## SWETNAM, JAMES MANDAH

SVETHAM, JAMES HANCAH, born on a farm in Lewrence County, Kemtucky, Hovember 11, 1842; sem of James and Rebecca (Debern) Swetnam; married, (1), Leura P. Ferguson at Catletteburg, Kemtucky, October 21, 1871 who died in 1876; daughter, Hellie Sherer; (2), Mrs. Hellie E. Breckett at Augusta, Kansas, October 21, 1877, who died in 1879; (3), Mrs. Mas E. Black at Omaha, Hebraska, December 27, 1887; daughter, Louise (Mrs. Edvin Halcolm Hall) and step-son, Howard Black.

At age 22 came to Arisona from New Mexico with the family of his uncle, John P. Oebern, and arrived at Prescott in July, 1864; left Prescott early in January, 1865, with a party of nine men headed by James Parrich to explore the Verde Valley for the purpose of locating a farming colony; went back to Prescott and then returned with William L. Oebern, Thomas 5.

Ruff, Rd. A. Boblett, H.L.D. Morse, Joseph Melvin, C.M. Ralston, Mac Foster, John Lang and Jacob Rametein and ten head of exem to establish a settlement at the junction of the Verde and Clear Fork about five miles below the present town of Camp Verde.

Yith stones from a prehistoric ruin they built the valls of a seven foot high enclosure. 80 by 40 feet, erected a cabin in each corner and dug a well inside for water in case of siege; a canal was taken out of Clear Fork (new known as West Clear Greek) to irrigate 200 acres; late in March five of the party went to Prescott and returned with Mrs. Boblett, Mr. and Mrs. Whiteomb, Charles Yates, John A. Culbertson and 45 head of cattle.

The first Indian depredation occurred early in May, 1865, when 3 exem were stolen about 9 c'cleck one morning; he joined four other settlers in pursuit of the Apaches and the animals were recovered late that evening, all with arrows sticking in them; things went smoothly for a time except that their only herse was stolen by the Apaches who also made a break in the

brush diversion dam so that the canal was dry for a day.

Shortly after 1 p.m., on June 25, about 60 Apaches dreve off 19 head of cattle which had strayed from the corral at the moon hour and, although hotly pursued by the cettlers for four miles, got away with them; within two weeks two herses were stolen, one of which had been wounded in the neck in the previous affair; the next attack occurred late in July when Culberteen was slightly wounded in the hand and Manstein more coverely in the hip; the cettlers rallied to attack the Apaches, who had stopped to kill an ex, and shot several of them.

The barley crop was harvested and sold in August to the Quartermaster at Fert Whipple at \$17 per hundred pounds but when the corn began to ripen the Indians pilfered quantities of it from the fields at night; he lost 100 bushels, worth \$6 per bushel; about the middle of September, Lieutenant Baty and 17 soldiers were sent from Fort Whipple to protect the settlers but the force was inadequate; for a month later the Appeles stele all of the remaining eatile except ? out of a total herd of 60 brought to the Verde Valley; in the fighting, two settlers, Sanfords and Calbertson were wounded, the latter quite seriously.

Some additional reinforcements from Fort Whipple, commanded by Lieutenant William McMeill of Company 1, 7th California Infantry, gave better protection but prior to that time the settlers had lost barley and corn worth \$2,000; horses worth \$500 and cattle to the value of \$6,000; William Elliett, one of the settlers, described his own less as "six yoke of as good work exem as ever went from Texas" worth \$200 per yoke.

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Returned to the East where he taught school for a time and edited a newspaper at Kirksville, Misseuri; took a medical course at the University of Mishigan and engaged in the practice of medicine in Kansas and Mobraska; a bronchial infection caused him to return to Arizona in Hovember, 1894; became very successful in the practice of his profession in Phoenix and occupied a high place in the esteem of the citizens of that community; made a Mason in Apperson Ledge No. 195, F. & A.H., at Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky; became a Member of Phoenix Commandery No. 3, K.T. in 1899 and served as Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Arizona, 1914-15; died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, February 4, 1921, aged 79; buried, Forest Lawa Cometory, Glondale, California.

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