

AGUIRRE, EPIFANIO AND MARY. B.

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Born at Aldame, Chihuahua, Mexico, March 24, 1834; son of Don Pedro and Maria de l Refugio (Mendoza) Aguirre; married Mary Bernard (1844-1906), daughter of Joab and Arabella (Cunningham) Bernard, at Westport, Missouri, August 21, 1862; Children, Pedro J., Epifanio, Stephen.

At age 16 moved with his parents from Chihuahua to Las Cruces, New Mexico, 1850; became an American citizen by the naturalization of his father, November 29, 1856; engaged in freighting by mule teams and ox trains between New Mexico and the Missouri River and, with his father-in-law who had embarked in the Santa Fe trade, had large contracts to haul supplies for the Army; suffered severely from depredations by Indians who several times stampeded his livestock and once captured an entire train between Socorro and San Marcial, N. M., another train was lost by a prairie fire on the plains.

Was one of the 28 Delegates who adopted a Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Territory of Arizona at a convention held in Tucson, May 2 to 5, 1860; when he brought his wife to New Mexico in 1863 they were with a party which included Stephen B. Elkins, afterwards Delegate to Congress from New Mexico and Senator from West Virginia; John N. Goodwin, who was en route to become Governor of Arizona Territory; and Louis Zechendorf, subsequently a leading merchant at Tucson; six years later he moved with his family to southern Arizona.

He went from Tucson to visit his brother Pedro at Altar, Sonora, traveling by a stage line which they owned; on the return trip the stage was attacked by Indians, January 20, 1870, at Sasabe Flat in Pima County, A. T., where he was killed along with Clito Elias and two other passengers, his brother, Conrado being the only one to escape.

Buried _____ Cemetery _____.

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His nephew y. f. says he was probably
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