lucero, Jose Felipe Sanchez y Gurule, Jesusita Gurule, Manuelita Gurule, Apolonia Gonzales, Barbara Baca, Maria Getrudes Perea, Manuel Gurule, Alejandro Sandoval, Jesus Maria Sandoval, Florencio Sandoval, and Cristoval Martin, descendants and legal representatives of Antonio Gurule and of others of the original grantees of in and to the said Private Land Claim, by and through their Counsel G. Hill Howard, H. L. Jeffries and Wm. E. Earle and makes and files the following allegation and prayer by way of intervention in the matter of the said Private Land Claim, Bernabe M. Montano and cause wherein Carlos W. Lewis is plaintiff and the United States is the defendant.

Item #3 – Antonio's will is also written in these documents and a few surprises come out.

Item #4 – Antonio's wife (Antonia Quintana) was inheriting, so she was still alive after April 1761. His son, Tomas Gurulé, takes over by 1770. The land grant is not mentioned in Antonio Gurule's will.

1 To Antonio Gorole himself, his wife and eighteen children, includ-
2 ing domestic, making twenty were assigned forty varas in width for
3 the building of houses, and for cultivation there were assigned
4 him three hundred varas in extent (latitud-) and one hundred varas
5 in width as grain growing land, and the entrances and the exits
6 were designated to him according to the extent of the land, the
7 houses to be in a body and united, and a gate to be constructed
8 sufficient for all, and they were made to place boundaries and
9 landmarks to each lot wherever required.

20 people in total for the Gurulé household when asking for land in 1753.

The will is recorded at the Bernalillo County Courthouse, Book G, folio 241 on 3 January 1890. A prior recording on 30 December 1889 was certified at the Bernalillo County Courthouse.

Background: In 1836, the Atrisco Land Grantees, complained that this land grant had encroached on their land. In 1869, under the Surveyor General record, the descendants had previously filed a claim and now the PLC claim is much larger.

Angela's comment. Her great-grandfather Damasio Gurulé and his uncle Donaciano Gurulé were two of the petitioners listed early in the document. This document, and sheets identifying all these names in family incorporator documents, were researched when Angela worked the genealogy for the Atrisco Land grant (research accomplished for the Atrisco Heritage Foundation).

Location
and
amount
of
land

Zia to La Laguna, about a league and a half from the new town; on the South the Cerro Colorado, about two leagues from the same point; on the East the brow of the mountain commonly called the Rio Puerco Mountain; about a half league from the same point; and on the West the Mesa Prieta, about one and one half leagues from the said town,

On the 11th March, 1754, the said Alcalde in obedience to the aforesaid decree or order of the Governor, proceeded to place the parties in possession of said land, and to distribute it individually as follows, to wit:—

Name.	Varas in width for building of houses.	Square varas for grain-growing land
Antonio Gorale,	40	30000
Juan Samora,	30	30000
Jose Castels,	30	30000
Pedro Montano,	20	30000
Antonio Montano.	40	30000

known, bounded, and described as follows. *See also a grant of land, in and to the Montano's Grant of Land, situated in the County of Bernalillo and Territory aforesaid.*

Deeds were later produced showing sales of the land.

WARRANTY DEED.

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This Indenture, Made this 3rd day of November
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-three **Between**
Valentius Samora and Juana Maria Durule de
Samora his wife of Precinct No. 16 Bernalillo Co. N.M. of the first part, and
Charles W. Lewis of Albuquerque in said
County and Territory of the second part,
Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
Fifty (50.00) Dollars, lawful money of the United