

Murdered by Indians.

The following extracts from a letter from Mr. Conklin of Mattole will be of interest to our readers, furnishing as it does the particulars of the late Indian murder in Mattole valley:

Mattole, Feb. 25th, 1864.

Ed. Humboldt Times: It becomes my painful duty to inform you of another Indian murder. On Tuesday evening the settlers in the valley and vicinity were thrown into a state of great excitement on account of an attack made upon Mr. Pat Mackey and Thomas Lambert near John Sigrist's house, by a band of Indians. It occurred about 8 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday Feb. 23d. They were returning to the house, having been out to fix a corral, were on foot and had no fire-arms except their revolvers; when about three-quarters of a mile from the house they were fired upon from ambush, not more than ten steps distant, a ball taking effect in the back of Mr. Lambert who fell without saying a word. Mr. Mackey, who is a cool, brave man, took Lambert's pistol when he fell, and ran toward the house, the Indians making several attempts to shoot him. He only saw two Indians. Before arriving at the house he heard another shot. When Mr. Lambert's body was recovered, it was found that he had been shot twice, once in the head. The Indians had stripped him, taking all his clothes away.

Mr. Lambert was born in the county of Wexford, Ireland, where he has two brothers; and was about 48 years of age. He has a cousin in San Francisco by the name of Miles Lambert. Deceased came from Alton, Ill., to this State in 1852, and was a man who was greatly respected by his acquaintances. He was preparing to drive cattle to the Boise Mines in the spring. Thus another of our neighbors and friends is cut down in the midst of life by the infernal rascals—another name added to the bloody list of their victims.

I think they are a portion of a band of seven bucks who have five guns, and the same band that robbed the house of Mr. Russ on Bear river. Last Thursday they were above my house killing my cattle. The soldiers found their camp on McGinnis' creek, where they had been slaughtering stock, and have been on their track.

Respectfully yours,

M. J. CONKLIN.

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