

CLUTTER, JOHN E.

CLUTTER, DR. JOHN E., born in Kentucky, about 1832; mar. ¹⁸⁶⁹

A _____ A _____ at _____ on _____, 18____;
children, _____.

Served as Contract Surgeon with the rank of Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army, at Fort Whipple, A.T., from October 11, 1865, to March 28, 1866, and from December 1, 1866 to May 31, 1867; an advertisement printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner from October 11 to November 3, 1866, states that his office was in the drug store of Clutter and Darling.

He was practicing medicine at Colorado Springs, Colorado Territory when he made an affidavit on November 11, 1874, the substance of which is as follows:

I was United States Surgeon at Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory, during a period of four years, and was familiar with the disposition of the United States troops in that district. During the time named the Walnut Grove Mining Company was prosecuting extensive mining operations at the Bully Bueno mine, within sixteen miles of Fort Whipple, in said Territory, and during the whole of such period all other mining, farming, and other enterprises were fully protected by the military.

This Company never received any protection from the military whatever. The Indians made several attacks on the Bully Bueno and killed and wounded several men, employees of the company. I attended professionally the men so wounded. I remember of numerous applications being made to the several Generals commanding that District (headquarters being at Fort Whipple) for a force to be stationed at the Bully Bueno, but it was thought in military circles that this Company, which employed a large number of men, could protect themselves until the time when the Indians burned the mill, in the month of July, 1869.

In reporting his death, the Dillon Tribune said:

Deceased had been afflicted for a long time with rheumatism and jaundice. A short time since he visited his family in California, but a change of climate did not afford relief. Returning to Dillon he gradually grew worse, until death relieved him. He had been a practicing physician in Southern Montana for a number of years and was a well known citizen. He leaves an affectionate wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Died at Dillon, Beaverhead County, Montana, February 12, 1886, aged 48; buried, Mountain View Cemetery; his wife, Mrs. A.A. Clutter of San Jose, California, and 3 children (not named) were listed as heirs to his estate which consisted of a house and lot in Dillon appraised at \$1,000, a stock of drugs and medicines in the Dillon Drug Store, \$2,100, and a bank account of \$2,700.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records.
House Mis. Document No. 3, 43d Congress, 2d Session, Claim of the Walnut Grove Gold Mining Company, p. 25.
U.S. Census, 1880, Dillon, Montana
Probate Court of Beaverhead County - Docket No. 10
Leeson, M.A. - History of Montana, Chicago, 1885, p. 479.
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, October 11, 1866, 4:1.
The Dillon Tribune, February 13, 1886 (obituary).

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Clayton Ralstin, Esq., a young lawyer from Illinois, arrived here with the Coloradians and will open an office at an early date. Dr. Clutter, late of the army, who accompanied him here, will also open an office.