

RAMIREZ, ROQUE

RAMIREZ, ROQUE, born at Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, 1831; enrolled August 3 at Tubac and mustered in at Calabasas, Pima County, A.T., November 2, 1865, to serve one year against Indians as Private, Captain H.S. Washburn's Company E, 1st Battalion Arizona Infantry; age 33; occupation when enlisted, Miner; stationed at Fort Mason near Calabasas, until December 4 when he marched with the Company via Tucson, Maricopa Wells and Date Creek to Fort Whipple arriving December 29; left there early in January, 1866, and reached Camp Lincoln on the Verde River on the 16th; the report of his death states that on February 26th, 1866:

Private Roque Ramirez had permission to go hunting and, after his return at roll call, went fishing and next morning was found dead about one mile below the Post. He was killed by Indians and his arms, clothing and ammunition all taken.

Judge Ed. W. Wells has recorded what a settler in the Verde Valley told him who also decided to go fishing that same Saturday evening. He followed "Sergeant" Ramirez down the river but discovered several armed Indians as they were wading the stream so hurried back to the Post and gave the alarm of an expected attack; the substance of the account is as follows:

The Indians did not appear nor did the Sergeant return. The next morning, as he still failed to appear, I guided five of the soldiers in search of him. We discovered his tracks (overlapped by moccasin tracks) showing that he had been fishing in the frequent small eddies of deep water. We came upon his dead body lying partly under water.

He had been surprised and though apparently attempting to escape was killed in what appeared to have been a sharp struggle, when the Indians probably made an effort to capture him alive. He had evidently been cut in several places with his own hunting knife, his throat and neck cut to the bone to make sure life was extinct. The body was stripped of all clothing which, with his firearms, were carried away by the Indians.

Preparing a litter of ash and willow boughs, we bore the body to the soldiers' camp and buried it on an elevated point overlooking the cabins and valley he had so faithfully guarded. From the moccasin tracks and an arrow left by them Pauline Weaver identified the Indians as Pinal Apaches.

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Buried at Camp Lincoln (afterwards called Camp Verde), Yavapai County, A.T.; the records show that "his widow has since married Private Sorto Hernandez"; twenty years later his remains were moved to the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, and reinterred in Grave No. 1173, West Side.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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RAMIREZ, Roque Private, Co. E, 1st Battalion Arizona Infantry

Roque Ramirez was enrolled August 3, 1865 at Tubac, A. T. and was mustered into service November 2, 1865 at Calabasas, A. T. as a private in Company E, 1st Battalion Arizona Infantry to serve one year (against the Indians).

He was killed February 26, 1866 by the Indians near Camp Lincoln.

He was born at Magdalena, Mexico, was 33 years old at date of enlistment, and by occupation a miner.

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No record of pension

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