



TITLE HISTORY OF THE LOS ANGELES TEMPLE SITE

- 1542** Area is claimed in the name of Charles I, king of Spain.
- 1821** Mexico gains independence from Spain.
- 1843** Governor Manuel Michelgorena grants Rancho San Jose de Buenos Aires to **Maximo Alanis**.
- 1848** Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo makes California part of the United States.
- 1850** California becomes a state September 9, 1850.
- 1851** Heirs sell rancho to **Wilson W. Jones**, who sells a half interest to **William T. B. Sanford** on November 1 for less than \$.37 per acre.
- 1852** Jones sells his half interest to **Ben D. Wilson** (January 7).
- 1858** Wilson buys other half from Sanford (July 23).
- 1859** (November 26) Wilson sells half interest to **Cyrus Sanford**.
- 1861** **Samuel K. Holman** buys whole rancho from Wilson and Sanford for \$3,500 (June).
- 1876** United States government confirms title to the rancho (July 25).
- 1884** Rancho sells to **John Wolfskill** for \$40,000 (February 23).
- 1913** Property is transferred to heirs following Wolfskill's death (December 14).

- 1919** Part of the rancho where the temple would be located is sold to **Arthur Letts**. Even before this sale is final, Letts sells the property (November 14) to Los Angeles Trust and Savings Bank, whose name was changed to **Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank**.
- 1923** Property is sold to **Holmby Corp.** Nine days later Holmby sells this property plus a parcel from the **Janss Investment Company** to the **Harold Lloyd Corp.** for \$130,000 (November 15).
- 1937** Harold Lloyd Corp. sells 24.23 acres to the **Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** for \$175,000 (March 23).