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Doctor C. Arnaba (sic) came also looking for the sunny climate and dry atmosphere during the first year of the foundation of the town, met some of his friends from San Diego and encouraged him to remain and practice the medicine among them and some other families. He accepted the invitation and gave himself to be known, and the people was glad to have him. After many years of resident in Yuma, died at the age of seventy.

Page 64--- Outside of the commissary on the west of it and also near the river was the residence of Mrs. Captain Polhamus and next to it the residence of Doctor C. Arnaba, situated very near the bank of the river. Doctor C. Arnaba was a native of Spain, very illustrated man specially in medicine. Lived in Yuma since the foundation until he passed away in 1875. Mrs. Captain Mellon's residence was next to the Doctor's.

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LIST YUMA PHYSICIANS OF PAST 87 YEARS.

Editor's Note: -- The following interesting article was prepared for the Sun by Dr. R. R. Knotts, Yuma's oldest physician in point of residence. (Photograph of Candido P. A. Anarbar (sic) M. D., on first

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First to Practice.

The first doctor to establish a practice in Yuma, and no doubt should be considered the beginning of the medical fraternity here, was Candido P. A. Arnabar, M. D.

Born Sept. 4, 1823; IN Madria, Spain, grandate of the Madrid university and medical college, with extensive courses in Paris and Vienna, he came to America when a young man, establishing a practice in Philadelphia.

He later moved to San Francisco, thence to San Diego, and, finally, to Yuma (1861) where he began the practice of medicine which continued until his death, March 29, 1877.

We have here his picture (printed herewith), and should, perhaps, term him the father of Yuma physicians. lie is buried in the Redondo lot at the Yuma cemetery. ARNOLD, WALES, born at Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, April 6, 1837; son of George Washington and Sarah Ann (Wales) Arnold; married Mrs. Sarah Jane (Ramsey) Wells (1846-1909) at Prescott, A.T., October 24, 1869.

Enrolled, age 24, at Le Porte, Plumas County, California, August 16 and mustered in August 30,1861, at Camp Downey, near Oakland, to serve 3 years as Private, company F, 1st California Infantry; occupation when enlisted, Carpenter; went with the Company to Southern California and warn promoted to Corporal in October; arrived at Fort Yumain December and left there on May 15, 1862; was on detached service at Gila Bend for some weeks and arrived at Tucson June 27; resumed the march to the Rio Grande on July 23 arriving at Mesilla on August 15, 1862; stationed at Fort Craig, N.M. for a year; marched via Fort Wingate, N.M. to Fort Whipple, A.T., arriving in December, 1863, where he was honorably discharged on August 29, 1864.

Became a very early settler in the Verde Valley and was the first to plant alfalfa there; listed, U.S. Census, 1870, at Rio verde, occupation - Fermer; served as Constable of Verde Precinct, 1871-72 and is said to have acted as Scout for General George Crook in campaigns against the Apaches; appointed Justice of the Peace for Beaver Creek Precinct, September 3, 1878; the Prescott Courier on May 3, 1884, stated that "Wales Arnold has the best carp pond in the country at his home near the Verde"; Comrade, Barrett poet No. 3, G.A.R. at Prescott, and at the time of his death was the oldest member in Arizona of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; it was written of him;

The passing of this soldier and upright citizen of the early days will be learned of with sorrow throughout the State, and especially in this section where he had resided since 1863. He came of that old stock of New Englanders whose word was as good as any man's bond. Honorable in his dealings, industrious in habits, an exemplary citizen in all that term implies, this man had won the affection of all.

In 1910 he sold his homestead and moved to Prescott where he died on May 21, 1913, aged 76; his remains were taken to Camp Verde and buried beside his wife, in the Clear Creek Cemetery (War Department Headstone).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Any other newspaper mention of him.