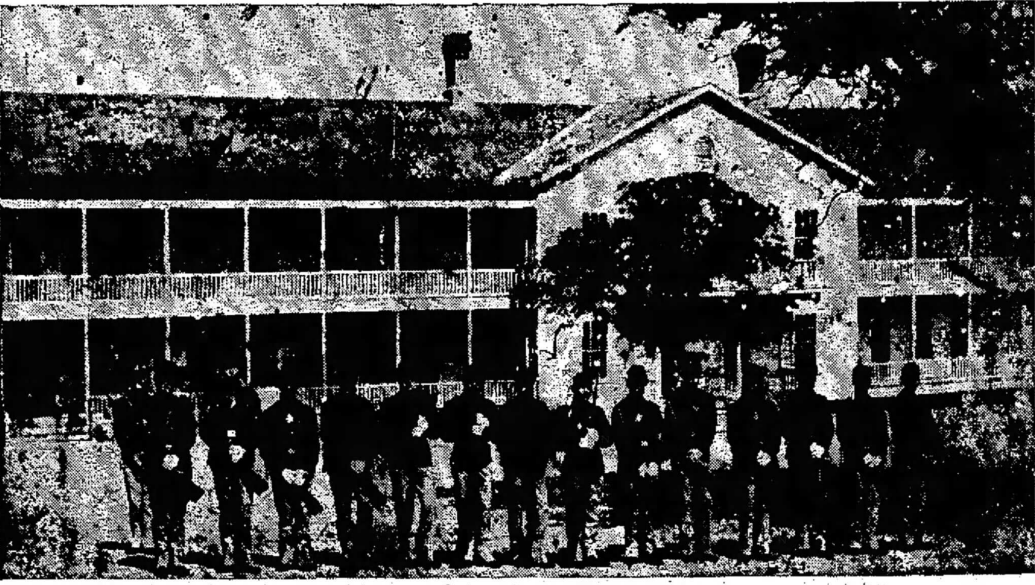


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OLD FT. CRITTENDEN AND ITS DEFENDERS IN 1870

Four score and two years ago, this was old Ft. Crittenden and its gallant defenders, troops of the American army placed there to safeguard the upper reaches of the Santa Cruz valley from the Apache Indians then running rampant under the valiant Cochise. Ft. Crittenden was located on the Sonoita river between Patagonia and Nogales. The building shown here is similar in type to those that stood at our own Ft. Lowell in the early days, and it is probable that some of the men shown here also served at Ft. Lowell at one time or another.

Although the men in this picture cannot now be identified one by one it is believed that Lt. Cushing, killed by Cochise's band in 1871, is in this group, along with the late William H. Lowe, later of Tubac and father of William Lowe of Tucson, who loaned this picture for use here today.

Ft. or Camp Crittenden—it went by both names—stood where Ft. Buchanan had earlier stood. Crittenden was built there in 1868 and abandoned in 1873, the year following the peace brought about with Cochise by Gen. Howard with the aid of Capt. Tom Jeffords of Tucson.

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