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Without a Peer"



John Wesley Hardin  
Invades Kansas, 1871

Douglas W. Ellison

## A Breed Apart

While 19th-century soldiers wore uniforms and some gained the title of hero, military wives who ventured with their husbands into the Arizona Territory are the true heroes. Their stories of hardship, as recounted by Jan Cleere in *Military Wives in Arizona Territory: A History of the Women Who Shaped the Frontier* (TwoDot, \$19.95), are surprising, hard to believe, and yet, amazing. How they managed to survive in such a harsh

environment is humbling. Some houses had only dirt floors, others wooden planks where all manner of venomous critters lived under-

neath. For some women who would finally get their homes fixed to their liking, then a higher-ranking wife would decide to move in. Frustrating, no doubt. But there were also women who loved the adventure and looked forward to the next posting. Their stories are truly inspiring.

—Melody Groves, author of  
*When Outlaws Wore Badges*

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