

*Arizona
Historical
Cases*

Augustine Chacón

Pearl Hart

Eva Antonia Wilbur-Cruce

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Augustine Chacón

Augustine Chacón claimed in his appeal that he did not fire the bullet that killed Pablo Salcido, and it was a known fact that many men were shooting their guns when Salcido fell. What evidence do you think the prosecution would offer if a trial was heard in a court today?

Do you think the tactics used by Arizona Ranger Bert Mossman to bring the fugitive Chacón back to the United States, and back to jail, were justified? Were they legal? Would similar tactics work today? Why or Why not?

Pearl Hart

With coquettish battering of eyelashes and a few tears, Pearl Hart was found not guilty, by a jury of all men, of robbing a stage coach. The Judge was so angry with the jury's verdict he immediately had Hart re-arrested, only this time for the theft of the stagecoach driver's gun. Hart was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to 5 years in prison for this theft.

Was the Judge justified in taking this action?

Do you think a judge in today's court would be successful taking the same action?

What effect do you think the all-male jury had on the initial verdict?

Do you think the outcome of Hart's initial trial would be different today with a jury of her peers?

Eva Antonia Wilbur-Cruce

When 29 year-old Eva Wilbur's father died she "inherited" his disputes over cattle, land, and water rights.

Should this long-standing dispute have been taken into consideration during her trial?

Should Eva's upbringing and rural culture have been considered when determining the verdict of her trial?

How are considerations such as history and culture taken into consideration in trials today?
