

heirs. Leandro married a teacher from Philadelphia and resided in that city until he went to San Francisco. Leandro is a half brother of Fernando B. Maldonado, a prominent merchant of San Francisco.

Governor Safford and his sister, Dr. Mary Safford, adopted a baby girl, Gladys, whom he made one of his heirs.

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NATIVE SILVER FROM SONORA

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The San Joaquin Republic mentions that T. Robinson Bours and Co. of Stockton have received a fine specimen of virgin silver from the Mexican department of Sonora. The region in which it was found is called Planchas de Plata, situated about latitude 31 N., longitude 111 W., some thirty miles south of the new boundary line of Sonora formed by the Gadsden Treaty.

The specimen at Stockton weighed five ounces. It was found on the surface of the ground. Another lump, found at the same time and weighing 237 ounces, was sent for exhibition to the City of Mexico. Owing to the fear inspired by the constant depredations of the Apaches, the explorations set on foot subsequent to these discoveries, have as yet produced no further fruits, but the belief is very general in Sonora that in this region abound more silver and gold than in any other hitherto known.

Letters have been addressed to the firm named, offering them power to sell immense tracts of land, some of them lying within the newly acquired territory. One of these tracts is at the juncture of the Gila and Colorado rivers embracing five square leagues. Another called Sopori contains thirty square leagues, near the Presidio of Tubac, about thirty leagues north of the line of the Gadsden Purchase. The tract on the Colorado is known by the name of Paso de Algodones, and part of the same is comprised within the boundary line run in pursuance of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and by the Gadsden Treaty the entire tract is within the territory of the United States. Another important tract is south of the line and embraces the only port on the Gulf of California, north of Guamas. It is named Punta de Sargento.