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"Ralph Elmo McFie: From Las Cruces to Davao." by Paul McFie Bloom. (Mrs. Bloom was his sister.)

(In the 1880's, Ralph had a very fine horse which he raced on all occasions. At fiests time in Las Cruces0 in from the range came the Ake and Isaac mustangs, the Riley cowboys, and other groups who didn't touch our family life.....

With Fabe (his horse's his loadstone, Ralph's ambition was to "run stock", and kindly Jeff Ake encouraged him --- Bunk Ake and my brother were chums. The big Ake clan used to winter --- for the younger ones to ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ get schooling --- not far from our fine new brick house a short mile from town, and I remember being vastly proud that Garndia Ake liked best of all the snuffbrushed that I got for her --- tender little underground branches of mesquite root, whittled and chewed (!)

As Ralph grew, Jeff hired him summers, paying in the fall with steers, which Ralph was allowed to select --- cows even, in good brooding years. And when Jeff bought the farm half way to Dona Ana which Papa and Johnny Barncastle owned jointly, Ralph helped out winters too --- the making it possible to keep their beefers within a safe distance from the valley ranch.

I remember that Jeff Ake made a trip to Santa Fe to say goodby to Ralph and his own kinfolk when they were getting off so hurriedly to the war --- the Spanish American War in '98. At that time Ralph owned a tiny herd of forty head with several good horses to boot, all of which were running the Ake range. Jeff took the over, but Ralph kept his brand, I remember.

630 AKE, Jefferson Texas Reserve Corps, C. S. A.

Jefferson Ake, Captain Bury's company, Bean 's Battalion, Texas Reserve Corps, C. S. A. appears upon a list of young men who are absent without leave and have joined the regular service. This List is dated April -, 1865 and has remark, "gone to Sim's Battalion Frontier Regiment."

No other record of this man found.

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AKE, Felix Grundy Mexican War

No record has been found of the service of a man named Felix Grundy Ake during the Mexican War

Several men bearing the surname AKE are shown to have entered service in 1847, but all were from Pennsylvania and all of them deserted after a few days service.

Men from Pennsylvania and Ohio served during the Civil War, surnamed AKE

Ake, Felix Grundy

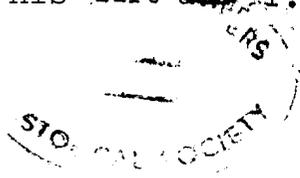
See Wm.F.Scott manuscript, p.3-4.

Ake's party leaving Arizona in 1861 was attacked by Indians and many members killed.

Ake, Jefferson

Arizona Citizen, 6/15/89, 4-3.
From LAS CRUCES NEWS.

Some scoundrel put a bottle of strychnine in one of the wells of Jon. H.Riley's range. The result was the loss of several hundred dollars' worth of cattle. Jef Ake, Riley's foreman, came near losing his life and Mr. Riley had a narrow escape.



AKES, Jeff.

in April, 1934, Eugene Manlove Rhodes asked James S. O'Neil to contact Jeff Akes and get his story. Rhodes wrote he had "intended for years to do it; but now I never will It will be a shame for it to go unrecorded." In June, 1934, Rhodes died.

Page 22: "In 1855," says Jeff, "we left California for Tucson. . . ." "We forded the Colorado where Blythe is now, and went down the river to the Gila, and foiled that back and went down to Casa Grande When we got to Tucson, Dad got orders to go direct down to Calabasas Hacienda, and begin to put up forage for the dragoons. The soldiers were not there yet."

Pages 39-40: "In 1861 the Civil War commenced, " says Jeff Ake. "We were at the fort. The Captain told us we had just three days to get out, if we wanted to move out with them. . . . We all pulled out together. . . ."

NOTE: Mention is had here of Capt. Sharp in group who pulled out, and mentions something about Captain Sharp on page 44. Don't know whether this is Capt. Nathaniel Sharp or not.