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ORIGINAL 1882 SOCORRO LAND OWNERS

In 1882, the property owners of the "Provincia de Socorro" submitted a petition to the United States government requesting recognition of the property rights of "the people of the sovereign state of Socorro." This document was one of several used to justify the legal "Free State of Socorro" in 1953. Those property owners signing this petition are listed below. It also serves as an interesting historical document of the dominant families of 1882 Socorro. The descendants of many of the persons listed below still live in Socorro.

Antonio y Abeyta
Estanislao Montoya
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Dionicio Jaramillo
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Antonio Jose Garcia
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Lucas E. Pino
Luis Trujillo
Ricardo Pino
Rafael Tafoya
Juan Torres y Monfoya
Pablo Sanchez
Pedro Fernandez
Jose Ant. Baentiente
Casimiro Montoya
Jose T. Santidances
Patricio Castillo
Ysidro Castillo
Jose Castillo
Jose Sopes y Jaramillo
Demetrio Ulibari
Jose Ant. Chavez
Calletano Tafoya

Clemente Chaves
Luciano Chaves
Juan Montoya y Silva
Andres Vigil
Pablo Apodaca
Nestor Garcia y Rael
Ambrocio Gonzales y Rael
Juan Gutirres
Jose Armijo y Vigil
Vivian Baca
Jose Antonio Baca y Pino
Felipe Montoya
Pedro Gonzales
Jose Gonzales
Benito Montoya
Vicente Tafoya
Antonio Jose Chaves
Felipe Padilla
Rafael Valensuela
Pedro Silva
Seon Silva
Mateo Castillo
Rosalia Garcia
Donaciano Silva
Antonio Jose Chaves
Sucario Montoya
Pedro Armijo
Jose Armijo
Pelagio Armijo
Demetrio Armijo
Carlos Padia
Velentin Padia
Pedro Lucero
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Jose Padia
Victoriano Montoya
Pedro A. Baca

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