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This Week's  
Question:

What Arizona  
ballpark is featured  
in the 1988 film  
"Major League"?  
(14 Letters)

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# Charles Siringo

**Colorful Exploits Helped Make Him  
an Important Western Literary Figure**

Around 1885, the height of the so-called "Beef Bonanza," where wealthy Easterners and Englishmen invested eagerly in western cattle ranches, the cowboy mystique permanently gripped the American imagination. In that year, a 30-year-old drover by the name of Charlie Siringo released a colorful, atmospheric book that remains as good a cowboy autobiography as has ever been written. Its title was a mouthful: *A Texas Cow Boy or, Fifteen Years on the Hurricane Deck of a Spanish Pony. Taken from Real Life By Chas. Siringo, An Old Stove Up "Cow Puncher," Who Has Spent Nearly Twenty Years on The Great Western Cattle Ranches.*

Charles Angelo Siringo was born on February 7, 1855,

in Matagorda County, Texas, to an Italian father and Irish mother. In 1856, Charlie's father died, leaving his wife to care for their young daughter and infant son. Charlie learned to ride while still a boy, and when he was twelve, he persuaded his mother to let him hire on with an area rancher "and learn to run cattle."

By the time Charlie was sixteen, he was employed on the Rancho Grande owned by the legendary cattleman Shanghai Pierce. While still a teenager, Charlie registered his own brand, which he began to apply to mavericks on the ranges he worked. Like most cowboys, however, he was never able to build much of a herd.

(See Author on Page 6)



Charles Siringo, circa 1890

## The History of Arizona Uncle Sam's Camels, Part 2

By Thomas Edwin Farish

In the year 1876, two Frenchmen gathered together thirty odd head roaming over the desert section north of the Salt and Gila rivers, and took them to Nevada for the purpose of packing wood and salt into the Comstock mines. These ungainly beasts, however, so frightened the freighters' mules and became such a nuisance that the old Comstock freighters notified the Frenchmen to take the animals out of the country, or else they would be shot. The Frenchmen then took them

In the early part of the 1900s writer/historian Thomas Edwin Farish was commissioned by the Arizona Territorial Legislature to write a history of Arizona. This was a mammoth undertaking in its day and took several years to complete. The original volumes of the book were published in 1915-1918.

The *Territorial News* is publishing excerpts of these volumes over the next several issues. This is an extensive work and, unfortunately, we are not able to publish the complete text on these pages. Every attempt is made to do justice to the author and preserve the integrity of his work in the selections we publish.

down to some mining camp in Sonora, which was the last



ever heard of this particular band of animals.

In 1879, according to the *Expositor* of September 26th

of that year, a great many camels were running wild along the banks of the Gila in Arizona. They were a source of much annoyance to the teamsters, sometimes making their appearance on the highway and frightening mules and horses. "We understand," says that

(See Camels on Page 4)

### In Their Own Words

## The Trials of an Officer's Wife

Frances Marie Antoinette Mack was born in New York and, in 1871, met Fayette Washington Roe, a Virginian who had graduated from West Point. The two were married and soon left for Roe's first Army posting at Fort Lyon, Colorado Territory. Frances soon began writing narratives about her life as an Army wife. Beginning in 1871 and continuing through 1888, Frances wrote lively and mostly pleasurable accounts of the life of an Army wife on the frontier. There were many adventures



Frances Rowe

for the couple as they were transferred from post to post, mainly in Colorado Territory, Indian Territory, and

(See Eyewitness on Page 8)



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-Tecumseh

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### ARIZONA TRIVIA

*This Week's Question:* What Arizona ballpark is featured in the 1988 film "Major League"?  
Phoenix and Tucson? (14 Letters)

*Last Issue's Question:* What is the name of the desert which includes much of southern Arizona, including Phoenix and Tucson? *Answer:* Sonoran Desert

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## Arizona - Web of Time

### Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

Parts of northern Arizona have been home to the pronghorn antelope for at least 12 thousand years. Some are believed to have lived within the Grand Canyon.

In 1825, James Pattie became one of the first U.S. citizens to set foot in Arizona. He wrote a book about it in which he called Arizona's javelina a "wild hog" with tusks "of a size so enormous that I am afraid to commit my credibility by giving the dimensions."

Late on a warm September, 1867 evening south of Tucson, three mounted travelers stopped their horses at an abandoned ranch to get some rest before riding on. They were there just long enough to build a fire in an old adobe building and spread their saddle blankets for beds nearby. That's when they realized bugs by the hundreds, probably the thousands, were creeping, jumping and buzzing all over

them; mostly fleas, scorpions and then mosquitoes. The frantic men brushed themselves off, saddled their horses and left at a gallop, their skin crawling at the thought of what they'd left behind.

The year was 1880 when the town of Galeville in southeastern Arizona was headquarters for a gang of cattle rustlers and stagecoach robbers. They were protected from arrest by the local sheriff.

A school for American Indian boys opened at Phoenix in 1891 to provide vocational and agriculture training. The school was in a hotel building.

The town council at 1903 Williams tried to increase tax revenues for city government by requiring dog licenses. Owners were warned that if a dog didn't have a license, the marshal would shoot it. Another attempt to raise money was an annual \$2 "street tax" levied on every able-bodied man over the age of 21 and under the age of 50. Men short of cash could spend two days a year cleaning streets.

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# Uncle Sam's Camels

## History

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paper, "that arrangements are being made to collect the animals together and take them to Colorado where it is thought they can be sold at good prices."

In the *Prescott Democrat* of December 30th, 1881, there is this reference to the Arizona camels: "A capture has at last been made by Indians in the vicinity of Gila Bend, and last Wednesday a carload passed through on their way to the East. While they stopped at the depot quite a large crowd gathered to see them. The carload consisted of seven large and two small ones and were consigned to a circus menagerie at Kansas City. They were in charge of an Egyptian, Al Zel, who had been sent out expressly to get them. They do not differ from ordinary camels seen in this country except that they far exceed in size any ever yet exhibited. The price said to

have been paid for them is trifling, the Indians being very anxious to get rid of them as their horses and cattle are greatly frightened by them. There are a large number still in that vicinity."

A dispatch from Tucson, under date of November 28th, 1913, says: "John Nelson, ax-

of an animal peeking at us over the mesquite trees, which stood 15 feet high at the least. It could not have been a horse."

"Have you ever seen a camel? I was asked."

"I have, at circuses. Well, later in the day, Douglas and I mounted our horses and went out to hunt for the beast. We found three of them and ran them across the desert. They outstripped our horses."

From this last statement it would appear that there are still some roving bands of camels along the deserts of the Lower Gila in the Ajo country. That part of the state is almost exclusively desert, and would make a fine home for these animals, if any remain, but the probabilities are that the camels not accounted for, have long since been killed by the Indians, and made into "jerky."

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Texas to drive a herd north to Caldwell. When he finally returned to his bride, he was ordered to take the crew to Texas once again for another drive to Caldwell. The potential for too many separations led Siringo to decide to stay in Caldwell with his family. He operated a tobacco and cigar store and then an ice cream and oyster parlor on the town's main street.

When Siringo became a merchant in the fall of 1883, the city marshal was Henry Brown, a quiet but deadly gunfighter who was the first lawman to tame the rowdy Border Queen. Charlie had known Brown in the Texas Panhandle when Brown had been a fugitive from New Mexico with Billy the Kid. The Kid returned to New Mexico and was killed by Pat Garrett, but Brown pinned on a badge in Tascosa, and then relocated to Caldwell. Like Siringo, Brown married a young girl from Caldwell. Siringo said nothing about the outlaw past of the two-gun marshal.

In April 1884, Marshal Brown led a gang in a bloody bank robbery in Medicine Lodge, and he and his confederates were chased

(See Author on Page 10)

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# Trials of an Officer's Wife

**Eyewitness**  
*(From Page 1)*

Montana Territory. The following excerpt is reprinted from Frances Roe's book Army Letters from an Officer's Wife, 1871-1888, published in 1909.

This place is becoming more dreadful each day, and every one of the awful things I feared might happen here seems to be coming to pass. Night before last the post was actually attacked by Indians! It was about one o'clock when the entire garrison was awakened by rifle shots and cries of "Indians! Indians!" There was pandemonium at once. The "long roll" was beaten on the infantry drums, and "boots and saddles" sounded by the cavalry bugles, and these are calls that startle all who hear them, and strike terror to the heart of every army woman. They mean that something is wrong—very wrong—and demand the immediate report for duty at their respective



**Fayette Roe**

companies of every officer and man in the garrison.

Faye jumped into his uniform, and saying a hasty good-by, ran to his company, as did all the other officers, and very soon we could hear the shouting of orders from every direction.

Our house is at the extreme end of the officers' line and very isolated, therefore Mrs. Hunt and I were left in a most deplorable condition, with three little children—one a mere baby—to take care of. We put them all in one bed and covered them as well as we could without a light, which we did not dare have, of course. Then we saw that all the doors and windows were fastened on both sides. We decided that it would be quite impossible for us to remain shut up inside the house, so we dressed our feet, put on long waterproof coats over our nightgowns as quickly and silently as possible, and then we sat down on the steps of the front door to await—we knew not what. I had firm hold of a revolver, and felt exceedingly grateful all the time that I had been taught so carefully how to use it, not that I had any hope of being able to do more with it than kill myself, if I fell in the hands of a fiendish Indian. I believe that Mrs. Hunt, however, was almost as much afraid of the pistol as she was of the Indians.

Ten minutes after the shots were fired there was perfect silence throughout the

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Tombstone, located in Arizona Territory, was typical of the western boomtowns. When Edward L. Schieffelin discovered silver in the vicinity in mid-1877, Tombstone quickly grew as hundreds of the would-be wealthy arrived to try their hand at the mines. Christened with the fanciful names "Good Enough," "Tough Nut," "Westside," "Defense," and "Surveyor," five local mines produced enough silver for nearly half a million dollars worth of bars to be minted and stamped.

The Comstock Lode, a rich vein of silver discovered

in western Nevada in 1859, made Virginia City one of the fastest growing and most cosmopolitan of western towns. Within a span of a few weeks, its population soared to 15,000, peaking at 25,000 in 1875. Stores, hotels, saloons, and brothels were erected in rapid succession. Theatrical companies, tent shows, and minstrel shows played its many theaters. At one time, six Shakespearean companies played the Comstock at the same time.

Unlike many boomtowns throughout the West, Tomb-

stone and Virginia City did not die out. They maintained their position as viable, livable communities, surviving into the 20th century. Others, such as Goldroad, Arizona; Golden, New Mexico; Gold Point, Nevada; and Silver City, Idaho, died quickly, as soon as the precious metal that gave them their names was gone.

Today, vestiges of hundreds of former boomtowns, now called ghost towns, dot the landscape from Canada to Mexico and from the Rocky Mountains to California.



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Charles Siringo


Author

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down and killed by vigilantes. Siringo gave a lengthy interview to the Caldwell *Journal* about Brown's background, and soon afterward he contributed a "Sketch of Billy the Kid's Life" to the *Journal*. With his first published writing, he was encouraged to pen his memoirs.

*A Texas Cow Boy* was released by a Chicago publisher in the fall of 1885 for one dollar a copy. It was the first authentic cowboy autobiography and only the second book of any significance about the cattle frontier. (The first, *Historic Sketches of the Cattle Trade of the West and Southwest*, appeared in 1874 and was written by Joseph G. McCoy, a cattle buyer who developed Abilene, Kansas, and the Chisholm Trail). Although there was a flood of dime novels about the West, there was not another important book about the range country until 1902, when Owen Wister captivated the American public with *The Virginian*.

*A Texas Cow Boy* was reprinted in numerous editions, and Charlie moved with his wife and daughter to Chicago. On May 4, 1886, shortly after the Siringos relocated, Chicago was up a residence only a few blocks from the scene of the carnage, and Charlie, consumed by an impulse to track down the anarchists, applied for employment at the Chicago offices of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. William Pinkerton interviewed Siringo in his Chicago office, and Charlie talked his way into a job. Although he received excellent training, Siringo quickly became disillusioned by brutal interrogation methods, perjured testimony, padded expense accounts, and other questionable methods. After a few months, the former cowboy was assigned to Pinkerton's newly opened Denver office, where he concentrated on rustling activities and outlaw gangs. Pinkerton agents often were employed to head off labor movements through infiltration. Siringo detested such undercover work, but he was unable to avoid assignment to Idaho's troubled Coeur d'Alene mining district. There he experienced the violent riots



The Siringos had taken

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# The Kiowa

Compared to other Plains Indians, the Kiowa do not have a lengthy, complex history and involved system of sub-groups, clans, and tribes. The name Kiowa comes from *kai-gwa*, meaning principal people.

According to tribal tradition, the homeland of the Kiowa may have originally been around the headwaters of the Missouri River. By the 18<sup>th</sup> century, they had migrated to the southern plains of present-day Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, and Colorado. They acquired horses from the Spanish, and like other Plains Indians, they became nomadic buffalo hunters. They lived in tepees covered in buffalo skins.

The Kiowa were divided into seven bands, including the Kiowa-Apache, a small group who retained their own language. The Kiowa had warrior societies, and members of these societies

attained rank through heroic acts during war, including counting *coup*, or touching the body of an enemy during battle.

The Kiowa nation was known for the historical record they kept in the form of a pictographic calendar painted on buffalo skin. Be-



The Kiowa calendar

tween 1832 and 1839, two drawings were added to the record each year, one of an event from the summer and one of an event from the winter. The chronicler usually depicted subjects that had affected the whole nation, but sometimes a more personal story was selected.

Originally, the Kiowa

were enemies of the dominant Comanche nation, but by the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the two peoples had reconciled their differences and become allies. From that point on, Texans and New Mexicans referred to the Kiowa and Comanche as if they were one people, although the two nations spoke distinct languages.

The Kiowas were at first friendly with Americans, dating from an incident in 1834 when Colonel Henry Dodge returned a captive Kiowa girl to her people. But continued white pressure along the Santa Fe Trail and throughout the southern plains eventually drove the Kiowa to make war on all whites. Before their very eyes, the vast herds of bison disappeared under the guns of white hide hunters, and times became hard for all the buffalo-hunting nations. “Has the white man become a child, that he should recklessly kill and not eat?” asked the Kiowa chief Satanta.

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# Trials of an Officer's Wife

## Eyewitness

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garrison, and we knew absolutely nothing of what was taking place around us. Not one word did we dare even whisper to each other, our only means of communication being through our hands. The night was intensely dark and the air was close—almost suffocating.

In this way we sat for two terrible hours, ever on the alert, ever listening for the stealthy tread of a moccasined foot at a corner of the house. And then, just before dawn, when we were almost exhausted by the great strain on our strength and nerves, our husbands came. They told us that a company of infantry had been constantly patrolling around the post. I cannot understand how such perfect silence was maintained by the troops, particularly the cavalry. Horses usually manage to sneeze at such

times.

There is always a sentry at our corner of the garrison, and it was this sentinel who was attacked, and it is the general belief among the officers that the Indians came to this corner hoping to get the troops concentrated farthest from the stables, and thus give them a chance to steal some, if not all, of the



Fort Lyon, Colorado Territory, late 1800s

cavalry horses. But Mr. Red Man's strategy is not quite equal to that of the Great Father's soldiers, or he would have known that troops would be sent at once to protect the horses.

There were a great many pony tracks to be seen in the sand the next morning, and there was a mounted [Indian] sentinel on a hill a mile or so

away. It was amusing to watch him through a powerful field glass, and we wished that he could know just how his every movement could be seen. He sat there on his pony for hours, both Indian and horse apparently perfectly motionless, but with his face always turned toward the post, ready to signal to his people the slightest movement of the troops.


Faye says that the colored troops were real soldiers that night, alert and plucky. I can readily believe that some of them can be alert, and possibly good soldiers, and that they can be

good thieves too, for last Saturday night they stole from us the commissary stores we had expected to last us one week—everything, in fact, except coffee, sugar, and such things that we keep in the kitchen, where it is dry.

The commissary is open Saturday mornings only, at which time we are requested to purchase all supplies we will need from there for the following week, and as we have no fresh vegetables whatever, and no meat except beef, we are very dependent upon the canned goods and other things in the commissary.

Last Saturday Mrs. Hunt and I sent over as usual, and most of the supplies were put in a little dugout cellar in the yard that we use together—she having one side, I the other. On Sunday morning, Farrar happened to be the first cook to go out for things for breakfast, and he found that the door had been broken open and the shelves as bare as Mother Hubbard's. Everything had been carried off except a few candles on Mrs. Hunt's side, and a few cakes of laundry soap on mine! The candles they had no use for, and the thieves were probably of a class that had no use for soap, either.

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Embarking with a supply of cloth, Strauss sold almost all of it en route, arriving in California with a single bolt of canvas tent cloth. As he stepped ashore in San Francisco, he met a miner for whom he promptly designed a pair of heavy canvas pants. Recognizing opportunity, Strauss bought large quantities of canvas sailcloth from ships that stood empty in San Francisco Bay, deserted by sailors bound for the gold fields. Rapidly producing durable canvas pants for miners, within a year Strauss and Stern had become California's largest pantmakers.

In 1872, a tailor and customer, Jacob Davis of

Reno, Nevada, sent a letter to Strauss suggesting the manufacturing of stout work clothes with pockets and



Levi Strauss

seams reinforced by copper rivets. Davis already had used this design with local success. Strauss agreed to acquire a patent, and Davis joined him as production manager.

The tough pants with copper rivets quickly became known as blue jeans, or Levi's, and they were immensely

popular among western working men. Levi Strauss & Company was incorporated in 1890, and the San Francisco plant employed 500 workers to meet the demand. Strauss, who now could claim the most famous first name in the West, grossed a million dollars annually. He died in 1902, but four nephews continued to produce Levi's.

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# Pauline Cushman

## Actress Became Union Spy

Pauline Cushman’s exciting life as an actress and then a spy for the Union army ultimately turned tragic in her later years. Born Harriet Wood in 1835 in New Orleans, by the early 1850s she embraced the life of a theatrical performer as a member of Thomas Placide’s *Varieties*. It was then that she took the name Pauline Cushman. She married Charles Dickinson, a music teacher and theater musician, in New Orleans in 1853. They had a son Charles, born in 1858 and a daughter Ida, born in 1860. Dickinson was a member of the regimental band of the 41st Ohio Infantry. Suffering from chronic dysentery during the Shiloh campaign he was discharged and sent home to Cleveland where he died in December 1862. The children were left with in-laws in Ohio and Cushman was away when both children died as a result of illness. While on tour appearing in a show in Union-occupied Louisville, Kentucky, Cushman was approached by two Confederate officers who offered her three hundred dollars to personally give a

toast to Jefferson Davis. Being loyal to the Union, she first asked permission to do so from Union officials. The



officials saw an opportunity and they agreed to permit the toast so that it would appear that Cushman was loyal to the Confederacy, making her later useful as a Union spy. Upon making the toast, the theatre manager fired her, and she began her career as a spy for the Union army. She began shadowing Confederate army units with the excuse that she was looking for her brother. Soon she was considered a trusted favorite of the Confederate troops, and was able to obtain important intelligence information.

Eventually, Confederate General Braxton Bragg found her in possession of papers containing crucial information at his headquarters in Shelbyville, Kentucky. She was tried, found guilty and sentenced to hang in ten days. Fortunately for her, Union troops invaded Shelbyville before her sentence was carried out and freed her. Her knowledge was of great importance to the Union troops. For her gallant efforts, Union General William Rosecrans and President Abraham Lincoln made her part of the Union army with the honorary rank of major.

Because of her notoriety, she was unable to continue as a spy. Wearing her honorary major’s uniform, she traveled the country lecturing about her experiences as a spy. Showman P.T. Barnum promoted her as “The Spy of the Cumberland” and she appeared at his American Museum in New York City in June 1864. Barnum’s “generosity” gained her popularity and recognition. But fame was fleeting, and by 1872 she no longer held the public’s attention in

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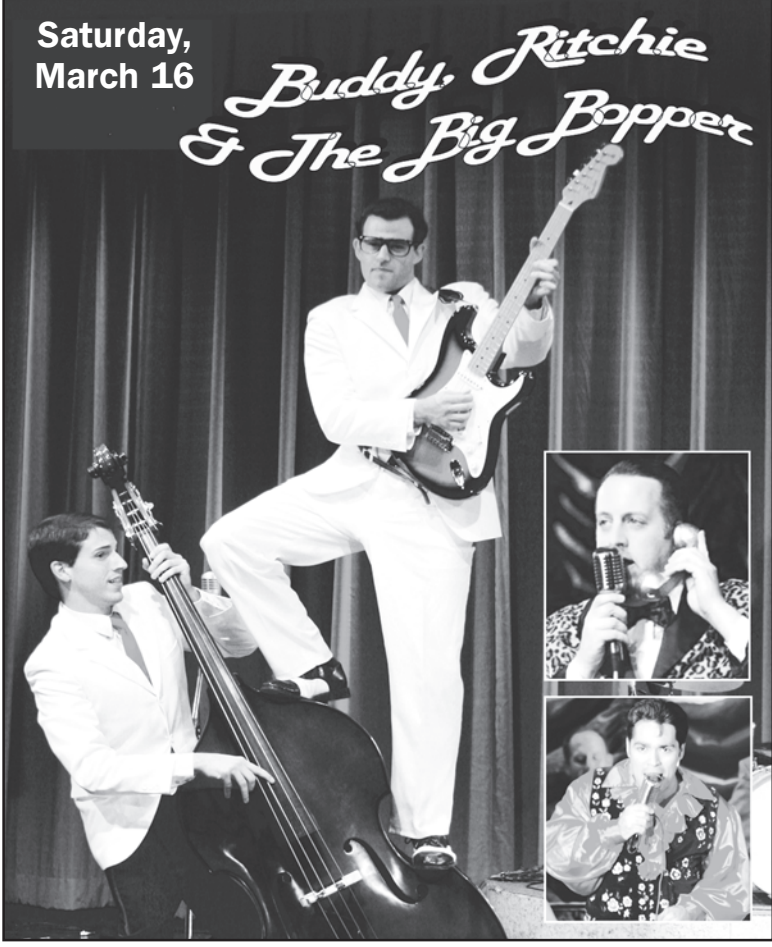
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By 1854 slavery had become the nation's most contentious issue. At that time the Kansas Territory had just a few hundred settlers, but the prospect of its becoming a state made it a focus of conflict because of its proximity to Missouri, a slave state, and Iowa, a free state. If Kansas became a slave state, it would give the South two more votes in the Senate; northern abolitionists were equally anxious to prevent slavery in the new territory. Congress responded by passing the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which allowed territorial residents to determine the slavery issue. Conflict in "Bleeding Kansas," as the *New York Tribune* called it, originated with the formation of a New England society to finance the emigration of antislavery settlers who established the towns of Lawrence, Topeka, and Osawatimie. Proslavery Missourians promptly founded Leavenworth,

Atchison, and Lecompton. In November 1854 and March 1855, proslavery advocates secured the outcome of territorial elections by bringing in bands of "Border Ruffians" from Missouri. After another election again resulted in a proslavery victory, northern antislavery organizations sent their supporters consignments of Sharp's rifles, known as "Beecher's Bibles" after the abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher. The antislavery faction (called free-soilers or Jayhawkers) drew up a constitution and elected their own legislature in Topeka, leading to further violence. Houses of proslavery families were burned, resulting in a large posse of Border

Ruffians ransacking and destroying much of Lawrence in May 1856. John Brown, a fervent abolitionist, then led a party that killed five proslavery men at Pottawatomie Creek, an act that aggravated the bloodshed on both sides. Although the illegal free-soil legislature was dispersed by federal troops in July 1856, the violence continued, and at the Marais des Cygnes massacre of May 1858 some thirty proslavery advocates attacked a group of free-soilers, killing five. By August 1858, sufficient free-soilers had arrived to overturn a referendum on the proslavery constitution. Even then President James Buchanan managed to delay Kansas's admission to the Union, which was not achieved until January 29, 1861. In seven years of conflict, the population of Kansas had grown from a few hundred to over 100,000.



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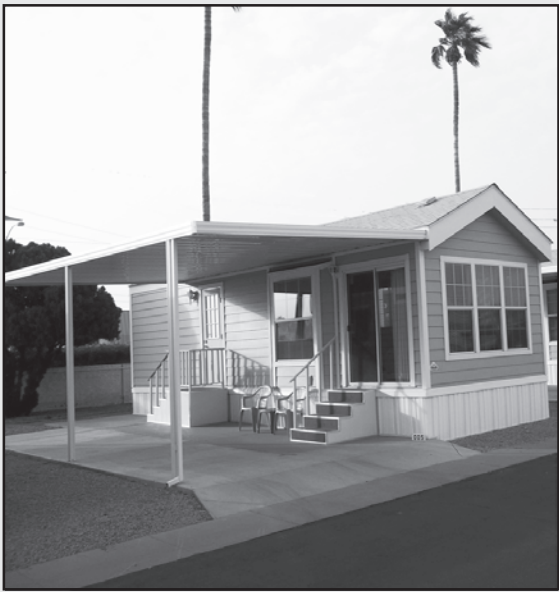
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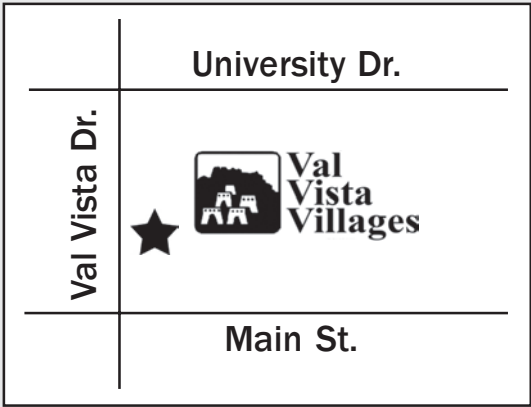
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Spy

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the East so she traveled to San Francisco. There she met and married August Fictner in December 1872. Within a year she was widowed again. She spent the next five years working among the redwood logging camps near Santa Cruz.

In 1879 she met Jere Fryer and moved to Casa Grande, Arizona Territory. They married and operated a hotel and livery stable. He became the sheriff of Pinal County. Her attempts at domesticity were dashed by the death of an adopted daughter. Grief over the child's death lead them to separate in 1890.

Destitute, Pauline applied for a pension based on her first husband's military service. It was granted in June 1893. She spent her last days in a boarding house in San Francisco working as a seamstress and charwoman. Suffering from various ailments, she became addicted to alcohol and morphine. During the night of the 1st of December 1893, she was found dying from a self-induced overdose of morphine.

Pauline Cushman's final moment of fame came after her death when members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps conducted a huge funeral. "Major"

Cushman's remains now rest in Officer's Circle at the Presidio's National Cemetery in San Francisco. Her simple gravestone...the same as any Union soldier...is marked, "Pauline C. Fryer, Union Spy."

## Goingsnake Massacre

Massacre

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the next day in a Cherokee court. The Cherokee ruling on Proctor was accepted by US courts, since Cherokee courts had jurisdiction at the time. US Marshal James Huckleberry immediately dispatched twenty one Deputy US Marshals under the command of Charles Robinson. They took with them two doctors, who helped tend to wounded Cherokee civilians.

The second posse arrested several men believed to have been involved in the killing of the Marshals, including jury foreman Arch Scaper. There was no resistance made against the second posse—Zeke Proctor had fled by the time this posse arrived. The suspects were taken to Fort Smith, Arkansas, for trial,

but all were eventually released due to lack of evidence or witnesses willing to testify.

Several indictments were issued after the shootout by both the federal court and the Cherokee court. Zeke Proctor and twenty others were indicted for killing the Marshals; the Cherokee court issued indictments against the US Marshals for killing fourteen Cherokee men. Eventually, by 1873, all indictments were dropped and Zeke Proctor received amnesty.

Proctor continued living in the area and by the 1880s he owned a small ranch. He was elected as a Cherokee Senator in 1877, and in 1894 was elected Sheriff. Ironically, he served as a Deputy US Marshal from 1891 to 1894, under "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker. Proctor died in 1904, at the age of 76.



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# Uncle Sam’s Camels

## History

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America. The same plan was tested in Spanish America three centuries before Jefferson Davis’ time. The first animals imported into the New World were six females and a male, for which Pedro Portocarrero, of Truxilo, paid 8,400 ducats. They proved as useless in the deserts of Peru as they did later upon the sand dunes of the Gila.

Humboldt recommended the use of them for freighting on the Mexican and Peruvian Saharas, declaring that their earlier failures were on account of political “pull.” Charles F. Lummis says: “Major Wayne, chief hero of the camel experiment, is probably the only man that ever drove a pair of dromedaries to harness in the United States, outside of a circus. He did this in 1856, while bringing his charges up to Texas from the seaboard, and found the team

satisfactory.”

Of the abilities and habits of the camel, J. M. Guinn writes: “He could travel sixteen miles an hour. Abstractly that was a virtue; but when camp was struck in the evening, and he was turned loose to sup off the succulent sage-brush, either to escape

twenty-five or thirty miles before supper. While this only took an hour or two of his time, it involved upon his unfortunate driver the necessity of spending half the night in camel chasing; for if he was not rounded up there was a delay of half the next day in starting the caravan. He could carry a ton—this was a commendable virtue—but when two heavily laden ‘ships of the desert’ collided on a narrow trail, as they always did when an opportunity offered, and tons of supplies were scattered over miles of plain and the unfortunate camel pilots had to gather up the flotsam of the wreck, it is not strange that the mariners of the arid wastes anathematized the whole camel race from the beast the prophet rode down to the smallest imp of Jefferson Davis’ importation.”



A memorial to Hadji Ali, known as Hi Jolly, one of the first camel drivers hired for the US Army Camel Corps, in Quartzsite, Arizona

the noise and profanity of the camp or to view the country, he was always seized with a desire to take a pasear of

Some woman is always found to be an accomplice in all such scrapes, and we think they ought to be banished from the community.  
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