

WEAVER, BEN

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WEAVER, BEN; son of Pauline Weaver; came to Arizona with his father, the noted scout and mountain man.

The San Francisco Alta California on May 15, 1865, printed a communication from Prescott, A.T., that reported a number of outrages by the Apaches among which was the following:

April 10th, William Smith, living three miles below Wickenburg lost 15 fine horses which he had just brought in from California. His herder, a man named Weaver, was killed.

Fredrick L. Brill testified in behalf of his Indian depredation claim that on or about April 6, 1866, Ben Weaver was herding cattle for him when killed by Apache - Mohaves about 2 miles below Wickenburg; when found there were arrows in his body and a bullet wound in his groin. Nelson Van Tassel testified that he and John R. (Yank) Simmons found Weaver dead and brought his body to Brill's ranch; the Apaches had broken off the arrows so as to strip his body of clothing. John B. Montgomery testified that Ben Weaver was buried on Brill's Ranch close to the Has-sayampa River.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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