development or improvement of the lands by the occupants or their predecessors in interest. In such appraisal, the Secretary of the Interior shall consider and give full effect to the equities of the occupants.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall issue a patent for such land to any occupant only if the occupant (1) files an application to purchase the lands within one year after the enactment of this Act; (2) makes a showing satisfactory to the Secretary that he or his predecessors in interest were bona fide occupants of the tract and had adverse possession for seven years prior to the approval of the plat survey of the lands; and (3) pays the price of the lands, as required by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting adversely valid existing rights to public lands.

SEC. 4. Any money paid by the occupants shall be covered into the reclamation fund for credit against the construction costs of the Weber Basin project, Utah. Any patent issued under this Act shall contain a reservation granting to the United States the right to repurchase the patented land, if the Secretary should find that such land is needed by the United States and the Weber Basin project, upon tender of payment for such land of the amount paid by the patentee to the United States under this Act plus the reasonable value of the improvements thereon in place at the time the land is patented. Such tender and payment shall be made from the reclamation fund.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Private Law 957 CHAPTER 1202

AN ACT

For the relief of Colonel Samuel J. Adams, and others.

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 6808]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That relief is hereby granted the various disbursing officers of the United States hereinafter mentioned in amounts shown herein, or in such lesser amounts as may be outstanding on the date of enactment of this Act, said amounts representing amounts of erroneous payments made by said disbursing officers of public funds for which said officers are accountable as listed in and under the circumstances described in identical letters of August 1, 1953, the Department of Defense to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairman, Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, and that the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of the following officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps the amounts set opposite their names, or such lesser amounts as may be outstanding on the date of enactment of this Act:

Col. Samuel J. Adams and others.

Colonel Samuel J. Adams, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $80.26; Colonel Walter E. Ahearn, Finance Corps, Army, $22; Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Louis Brinckmann, Finance Corps, Army, $225; Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd Burton, Finance Corps, Army, $146.69; Major Michael Cohen, Finance Corps, Army, $177.13; Lieutenant Colonel Charles Wesley Conklin, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $70; Lieutenant Colonel John Hamilton Davin, Finance Corps, Army, $2,015.47; Lieutenant Colonel Ernest Glenn Doyel, Finance Corps, Army, $233.56; Major Harris Clark Eichen, Finance Corps, Army, $60.25; Major Horace Napoleon Elkins, Junior, Finance Corps, Army, $78.72; Colonel John W. Faulds, Finance Corps, Army, $465.15;

Colonel Clarence A. Frank, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $1,089.25; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Stanley Gasiorowski, Finance Corps, Army, $1,123.40; Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Hansen, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $1,250.59; Major Edward Charles Hertweck, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $18,109.76; Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Jeffrey, Finance Corps, Army (now retired), $4,464.97; Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Sanderson Kinsman, Finance Corps, Army, $6,506.21; Lieutenant Colonel Wilfred Knobeloch, Finance Corps, Army, $230; Lieutenant Colonel Orville Aden Lesley, Finance Corps, Army, $149.96; Lieutenant Colonel Royer Knight Lewis, Finance Corps, Army, $137.90;

Captain Theodore J. Leyden, Finance Corps, Army, $195.20; Lieutenant Colonel Charles Burnham Milliken, Finance Corps, Army, $105.88; Major Charles E. Myrick, Finance Corps, Army, $522.04; Lieutenant Colonel Carter Oliver Price, Finance Corps, Army, $25.80; Major Alva L. Ritchie, Finance Corps, Army, $29.63; Lieutenant Colonel Harold John Schubert, Finance Corps, Army, $50; Major Frank Martin Setzer, Finance Corps, Army, $3,481; Major Arthur Anthony Stiefel, Finance Corps, Army, $1,901.67; Lieutenant Colonel Frederick S. Stratton, Finance Corps, Army, $3,706.93; Colonel Samuel Johnson Taggart, Finance Corps, Army, $820.30; Colonel John Raikes Vance, Finance Corps, Army, $442.74;

Lieutenant Colonel James Raymond Wilkerson, Finance Corps, Army, $94.04; Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Elliott Enger, Finance Corps, Army, $5,302.81; Captain Frank Anthony Matuszak, Finance Corps, Army, $679.87; Ensign Verson H. Anderson, Supply Corps, Navy, $93.75; Lieutenant Edward J. Birtistle, Supply Corps, Navy, $568.44; Ensign James J. Baker, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $16; Ensign Herbert Richard Beck, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant (junior grade) Edward B. Barnett, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant Commander Albert Albert, Supply Corps, Navy, $4,013.75; Lieutenant (junior grade) Bernard Abrams, Supply Corps, Navy, $13.20; Lieutenant (junior grade) John P. Abea, Supply Corps, Navy, $30;

Lieutenant Harold A. Anderson, Supply Corps, Navy, $37.50; Ensign Rodger Adrian, Supply Corps, Navy, $9.50; Lieutenant Roy William Endorf, Supply Corps, Navy, $8; Lieutenant (junior grade) Vaughn O. Balcom, Supply Corps, Navy, $100; Lieutenant Thomas Foley Beck, Supply Corps, Navy, $150; Ensign Carol H. Brooks, Supply Corps, Navy, $280; Lieutenant (junior grade) J. J. Bock, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,275; Lieutenant Commander F. C. Brehm, Supply Corps, Navy, $131.25; Ensign W. L. Blumling, Supply Corps, Navy, $100; Lieutenant (junior grade) Thomas W. Bevans, Supply Corps, $75; Lieutenant (junior grade) J. H. Corey, Supply Corps, Navy, $20;

Commander Fred C. Burris, Supply Corps, Navy, $480; Ensign Eugene Butcher, Supply Corps, Navy, $200; Lieutenant Theodore C. Christopherson, Supply Corps, Navy, $93.75; Lieutenant R. W. H. Darrow, Supply Corps, Navy, $7.27; Ensign Robert Newton Gordon, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant George E. Brown, Supply Corps, Navy, $193.75; Ensign D. A. Heller, Supply Corps, Navy, $225; Lieutenant (junior grade) Lloyd Goolsby, Supply Corps, Navy, $30;

Lieutenant John W. Bomar, Supply Corps, Navy, $177.65; Ensign Heber Thompson Hertzog, Supply Corps, Navy, $720; Ensign Boynard Mayhew Graf, Supply Corps, Navy, $70.40; Ensign Stephen S. D. Griffith, Supply Corps, Navy, $550; Lieutenant H. L. Conner, Supply Corps, Navy, $108; Lieutenant (junior grade) Richard M. Davis, Supply Corps, Navy, $57.50; Lieutenant (junior grade) Wilson E.

Deitrick, Supply Corps, Navy, $237.50; Lieutenant (junior grade) Edward J. Dolan, Supply Corps, Navy, $18.75; Lieutenant (junior grade) Thomas C. Dutton, Supply Corps, Navy, $87.50; Ensign Andrew S. Dowd, Supply Corps, Navy, $5.40; Ensign Jackie S. Cook, Supply Corps, Navy, $500; Lieutenant Commander George H. Davis, Supply Corps, Navy, $360;

Commander R. A. Donald, Supply Corps, Navy, $525; Ensign William Thomas Echter, Supply Corps, Navy, $20; Ensign William J. Frushtick, Supply Corps, Navy, $175; Ensign David G. Fulton, Supply Corps, Navy, $56.25; Lieutenant Commander Helen Randel Gorham, Supply Corps, Navy, $38.40; Lieutenant Commander Sam Cruse, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,610.84; Lieutenant (junior grade) R. L. McNutt, Supply Corps, Navy, $56.25; Lieutenant F. A. Nash, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $281.25; Ensign H. W. O'Brien, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $6; Lieutenant (junior grade) Grace J. Page, Supply Corps, Navy, $93.75; Lieutenant (junior grade) J. W. Peascoe, Supply Corps, Navy, $87.80; Commander C. F. Ray, Supply Corps, Navy, $2,025; Lieutenant Dale M. Robison, Supply Corps, Navy, $187.50;

Ensign C. G. Ross, Supply Corps, Navy, $89.60; Lieutenant (junior grade) P. J. Roy, Supply Corps, Navy, $18.75; Lieutenant Commander G. H. Rathe, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant S. L. Scharf, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,150; Lieutenant Jean M. Shaeffer. Supply Corps, Navy, $56.25; Lieutenant R. W. Sharpe, Supply Corps, Navy, $93.75; Ensign S. K. Schapiro, Supply Corps, Navy, $216.25; Ensign J. F. Schnaible, Supply Corps, Navy, $731.25; Ensign R. H. Shaw, Supply Corps, Navy, $23.75; Ensign L. R. Smith, Supply Corps, Navy, $250; Lieutenant H. W. Smith, Supply Corps, Navy, $16;

Ensign R. S. Sylvest, Supply Corps, Navy, $350; Lieutenant Commander W. O. Steinke, Supply Corps, Navy, $217.50; Lieutenant (junior grade) J. E. Larson, Supply Corps, Navy, $60.60; Commander Frederick Kim Longshore, Supply Corps, Navy, $298; Lieutenant Norman C. Lunde, Supply Corps, Navy, $38.40; Lieutenant Arnold E. Lohnes, Supply Corps, Navy, $131.25; Lieutenant (junior grade) Harry R. Luebbe, Supply Corps, Navy, $87.98; Ensign C. G. Maggi, Supply Corps, Navy, $150; Ensign R. E. Madsen, Supply Corps, Navy, $600; Ensign T. P. McKeown, Supply Corps, Navy, $150;

Lieutenant (junior grade) Eleanor Ann McDuffie, Supply Corps, Navy, $96.25; Lieutenant (junior grade) Mary R. Morrow, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,336.53; Commander P. E. F. Quinlan, Supply Corps, Navy, $231.25; Commander L. H. Huebner, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,105; Lieutenant Kenneth Hughes Olsen, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant T. L. Nalley, Supply Corps, Navy, $93.75; Ensign Alex A. Nordhues, Supply Corps, Navy, $520; Lieutenant A. W. Lazcano, Supply Corps, Navy, $88.75; Ensign R. F. Murphy, Supply Corps, Navy, $480; Ensign K. P. Miller, Supply Corps, Navy, $159.73;

Lieutenant W. W. Miller, Supply Corps, Navy, $550; Lieutenant E. F. Miller, Supply Corps, Navy, $37.50; Ensign N. D. Meyers, Supply Corps, Navy, $30; Ensign Marvin E. McMullen, Supply Corps, Navy, $18.60; Lieutenant J. G. Smith, Supply Corps, Navy, $51.67; Lieutenant Commander C. L. Stokes, Supply Corps, Navy, $262.50; Lieutenant (junior grade) W. E. Thomas, Supply Corps, Navy, $150; Lieutenant (junior grade) L. E. Toney, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $62.80; Ensign L. A. Watson, Supply Corps, Navy, $250; Lieutenant (junior grade) B. B. Wright, Supply Corps, Navy, $112.50; Lieutenant J. L. Willess, Supply Corps, Navy, $262.50;

Lieutenant (junior grade) G. N. Wade, Supply Corps, Navy, $400; Captain C. G. Warfield, Supply Corps, Navy, $535.17; Lieutenant Max O. Vermillion, Supply Corps, Navy, $195; Lieutenant (junior grade) Arthur William Holfield, Supply Corps, Navy, $61.24; Lieutenant Commander Henry H. Hoefs, Supply Corps, Navy, $257.50; Lieutenant (junior grade) James C. Keener, Supply Corps, Navy, $120; Lieutenant (junior grade) William H. Keeley, Supply Corps, Navy, $56.25; Lieutenant Irene M. Kline, Supply Corps, Navy, $100; Ensign J. H. Kamps, Supply Corps, Navy, $173.22;

Lieutenant Commander Ronald Earl Kinney, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $150; Ensign Roland J. Knobel, Junior, Supply Corps, Navy, $392; Lieutenant (junior grade) Lynn M. Davis, Supply Corps, Navy, $372.40; Lieutenant D. R. Ferrin, Supply Corps, Navy, $280.05; Lieutenant Commander Earl V. Lanes, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,800; Lieutenant (junior grade) R. Claussenius, Supply Corps, Navy, $32.80; Ensign Keith E. Jacob, Supply Corps, Navy, $75; Lieutenant (junior grade) Howard F. Jacobs, Supply Corps, Navy, $175; Lieutenant William C. Joslyn, Supply Corps, Navy, $520; Ensign D. H. Huntington, Supply Corps, Navy, $40;

Lieutenant Merrill Hoffman, Supply Corps, Navy, $930; Lieutenant S. G. Higgins, Supply Corps, Navy, $1,511.75; Lieutenant Commander Robert John Kliese, Supply Corps, Navy, $8,018.25; Commander J. C. Burrill, Supply Corps, Navy, $407.30; Lieutenant Bernard Joseph Hackenson, Supply Corps, Navy, $11,055.23; Lieutenant Jack W. Hillman, Supply Corps, Navy, $578.75; Ensign William O. Hoverman, Supply Corps, Navy, $525; Major Clinton William Bragan, Air Force, $25.36; Major George Albert Bringman, Air Force, $501.18; Major John Cyril Costigan, Junior, Air Force, $401.09; Major Bruce Gregory Duncan, Air Force, $262.40; Lieutenant Colonel Stanley A. Fulcher, Air Force, $51.75;

Major Irvin William Gerth, Air Force, $168.13; Captain Elton Hall, Junior, Air Force, $1,066.98; Major Quincy Douglas Howell, Air Force, $143.72; Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Marsh, Air Force, $1,764.80; Major Harry James McAuley, Air Force, $989.26; Lieutenant Colonel Clyde William O'Hern, Air Force, $344.99; Major Darrell Leonard Reed, Air Force, $221.32; Captain Claybert Wilson Reid, Air Force, $142.87; Major Joseph William Scanlan, Air Force, $176.55; Captain Luther Richard Underwood, Air Force, $216.33;

Major Earl Bruce Van Blarcom, Air Force, $197.52; Captain Alfred Viescas, Air Force, $764.88; First Lieutenant Charles Augustus Wrennick, Air Force, $595.80; Major Lee B. Andrus, Marine Corps (now retired), $414.49; Major Norman C. Bates, Marine Corps, $196; Colonel Samuel K. Bird, Marine Corps, $942.65; Major Harry O. Buzhardt, Marine Corps, $13; Captain Edward L. Claire, Marine Corps (now retired), $80; Colonel James L. Denham, Marine Corps (now retired), $847.86; Captain Hubert H. Dunlap, Marine Corps (now retired), $120;

Captain James W. Eldridge, Marine Corps, $9.80; Major George R. Frank, Marine Corps, $275.10; Captain Willard T. Henry, Marine Corps, $121.80; Captain Nicholas P. Lengyel, Marine Corps, $132; Captain Robert H. J. McKay, Marine Corps (now retired), $40.60; Captain William M. McMakin, Junior, Marine Corps, $37.50; Colonel Leo Sullivan, Marine Corps, $228.40; Lieutenant Colonel Paul E. Wallace, Marine Corps, $398.09; Captain Clareance S. Wick, Marine Corps, $62.66; Major Herman A. Zehngebot, Marine Corps, $168.15; the foregoing amounts representing erroneous payments of public funds for which these officers are accountable, which payments resulted from accounting differences and minor errors in determining amounts of pay and allowances due former officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees of the services concerned or contractors and/or

vendors from whom collection of the overpayments has not been effected and which amounts have been disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SEC. 2. That any amounts refunded by any disbursing officer or his heirs in connection with any item of indebtedness in accounts cleared herein and/or any amount otherwise due any disbursing officer or his heirs which was set off against any item of indebtedness which is cleared herein, shall be refunded to such disbursing officer or his heirs from the account to which credited if that account is available for disbursement, or if not, from the appropriation "Payment of certified claims": *Provided*, That no part of the amount authorized under this section to be refunded shall be charged against any individual other than the person to whom the erroneous payment was made or the person who received the benefit thereof.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where disbursing officers' accounts are cleared or relieved under the authority of this Act, such clearance or relief shall be considered and construed as precluding the recovery from such disbursing officers of any interest charges (whether in connection with judicial proceedings or otherwise) arising from any item so cleared or relieved.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Private Law 958 — CHAPTER 1203

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 7881]

To validate a conveyance of certain lands by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, to Morgan Hopkins, Incorporated.

Southern Pacific Railroad Co. Conveyance validation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the conveyance hereinafter particularly described and heretofore executed by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain lands or interests therein, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, and forming a part of the right-of-way of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company, granted by the Government of the United States of America by section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573), is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, as far as the interest of the United States is concerned, with the same force and effect as if the land involved therein had been held at the time of such conveyance by the corporations making the same under absolute fee-simple title.

16 Stat. 579.

The conveyance, recorded in the office of the county recorder of Los Angeles County, California, in book of official records, which is hereby legalized, validated and confirmed, is as follows: Dated May 13, 1953; recorded June 14, 1953; volume 41897, page 48, to Morgan Hopkins, Incorporated: *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

Reservation of minerals to U. S.