"Ralph McDie: From Las Cruces to Davao," by Caudo McDie Bloom. (Mrs. Bloom was his sister.)

In the 1880's, Ralph had a very fine horse which he raced on all occasions. At first time in Las Cruces0 in from the range came the Ake and Isaac Mustangs, the Riley cowboys, and other groups who didn't touch our family life......

With Pabo (his horse) his leadstone, Ralph's ambition was to "run stock", and kindly Jeff McDie encouraged him --- Dunk Ake and my brother were champs. The big Ake clan used to winter --- for the younger ones to know school get schooling --- not far from our fine new brick house a short mile from town, and I remember being vastly proud that Parma Ake liked best of all the youngbrushed that I got for her --- tender little underground branches of mesquite root, whittled and chewed (!)

As Ralph grew, Jeff hired his summers, paying in the fall with steers, which Ralph was allowed to select --- cows even, in good breeding years. And when Jeff bought the farm half way to Dona Ana which Pape and Johnny Farncastle owned jointly, Ralph helped out winters too --- who making it possible to keep their beefers within a safe distance from the valley ranch.

I remember that Jeff Ake made a trip to Santa Fe to say goodbye to Ralph and his own kindred when they were getting off so hurriedly to the war --- the Spanish American War in '98. At that time Ralph owned a tiny herd of forty head with several good horses to boot, all of which were running the Ake range. Jeff took the over, but Ralph kept his brand, I remember.
Jefferson Ake, Captain Bury's company, Bean's Battalion, Texas Reserve Corps, C. S. A. appears upon a list of young men who are absent without leave and have joined the regular service. This List is dated April 1, 1865 and has remark, "gone to Sim's Battalion Frontier Regiment."

No other record of this man found.

Ake, Felix Grundy

Mexican War

No record has been found of the service of a man named Felix Grundy Ake during the Mexican War.

Several men bearing the surname AKE are shown to have entered service in 1847, but all were from Pennsylvania and all of them deserted after a few days service.

Men from Pennsylvania and Ohio served during the Civil War, surnamed AKE.

Ake, Felix Grundy

See Wm. F. Scott manuscript, p. 3-4.

Ake's party leaving Arizona in 1861 was attacked by Indians and many members killed.

Ake, Jefferson

Arizona Citizen 6/15/89, 4-3.

From Las Cruces News.

Some scoundrel put a bottle of strychnine in one of the wells of Jon. H. Riley's range. The result was the loss of several hundred dollars' worth of cattle. Jef Ake, Riley's foreman, came near losing his life. Mr. Riley had a narrow escape.
in April, 1934, Eugene Lanlove Rhodes asked James O'Neill to contact Jeff Akes and get his story. Rhodes wrote he had "intended for years to do it; but now I never will .... It will be a shame for it to go unrecorded." In June, 1934, Rhodes died.

Page 22: "In 1855," says Jeff, "we left California for Tucson...." "We forded the Colorado where Blythe is now, and went down the river to the Gila, and forl-owed that back and went down to Casa Grande....Then we got to Tucson, Dad got orders to go direct down to Calabasas Hacienda, and begin to put up forage for the dragoons. The soldiers were not there yet."

Pages 39-40:"In 1861 the Civil War commenced," says Jeff Ake. "We were at the fort. The Captain told us we had just three days to get out, if we wanted to move out with them....we all pulled out together...."

NOTE: Mention is had here of Capt. Sharp in group who pulled out, and mentions something about Captain Sharp on page 44. Don't know whether this is Capt. Nathaniel Sharp or not.