

El Grito de Las Mercedes

Newsletter of the
New Mexico Land Grant-Merced
Movement

¡Que viva las mercedes!

Land grants commemorate 176 years of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

The New Mexico Land Grant-Merced Consejo, the UNM Land Grant Studies Program, New Mexico Land Grant Council and the Department of Justice hosted the commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 2024 at the Roundhouse. Elected officials, past and current land grant board members, and others were invited to join and were graciously hosted by Masters of Ceremonies, Jacobo Baca and Arturo Archuleta, employees of the New Mexico Land Grant Council and UNM's Land Grant Studies Program. UNM professor Moises Gonzales, closed the event with a keynote address on genízaro populations.

During Treaty Day celebrations, former community leaders were recognized for their lifetime of service to New Mexico's land grants. Those acknowledged include, Daniel Antonio Herrera (former board member of La Merced del Manzano), and Fabián Padilla (heir of the Town of Tomé Land Grant). Additionally, Dr. Ricardo Dow y Anaya (Department of Justice) was given a certificate of recognition from the UNM Land Grant studies program for creating the Land Grant-Merced and Acequia Historical Gallery and Repository, which is housed at the Department of Justice's gallery and digitally available on the NMDOJ's website.

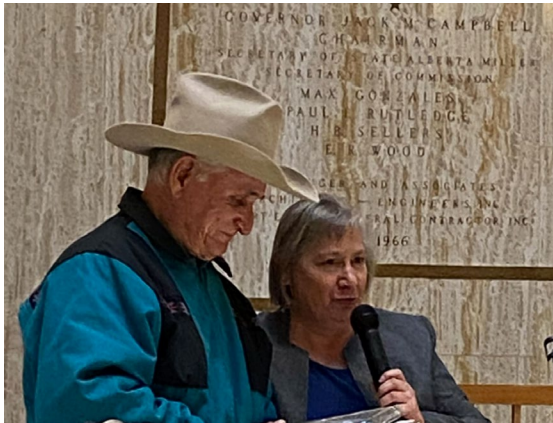


*Greta Archuleta, Arturo Archuleta, Anissa Baca,
Dr. Ricardo Dow y Anaya and Jacobo Baca*



Trio CPR begin Treaty Day celebrations with music

More from Treaty Day 2024



Lifetime award recipient, Fabián Padilla and Consejo President, Andrea Padilla



Lifetime award recipient, Daniel Antonio Herrera



State Auditor, Joseph Montoya



Keynote speaker, Moises Gonzales

Important Reminders

- The next Land Grant Council meeting will be held on **March 8, 2024** in Albuquerque. Visit lgc.unm.edu for location information and how to participate virtually or in person.
- The next New Mexico Land Grant-Merced Consejo meeting will take place on **March 16, 2024**, hosted by the Cebolleta Land Grant.

Land Grant Youth celebrate Treaty Day with art contests

Art Contest (ages 6-8)

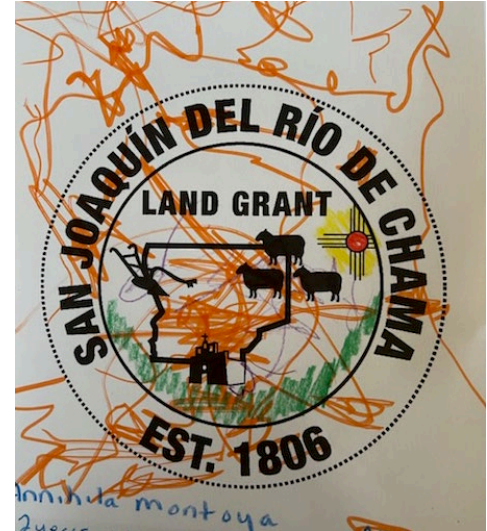
- 1st place: Raquel Maestas (Tomé Land Grant)
- 2nd place: Olivia Maestas (Tomé Land Grant)
- 3rd place: Santiago Torres-Gleason (Tomé Land Grant)

Art Contest (ages 9-11)

- 1st place: Kaisho Arredondo (Tomé Land Grant)
- 2nd place: Epifiano Torres (Tomé Land Grant)
- 3rd place: Nikko Arredondo (Tomé Land Grant)

Coloring page submissions:

- Joshua Montoya (Arroyo Hondo Arriba Community Land Grant)
- Annihila Montoya (Arroyo Hondo Arriba Community Land Grant)
- Deyanira Aragon (Arroyo Hondo Arriba Community Land Grant)



2024 “Treaty Day”, Youth Submission

Santiago Torres-Gleason (age 8) de Tomé NM

A Sunday in January, after 8am mass, and after our weekly “breakfast at Nana’s house”, I asked my son and nephew (Santiago and Epifaño) to ask Tata (my Dad) about the Tomé Land Grant. It was a bitter-sweet interaction to watch, a grandfather relaying to his two grandson’s the memory of the land.



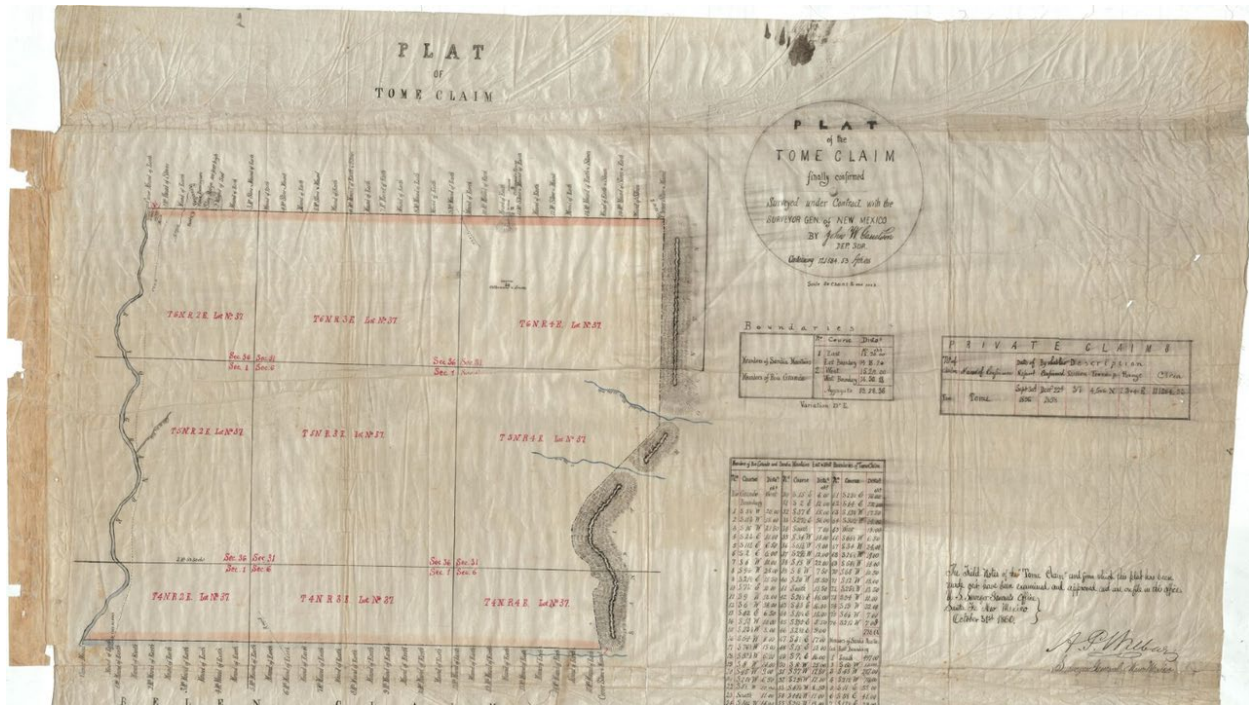


The Tomé Land Grant has a deep, complex, and disheartening history (it was ‘sold’, but not without deep protest from many of the heirs), and to-date, a group of Toméseñios have worked to slowly get some land parcels back. A new beginning.

And so blood-heirs of the Tome’ Land grant sit at a Sunday breakfast table, and learn about the history of the land they were born into, still live in, and reside and among on a daily basis. Below are some photos of the event, and the maps they ‘drew’ after listening to their Tata.

The original boundaries of the Tome' Land grant were mapped by physical landmarks:

- Cerro de Tomé (NORTH)
- Cerrito del TuRuTuTu (SOUTH)
- Top of the Manzano Mountains (EAST)
- Center of the Rio Grande (WEST)



(Source: 2022 UNM Article, CSWR restores historic Tomé patent and map: UNM News)

As the boys drew these maps, this was not the first time they'd heard of the Tome' Land and it's physical boundaries; their Tata (Ramon Torres de Tomé) talks about the Land Grant of his childhood often, and it is often weaved throughout our conversations. And we still live within the boundaries of the Land Grant, but now with encroachments and the 'memory' of the Land Grant fading. But we keep it alive, in our stories, in Papa's remembering, and in knowing the physical landmarks still remain – the mountains, the volcanic 'cerritos', the river – reminding us of what was, what will always be...

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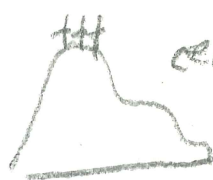
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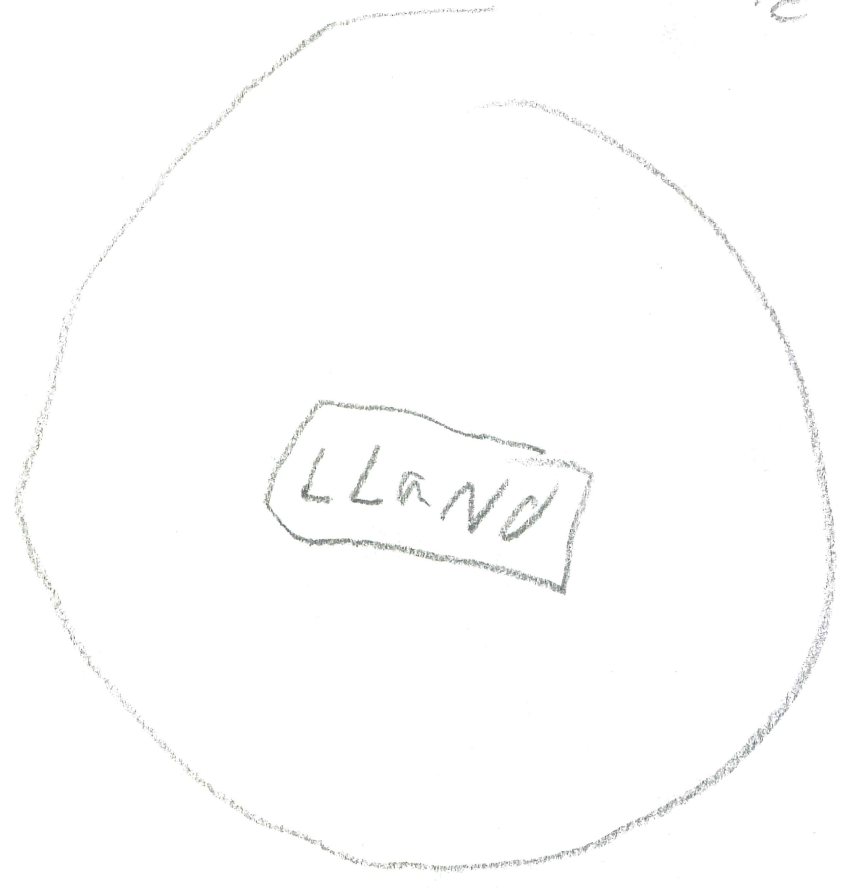


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