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INDIAN DEPREDATIONS . . .

On the 21st (of February, 1859), a cow, belonging to Mr. Woolworth, killed, within a short distance of the dwelling house. The same night, Indians were shot at and driven away from Mr. Ake's house.

----The Weekly Arizonian (Tubac) March 3, 1859, 3:1

Married, at Tucson, Arizona, on Tuesday, March 1st, 1859, by J. Ricord, Esq., Mr. George P. Davis to Miss Ann Maria Ake, all of Sonoita Valley.

----The Weekly Arizonian (Tubac) March 3, 1859, 3:3

Religious Service.--Rev. Mr. Tuthill preached on last Sabbath, at Mr. Ake's, on the Sonoita, and on the 17th inst., will hold service at Fort Buchanan.

----The Weekly Arizonian, April 14, 1859, 2:4

Woman Killed.--A few days since while a Mexican cart loaded with barrels of mescal, was ascending the hill near Mr. Ake's house, on the Sonoita, the barrels broke loose and rolled from the cart, and passed over a poor Indian woman who was walking behind, crushing her to death. Another woman, Mexican, was also badly injured, but taken care of by Mr. Ake's family.

----The Weekly Arizonian, May 25, 1859, 3:3

The Weekly Arizonian, Tubac, 5/ 26/ 59, 3:3

THE SONOITA MURDERERS.-- William Ake was lately seen near Fort Yuma, on his way west.--It is to be hoped that he will never again be seen in this Territory. There is a reward of one hundred dollars offered for his arrest. Page, Scott, Bolt, and Anderson, will be sent to the Rio Grande for trial. Two others of the party (one of whom is said to have shot the wounded Mexican now at Fort Buchanan,) are at large, but will probably be arrested before the others are sent away. It is a matter of great satisfaction to all peaceable people that so many bad characters have been taken up at once, and the thanks of all order-loving citizens are due to Col. Reeves for his prompt and efficient

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The Weekly Arizonian, Tubac, 5/ 19/ 59, 3:2

Th(sic) Sonoita Valley Murderers.

Three of the gang engaged in the murderous affair at the mescal distillery, are in irons at Fort Buchanan, namely, Page, Bolt, and Scott. Wm. Ake, J. Pennington,

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Sam Anderson, and a man named Brown, are yet at large. Pennington is a very young man, evidently led into the affair by his older associates, and as he did not take an active part in the affray, he will probably only be required to give his evidence. Ake and Anderson, two notorious rascals, are yet at large, and we believe Brown has not been arrested. Ake is a young man, but has committed several murders. He was one of the ringleaders of the party. Anderson is a cowardly, sneaking fellow, a great liar, a carpenter by trade, and has a bad scar across his face.-- Messrs. Marshall, Graydon and Hall, with a party of soldiers, are yet in pursuit of the fugitives, who it is believed have not left the country. Ake has two fine horses, and has been seen in this neighborhood since the arrest of his companions. Mr. Marshall and his party, on reaching Tucson, in pursuit of the runaways, received hearty co-operation from the citizens. Mr. Oury furnished fresh horses, and there was a general disposition to secure the murderers. If watch is kept at the mail stations, they will find it very difficult to escape.

The effects of this raid upon the Mexicans has been very bad upon the Mining Companies, which are the chief resources of the country--- One hundred men have left the Cerro Colorado mines; the Patagonia is deserted by its laborers, and at the Santa Rita concern it has required

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the most earnest efforts to keep the men contented. Farmers will suffer greatly for want of hands, now in the season of corn planting---It is a **disastrous** event to the entire country.

Since the above was put in type, Anderson has been captured, He was found on the Santa Rita mountain, and secured without resistance. Ake may yet be in the country, harbored and assisted by some of his few sympathisers. If he appears anywhere in the settlements he should be taken if possible.

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Sacramento Union, 5/25/59, 1-5.

Outrage against Mexicans. - A correspondent of the ALTA, writing from Tucson, May 10th, says:

Two days ago, a party of Americans, led by one Paize and one Bill Ake, began to order off all the Mexicans in the lower Sonoita from their farms. There being no organization amongst the few farmers, this was easily accomplished, and the Mexicans were driven before them up towards Fort Buchanan, without leaving them time even to gather up their luggage. After "clearing out" as they called it, several ranchos, they arrived at what is called the Mescal Ranch, where some Mexicans and Yaque Indians were making mescal. Here an attack was made on the Mexicans as one of the attacking party stated, for the only reason that these poor fellows ran when ordered to stop by six infuriated men, loaded down with revolvers and rifles.

This is one of the most disgraceful affairs that ever occurred here: not only that, but six men are allowed to butcher and massacre in broad daylight, without any law in the Territory to punish them, but much more so, that six men can defy a whole even if small community of Americans as there exists on the Sonoita creek. In this one-sided fight, three Mexicans and one Indian were killed and, it is said, one American by the name of nail, seriously wounded by a lance.

May 12.- The people of Tucson and vicinity are highly excited. They have drawn up documents condemning the murderers, and are

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determined not to allow any more outrages to be committed, and to have the murderers, Ake and Paige, expelled from the country. A meeting has been called for next Saturday at Tubac to take further action.

I must remark in justice to the owners of the Reventon and also to those who were so grossly insulted in Hermosillo, conspicuous among whom is R. Dass, that they promptly came forward denouncing the savage conduct, and offering to chastise the assassins.

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Sacramento Union, 5/30/60, 2-5.

From the Arizonian, May 17th.- ... The house of William Ake, on the Sonoita, was destroyed by fire recently.

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Ake seems to be hopeless. I have searched:  
California Library Vital index.  
History of Santa Clara County, 1881.  
History of Santa Clara County, 1922.  
Pen Pictures of the Garden of the World, or Santa Clara County, 1888.  
History of San Jose, 1871.  
Great Registers of Santa Clara County.

Some of these give a good many pages to early crimes, but not of the killing of Ake.

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New Mexican (Santa Fe), 3/7/71, 2-1.

A letter from the Secretary of State to the Governor makes inquiry in reference to one William ~~Ake~~ Acke or Ake, who is said to have been, in 1859, in that part of this Territory now embraced in Arizona. Any person having information . . . will please communicate with Governor Pile.

