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Q. How do you know that Juan Torra had those papers you mention in his possession?

A. Because at the time they were going to divide the land Juan Torra called together all the heirs, and then he brought out those papers so as to divide the property in equal shares - I mean the El Tajó land.

Q. What rights had Juan Torra to the papers?

A. He was one of the heirs, I saw the papers myself at that time.

Q. Have you talked to any one about this case before coming here?

A. No.

Q. All you know about this tract is from hearsay?

A. From what I have heard and seen.

Q. Have you any interest in the matter?

A. No.

Q. To whom did you sell your interest?

A. To Mr. Frank Henning.

Q. How large was your tract?

A. About 100 yards wide front.

Subscribed & sworn Salvador <sup>me</sup> X Roman

to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1897

Attest H. Smith, Clerk of Dist. Ct. N.M.

Maria Salgado y Garcia, (sworn)

My name is Maria Salgado y Garcia, 62 years of age, live at

12. Barlas, Bernalillo Co. Territory.
- Q. How long have you lived at Barlas?
- A. About 20 years.
- Q. Where did you live before that?
- A. At Padillas - lived there about 8 years.
- Q. Where before that?
- A. At Barlas, I lived at Tome's finca, was married there at 16 years of age, and then went to Padillas and went from there to <sup>Padillas for 5 years, then to</sup> Barlas, where I have lived since.
- Q. Are you acquainted with a tract of land known as Los Padillas or El Tajo tract, if so how long, and where is it?
- A. I know the land, have known it about 40 years, it is in Bernalillo Co. N.M.
- Q. Do you know its boundaries, if yes, what are they?
- A. I cannot tell the boundaries, my husband knows them.
- Q. Have you ever heard them?
- A. Yes.
- Q. By what title or claim do the residents of the tract claim the land, if by grant or how?
- A. By the right of Diego Padilla & Esteban Padilla - By a grant to Diego Padilla originally.
- Q. By whom has the grant been

- 13 occupied since you have known it?  
 A. By the heirs of Diego Padilla  
 Q. Are you acquainted with the general reputation among the old residents in that vicinity as to who occupied this tract prior to the time you had personal knowledge of it?  
 A. Yes; the heirs of Diego Padilla.  
 Q. Have you ever known of any adverse claim by grant to this tract of land against the Padilla Grant?  
 A. No.  
 Q. Have you any interest in that grant now?  
 A. No - I have sold my interest.  
 Cross-Examination.  
 Q. Have you ever seen any Grant paper for this tract?  
 A. Yes - I saw the last will of father of Esteban Padilla - his name was Diego Padilla.  
 Q. Did it state in that will that a grant had been made to Diego Padilla for this tract of land?  
 A. Yes.  
 Q. Did you read the will?  
 A. I heard it read when they sold to Franz Hunning.  
 Q. How did you happen to be there at that time?  
 A. Because Mr. Hunning came to my house, and it was read there by

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Fanny Hanning and the deceased Juan Torres. The administrator, Juan Torres, brought the will to my house.

Q. How do you know that the Grant has been occupied by heri Padilla and who are the present occupants?

A. As far as I know they have all sold out. Before they sold I know the occupants were heri, because my husband was one and me and Juan Torres occupied it.

Q. How much land did your husband have as an heri of Padilla?

A. I do not know.

Q. By whom was his deed given?

A. They divided up among ten heri, and he received his share.

Q. Who divided the land?

A. The deceased Juan Torres. He had the papers for the Grant as administrator.

Q. How do you know there were no adverse claimants to the land?

A. Because no one has any right except those who sold their share.

Q. How do you know that all having a right have sold out?

A. Because I witnessed, being my brother we always know.

Q. How do you know you are a brother?

A. Because we meet together as such.

Q. When is the Jose Sanchez Ramon?

A. I do not know.

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Maria Gallego <sup>her</sup> X of Garcia  
 Subscribed <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>mark</sup>  
 before me this 13 Dec. 1884.  
 Thomas T. Smith, Clerk Dist. Court, N. M.

Buduccio Apodaca (sworn)

my name is Buduccio Apodaca.  
 40 years of age. live at Pajarito,  
 Bernalillo County, Territory of New  
 Mexico

Q. Where have you lived?

A - I was born at Padillas - lived  
 there for 10 years, then they moved  
 up to Pajarito, and have lived there  
 ever since.

Q. are you acquainted with a  
 tract known as the Los Padillas  
 or El Zijo tract?

A yes sir, I have known it  
 about 30 years.

Q. are you acquainted with the  
 boundaries of the tract, if so how  
 long have you known it?

A - yes, have known the property  
 for 30 years, the boundaries are:  
 on the north, the old house - and  
 the sand hills - on the south, by  
 the salt to Indian - on the east  
 the Santa Fe mountains. on the west,  
 the Rio Grande.

Q. How long have you known these  
 boundaries?

A about 18 or 20 years.