

ELIAS, JUAN

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ELIAS, JUAN, born at Tubac, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, November 24, 1838; son of Juan and Jesusa (_____) Elias; his father was elected Justice of the Peace at Tucson, 1860.

Married _____ at _____ o n _____ 18__.

Children _____

Listed, U. S. Census, 1860, with his parents at Tucson, occupation, Laborer; Territorial Census, 1864, at Tucson, occupation, Farmer; property valued at \$650; U. S. Census, 1870, at Tucson, occupation, Huckster, property valued at \$2,500; member from Pima County, H. of R., 6th Territorial Legislature at Tucson, 1871, and of the 7th Territorial Council, at Tucson, 1873.

On April 9, 1870, Apaches captured his herd of cattle near San Xavier; they were pursued, some of the stock recovered and one Indian killed who was identified as from the reservation near Camp Grant; participated in the so-called "Camp Grant Massacre" on April 30, 1871, for which he and about 100 others were afterwards tried and acquitted; original member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, 1884, his obituary in the Tucson Citizen reads:

"From early manhood he was a prominent figure in the upbuilding of this County. In the early days of Arizona's history, when the Apaches were a constant menace, by night and by day, to the safety of those brave men who were determined to live here, Juan Elias was always in the front rank of those who sought to rid the country of her bitterest enemies.

His record is one of exceptional bravery and many of his comrades who are yet living, proudly point to him as the personification of manly courage. He was one of these present at the famous Fort Grant Massacre, and almost times without number he made his presence strongly felt in repelling the vicious assaults of the murderous Apaches.

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Mr. Elias was a member of the Territorial Legislature; he served on the Board of Supervisors, and held a number of offices of trust. Throughout his whole career, his life was such as to win for him a wide reputation for sterling integrity and respect for the right. In his death, Arizona loses one of her friends who often placed his life in jeopardy for her advancement ● "

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A. T., November 3, 1896, Aged 58.

Buried _____ Cemetery Tucson, Arizona

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