

ELIAS, JESUS MARIA

Born at Tubac, December ____, 1829.

Son of Juan Bautista and Jesusa (_____) Elias

Married Teresa M. _____ at _____ on _____, 18____.

Children, Francisca, Ismael, Maximo, Jose Maria, Rosenda (Mrs. _____)
and Teresa (Mrs. _____)

Was living in Tucson, where his father was the Alcalde, when American soldiers first occupied the Gadsden Purchase in March, 1856; listed at Tucson, U. S. Census, 1860, occupation, Farmer, property valued at \$1,100; contracted to supply fresh beef to the California Column in Tucson for 30 days at 10 cents per pound, May 25, 1862; recruited 32 Mexican residents of Tucson to serve under Captain T. T. Tidball in an expedition against an Apache rancheria in Arivaipa Canyon, about 20 miles from Fort Breckenridge, which also consisted of 25 California Volunteers, 10 Americans, 20 Papagos and 6 tame Apaches: "the party marched five days without lighting a fire, maintaining silence, hiding by day and traveling by night" and at dawn on May 7, 1863, made an attack which resulted in killing 50 Indians, wounding many and the capture of 10 prisoners and 66 head of livestock.

Listed, Territorial Census, 1864, at Tucson, occupation, Farmer, property valued at \$1000 and again in 1870 as a farmer with property worth \$4,700; Representative from Tucson, 1st Territorial Legislature at Prescott, 1864; again served in the House from Pima County, 5th and 8th Legislatures at Tucson, 1868 and 1875; elected to command a force of 6 American and 48 Mexican residents of Tucson and 92 Papagos which attacked an Apache rancheria on the lower Aravaipa near Camp Grant at daylight on April 30, 1871 when 85 Indians were killed, all but 8 of whom

were women and children; as a result he and 99 others were indicted for murder but they were all acquitted by a jury at Tucson on December 13, 1871.

Died at his home, Los Reales, near San Xavier, Pima County, A.T. January 10, 1896, aged 67; buried Catholic Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona.

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