

CULLUMBER, SAMUEL T.

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Born at _____ Texas _____ 18 ____ (about 1845) .

Son of Allen and _____ Cullumber

Listed, U. S. Census, August 14, 1860, at San Pedro Settlement,

Arizona County, New Mexico, age 15, born in Texas; U. S. Census, September

7, 1870, at Date Creek, Yavapai County, A. T., age 27, born in Texas;

occupation, Farmer.

The Tucson Arizona Citizen printed the following on March 9, 1872:

The Miner of February 24 comes freighted with news of thefts and murders. After reciting several fights wherein C. DAVIS killed four Apaches and wounded some more; also in which Messrs. McCloud and Saunders killed one and wounded a couple, and of particular thefts, that paper says:

"And, to crown all, they, on last Wednesday, attacked a station kept by S. T. Cullumber, a few miles below the military post of Camp Date Creek, killing Mr. Cullumber and a Mr. Harris, and running off several head of stock, which belonged to Mr. Cullumber and Mr. James Grant, proprietor of the mail line."

In the issue of March 16, the story was continued:

It seems the Indians attacked Martinez ranch near Camp Date Creek on February 21; that in a fight, two Indians were killed and left dead on the ground; that soon after, a party of Mexicans came along and murdered Mr. Cullumber and Mr. Harris and stole their horses and made for Salt River with all speed; that February 29, a true Indian ally—Juan Jose—promptly advised the Sheriff and others of Maricopa county that the stolen horses and men were on the river; that Sheriff Warden, assisted by others, at once went on the trail, and on the fifth day of unremitting search, the murderers were found at a camp below Phoenix, and in volleys of shooting by both sides, the two assassins and thieves were killed and the two horses recovered. That the men killed were guilty as stated, there seems to be no doubt .

Farish's History of Arizona indicates that Samuel Cullumber had charge of a stage station at Martinez Ranch about 20 miles north of Wickenburg on the road to Camp Date Creek where the Arizona Stage Company kept four horses and a man to care for them. Some Mexicans first stabbed Harris, the stock-tender, and then killed Cullumber. Two of these Mexicans who committed this murder, one of them was Joaquin Barbe, were shot two days later at a place called the "Hay Camp", on the Agua Fria west of Phoenix, by Milton Warden, the Sheriff of Maricopa County, and Josephus Phy.

Murdered at Martinez Ranch, Yavapai County, A. T., February 21, 1872, buried _____.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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