

**VENTURA ROBLEDO**

19 March 1901

Gunshot, murder

Arivaca A.T., Pima Co. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1901, 3 o'clock P.M.

We the jurors according to the testimony find that Ventura Robledo came to his death on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901, at about 9 o'clock P.M. at his home Las Guijas, from a Pistol shot wound, at the hands of Alexander Gamez. John F. Keener, Foreman; Eduardo Padilla, F. Tapio, T. G. Aker[?], Miguel Urques, Jesus Silvas.

Verdict of Coroners Jury held at Arivaca, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901. over the remains of Ventura Robledo. Filed Mar. 28, 1901. Clinton D. Hoover, Clerk.

Coroner's Inquest held at Arivaca, Ariz. March 20, 1901. Territory of Arizona. Subpoena.

The Territory of Arizona sends Greeting to Dr. Bull, Carlos Garcia, Fernando Garcia, Gregoria Garcia, Jesus Arze, Ramon Aros.

We command you that all and [???] business and excuses being laid aside you appear and attend before a Coroner's Jury now in session at my office in Arivaca, Ariz. on Mar. 20, 1901 at 11 A.M. then and there to give your testimony on the part of one Ventura Robledo who met his death at Las Quijas on the night of Mar. 19, 1901 and for a failure to attend you will be guilty of a contempt of court. Make legal service due [???] thereof. To the Sheriff or any Constable of the County of Pima Greeting.

Given under my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901. Edmund Rowcroft, Acting Coroner of Justice of the Peace. Subpoena. In Coroner's Inquest held at Arivaca, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901, on remains of the Ventura Robledo. [filed] Mar. 28, 1901. Clinton D. Hoover, Clerk. Arivaca, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901. B. Caviglio you are hereby Deputized to serve the within Subpoena. Edmund Rowcroft, Acting Coroner & J.P. Arizona, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901. This Subpoena returned duly served. B. Caviglio, Deputy Clerk.

Territory of Arizona, County of Pima, Precinct No. 12. Before Edmund Rowcroft, J.P.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of said Pima County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon six good and lawful persons to be and appear at my office in said Arivaca, [Precinct] No. 12 at 11 o'clock A.M. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1901, to act as Jurors in a Coroner's Inquest over the remains of one Ventura Robledo who met his death at Las Quijas, Pima Co., Arizona, the night of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1901 and [???] responsibility thereof; and of this write make legal service and due return. Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1901. Edmund Rowcroft, Justice of the Peace, Acting Coroner.

Arivaca, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901. B. Caviglio you are hereby Deputized to serve the within writ. Edmund Rowcroft, Acting Coroner, J.P. Arivaca, Ariz., Mar. 20, 1901. Returned duly served. B. Caviglio. Filed Mar. 28, 1901. Clinton D. Hoover, Clerk.

In the Justice Court of Arivaca, Dist. No. 12, County of Pima, Territory of Arizona. Coroner's Inquest held over the remains of one Ventura Robledo. Transcript from Justice Docket.

March 19, 1901. Notified at about 12 o'clock midnight by Dr. Ball that one Ventura Robledo has been killed at Las Guijas and that he told the party not to move the body unless receiving instructions from me.

2 A.M. Mar. 20, 1901. Summoned a jury to go to Las Guijas and hold request. Notified Jno. F. Kelner to being wagon & team in order to convey them at Las Guijas.

8:30 A.M. Started for Las Guijas to hold inquest. About half way between Arivaca and Las Guijas met the body accompanied by the family, relatives and friends of deceased en-route to Arivaca. Returned to Arivaca and called jury together and held inquest at 3 o'clock P.M. the Jury returned the following verdict. "We the jurors according to the testimony find that Ventura Robledo came to his death on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901 at about 9 o'clock P.M. at his home Las Guijas from a Pistol shot wound at the hands of Alexander Gamez. Signed John F. Kelner, Foreman; Eduardo Padillo, F. Tabio, J. G. Ates, Miguel Moreno, Jesus Silvas, Member[s]."

Witnesses Subpoenaed. Fernando Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Gregoria Garcia, Jesus Arze, Ramon Aros. Edmund Rowcroft, Acting Coroner & Justice of the Peace.

Transcript from Justices Dockey- Pertaining to Coroner's Inquest over the remains of one Ventura Robledo who met his death at Las Quijas, Pima Co., Ariz on the night of Mar. 19, 1901. Filed Mar. 25, 1901. Clinton D. Hoover, Clerk.

Arivaca, Ariz. March 20, 1901. Sworn to and testified on oath before a Coroner's Jury convened at Arivaca, Ariz., March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1901 to inquire into and determine the cause of the death by gun shot wound of one Ventura Robledo who met his death at Las Guijas, Pima County, Arizona on the night of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1901 and [??] the responsibility thereof.

1<sup>st</sup> Witness called- Fernando Garcia who being duly sworn, deposes and says- I was at the Guijas just outside the residence of Ventura Robledo inside the room first at the door when Robledo was shot. Robledo was outside his residence near the door with a carbine in his hand and he fired one shot. He then left to go into another room to get another gun because the one he had was not strong enough. After coming back with the other gun he found he had no cartridge and therefore did not fire any more shots and then he told Alexander Games before a shot which he did. Alexander Games fired a shot straight up in the air from a revolver and he then fired a second one sideways and then Ventura called out, you have wounded me, then Alexander said No! And embraced him. After he embraced him Ventura said you have wounded me sure, and then Alexander looked to see where he was wounded, and Ventura told him no, not to look for anything, and then he became speechless and sank down and afterwards they carried him inside the house where he slowly passed away, death coming to him inside of 20 minutes. A cross examination states that he did not see Ventura at the time he was shot.

2<sup>nd</sup> Witness called. Carlos Garcia. I was there at the time of the shooting at Ventura Robledos and when he met his death which was about the hour of 8:30 P.M. on the night of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1901. It was very dark outside the house where shooting was going on and he could not see what took place. He could not see Ventura. He saw Alexander fire two shots. I know of no other parties firing any shots outside of Alexander Games.

3<sup>rd</sup> Witness called. Gregoria Garcia. I was at the Quijas during the shooting and at the time Ventura Robledo met his death. Evidence coincides with Carlos Garcia and further states that Ventura fired one shot in the air and then Alexander fired one shot in the air, a third shot was fired but he does not know in what manner it was fired or by whom.

4<sup>th</sup> Witness called. Jesus Arzo. I was present at the Guijas at Ventura Robledo's house at the time he met his death. I was sitting inside the room about 10 feet from the door. The first shot was fired by Ventura the second one by Alexander. I heard 3 shots fired [??] the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot I don't know who fired it. I think the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot was the fatal one that wounded Robledo.

I saw him when he was about dying. I never heard him speak. He died in about 20 minutes after being shot. Alexander Games was at Robledo's 2 or 3 hours before any shooting took place and that he met Alexander on the road prior to this time and took a drink with him. I could tell he had been drinking, but he was acting and speaking to all purposes like a sober man. I examined the rifle Robledo had in his hand when he was shot. No cartridges or empty

shells were in the rifle.

5<sup>th</sup> Witness called Ramon Aros. I was at Robledo's house during the shooting and at the time he met his death at about 8 or 9 o'clock P.M. in the night of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1901. I heard 3 shots fired. Two shots were fired by Alexander Games and one by Ventura Robledo. Robledo fired the first shot outside the house from a carbine. Alexander fired the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. I was squatting along side of him near the door when he went outside and fired the shot. Alexander remained outside and fired the last shot which was the one that wounded Ventura Robledo. I heard Robledo say that he was wounded. After that he did not speak any more. He lived about 15 minutes after being wounded. They were all friendly and no altercation took place. Edmund Rowcroft, Acting Coroner & Justice of the Peace, Dist. No. 12, Pima Co., Ariz.

Sworn testimony before Coroner's Jury held at Arivaca, Ariz. Mar. 20, 1901. Filed Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1901, Clinton D. Hoover, Clerk.

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