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Born in Jackson County, Missouri, _____ 18__ (about 1836).

Son of _____ and _____.

Married Ellen (Elena) _____ at _____

on _____ 18__, who was born in Sonora about 1850.

Children _____.

Emigrated to California in 1852 when he was 16 years old, came to Arizona in 1858, and was associated with Charles T. Hayden in hauling freight; the annual report of combats with Indians during the previous year issued at Santa Fe from the Headquarters of the Department of New Mexico on February 18, 1865, states that in March 1864:

The Indians also attacked a train of wagons near Weaver, Arizona, and mortally wounded Mr. Rykman and a Mexican; another party was slightly wounded. The Indians took all the stock and plundered the wagons.

That he was then severely wounded was confirmed, by the Prescott Arizona Miner by stating at the time of his death that he:

"Was attacked by Indians near Weaver, in this County, and literally riddled with bullets and arrows, receiving some seven or eight wounds, since which time he has never seen a well day".

Listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District, (Yavapai County), age 28, born in Missouri, single, resident in Arizona 5 years, occupation - Miner, property valued at \$50; the Arizona Miner of February 6, 1869, reported:

Another Indian Attack. By California mail, we received news by letter, from Wickenburg, in this county, which states that a party of 12 or 15 Indians attacked

the train of Mr. Rickman, at a point four miles east of Vulture mine, at noon, on the 2d inst., killed one teamster (a Mexican), and captured another. The other teamsters fought and were driven back by the Indians, but rallied again, took 5 of the mules from them, and pressed them so closely that they had to shoot the two mules in their possession. The Indians came back during the night, cut the flesh from the dead mules and carried it off.

The following references to him appeared in the Tucson

Weekly Arizonian:

February 12, 1870 - - From Camp Crittenden we have information of a recent invasion by a party of greasy pillagers, members of the Lo family. On the 31st. ult. they endeavored to get the stock of A. Rickman who was camped about a mile from the post. The herder discovered and fired at them and then "retreated in good order". The Apaches returned the fire then rushed upon the herd but were so hotly pursued by the teamsters, who had now rallied to the spot, that they were obliged to leave the spoil and save themselves.

July 30, 1870 - - CORRESPONDENCE. Tubac, July 18, 1870. I feel as though it were a duty to inform you of the frequent depredations by Apache Indians on this river..... On the 12th. Mr. Rickman went to his ranch on the Sonoita and discovered that the Indians had been living in his house - making mocassins, etc. for another campaign.

Listed with his wife in the 1870 Census at Camp Crittenden, Pima County, A. T., age 34, occupation - Farmer, property valued at \$3,500; served as member from Pima County in the lower house of the 8th Territorial Legislature at Tucson, 1875; when announcing his death the Arizona Miner said "Mr. R. was a generous, kind-hearted man, above the ordinary intellect. His many friends will mourn his loss" and the Tucson Citizen stated:

He was among the early American settlers in this section and has seen quite prosperous days. He was shot badly by the Apaches several years ago and of late years has been in poor health.

Died at Tucson, A. T., July 4, 1877, aged 41; buried
Cemetery, Tucson.

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