

held at the time of such conveyance by the corporations making the same under absolute fee-simple title.

Official record.

The conveyance, recorded in the office of the county recorder of Riverside County, California, in book of official records, which is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, is as follows: December 15, 1937: Volume 351, page 351, A. L. Wood, John Clinton Estate, Indio Fire Protection District, C. W. Walker, Jane Walker, and Faye Massey: *Provided*, That such legalization, validation, and confirmation shall not in any instance diminish said right-of-way to a width less than fifty feet on either side of the center of the main track or tracks of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company as now established and maintained: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed to legalize, validate, or confirm any rights, titles, or interests based upon or arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance heretofore made by Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company: *And provided further*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Provisos.
Width of right-of-way.

Adverse possession, etc.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 336]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 3488]
[Public Law 576]

To provide that assistant or deputy heads of certain bureaus in the Department of the Interior shall be appointed under the civil-service laws, and for other purposes.

Department of the Interior.
Appointment of certain assistant or deputy commissioners.

42 Stat. 1488; *Post*, p. 733.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; Supp. I, ch. 13.

Functions and duties.

Performance of duties of commissioner in case of death, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter assistant or deputy commissioners of the General Land Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the Department of the Interior, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. Appointments to these positions shall be considered as made under the authority of section 169 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (5 U. S. C., sec. 43). Assistant and deputy commissioners so appointed shall be authorized to sign such letters, papers, and documents and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the commissioner of their respective bureaus. The Secretary may designate for each of the aforementioned bureaus an assistant or deputy commissioner, who shall be authorized to perform the duties of the commissioner in case of the death, resignation, absence, or sickness of the commissioner.

SEC. 2. All provisions of law inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 337]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 3937]
[Public Law 577]

To change the designation of the Fort Marion National Monument, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the area now within the Fort Marion National Monument, in the State of Florida, shall hereafter be known as the "Castillo de San Marcos National Monument", under which name the aforesaid national monument shall be entitled to receive and to use all moneys heretofore or hereafter appropriated for the Fort Marion National Monument.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 338]

AN ACT

For the relief of persons in connection with the extraction of gold-bearing ore from the Ruck-A-Chucky dam site.

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 4213]
[Public Law 578]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no member of the association known as the Ruck-A-Chucky Mine Partnership or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons, shall be held liable on account of the extraction by them during the year 1940 of gold-bearing ore from Lot 19, Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 10 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, California, or adjacent lands. The Ruck-A-Chucky Mine Partnership and other persons shall be deemed to have obtained full title to such ore at the time of its extraction.

Ruck-A-Chucky
dam site.
Extraction of gold-
bearing ore.

Title to ore.

No person, partnership, or corporation, Ward & Ward, or the American Smelting and Refining Company shall be held liable on account of the purchase of any part of the gold ore referred to in the first paragraph of this Act. The purchasers of such ore shall be deemed to have acquired full title to the ore at the time of its purchase.

Nonliability of pur-
chasers.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 339]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists.

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 4347]
[Public Law 579]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists is hereby authorized for a period of one year from and after the effective date of this Act to purchase, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the association for use as a mission site, the following-described public lands in Alaska: Beginning at corner numbered 1, identical with corner numbered 4, amended United States Survey Numbered 63, latitude fifty-seven degrees thirty-five minutes north, longitude one hundred and fifty-seven degrees thirty-five minutes west, approximate. From said initial point south nine degrees thirty minutes east, eleven and seventy one-hundredths chains, to corner numbered 3, amended survey numbered 63; thence south eighty degrees thirty minutes west, two and thirty-nine one-hundredths chains, along line 2-3, amended survey numbered 63 to corner numbered 3, United States Survey Numbered 504; thence south five degrees forty-five minutes east, thirteen and fifty one-hundredths chains, to corner numbered 4, Survey Numbered 504; thence continuing south five degrees forty-five minutes east, six and fifty one-hundredths chains, to a point; thence north eighty-four degrees fifteen minutes east, thirteen and sixty-four one hundredths chains, to a point; thence north five degrees forty-five minutes west, thirty-two and sixty-one one-hundredths chains, to a point on south boundary of United States School Reserve, created by Executive Order Numbered 7079, June 17, 1935; thence south eighty degrees thirty minutes west, along south boundary of said school reserve, twelve and four one-hundredths chains to the point of beginning, containing forty-one and fifty one-hundredths acres.

Alaska.
Conveyance of cer-
tain lands authorized.

Description.

SEC. 2. That the conveyance shall be made upon the payment by the said organization for the land at its reasonable appraised price, not less than \$1.25 per acre, to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, and upon the submission by it of satisfactory proof that it

Purchase price.