

The legend of the Apache Tear Drops is one that comes to us from the Apache Indian Tribe of Central Arizona.

From the great mineral district in Arizona there is a towering mountain with its sheer cliffs that rise out from the desert floor, known today as Picket Post Mountain. Now as Indian Legend has it on this very mountain the Spaniards trapped a small party of brave Apache warriors.

To have the Spaniards to capture them meant that they would be slaves for life to work in the Spanish gold mines. But to retreat meant that they would fall over the high cliffs to their deaths.

So to the Apache Warriors they chose the latter and plunged to their deaths.

Now when the squaws came in the evening to gather up their loved ones whose bodies were broken on the rocks, a voice in the breeze came and whispered to them, "Thy tears that you weep will be turned into beautiful gem stones and from this day on shall be called Apache Tear Drops in remembrance of your dead loved ones."

So to day from Picket Post Mountains comes these lovely gem stones and the breeze still has a gentle sound of a sobbing coming from a broken heart. So now to day we can enjoy these ever lovely Apache Tear Drops.