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Born at La Paz, Arizona County, New Mexico, May 10, 1862.

Son of William Henry Harrison and Maria Engracia (Suastegui) Burke.

Married, Zolia Martinez at Yuma, A.T., May 24, 1890, son, Frank J., Jr.

Attended St. Vincent's College, Los Angeles, Calif.; original member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, February 9, 1884; ~~and~~
~~August 20, 1888.~~

The Tucson Citizen of November 22, 1894, reprinted an obituary from the Yuma Times which in part is as follows:

Since the age of 21 he has occupied the positions of Deputy Sheriff and Constable, and made quite a reputation as a brave and skillful officer. In the fall of 1892, when 500 men were engaged in the chase after Evans and Sontag, Frank was engaged by the railroad company to join in the hunt.

Taking two trusty Indian trailers he went with Will Smith's party and was in the fight at Young's cabin when Vic Wilson and McGinnis were killed. It was the exposure and cold on that trip which laid the foundation of fatal disease.

Died at Yuma, A.T., November 20, 1894, aged 32, buried, Catholic Cemetery, Yuma.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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