

# CLAIM FOR INDIAN DEPREDAATIONS.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,

COUNTY OF  Socorro  } ss.

Romulo Montoya , being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am

39  years of age, and my postoffice address is  Monticello

Sierra  county, New Mexico. On or about the  month  day of  April

1880, in  Socorro (now Sierra)  county, in the  Territory  of  New Mexico

I was the owner of the following property, which was then taken from me by the  Apache

Indians:

LIST OF PROPERTY.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
<u> 10 Head Cows worth then 25<sup>00</sup> </u>	<u> 250 </u>	<u> 00 </u>
<u> 3 Yoke Oxen " 60<sup>00</sup> </u>	<u> 180 </u>	<u> 00 </u>
<u> 5 Calves " 10<sup>00</sup> </u>	<u> 50 </u>	<u> 00 </u>
<u> 2 Horses 100<sup>00</sup> + 70<sup>00</sup> </u>	<u> 170 </u>	<u> 00 </u>
<u> 1 Mule </u>	<u> 125 </u>	<u> 00 </u>
	<u> \$ 775 00 </u>	

The above represents the real market value of the property taken at the time and place stated.

The said property was taken under the following circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

When I came to Canada Alamosa to live, I knew that the Apache Indians had their reservation in the vicinity but I did not expect them to go on the warpath, kill and steal all what they came across, because when we first came, they were friendly and seemed good natured. I April 1880, Victorio was on the height of his atrocities, he came with his tribe composed of 2 or 300 bucks & Squaws and stole or killed my cattle and stock as above described. I was glad to save my life and kept as far possible from the Indians. We pursued the Indians when they were in small bands and had a chance to get our stock back again. We recovered often stock which we lost again a few days later. When finally the Apaches were vanquished and removed from the Territory we were nearly all ruined and placed on the same level.

I have never recovered, or received any recompense for, any of said property except as above set forth.