

CONNOR, DANIEL ELLIS, born at _____ Kentucky,
December 24, 1837; son of Daniel and Prudence (Head) Connor;
his father was a native of Kentucky and his mother of Baltimore,
Maryland; never married; came to Arizona under the name of Daniel
Ellis and afterwards wrote "In those days people had nick names
for everyone. Everybody called me "Kaintuck" or D. Ellis. The
old settlers would never recognize my last name of Connor."

Went as a young man to Indiana, thence to Missouri and Colorado;
first met the Walker Party when camped on Greenhorn Creek, a tributary
of the Arkansas River, in the summer of 1862; later overtook the
Party and left Pueblo with it in September of that year; they went
south through New Mexico, thence down the Gila and via Tucson to
northern Arizona, arriving on the headwaters of the "Colkilsipava"
River in April, 1863; where a camp was established and the Pioneer
mining District was organized on May 10; he afterwards stated that
the name of the river was changed to Hassayampa by James V.
Wheelhouse, the first Recorder of the District, "to sound more
like the Spanish".

Placer Claims "100 yards in length and 50 yards from each side
of center" on the stream were selected by lottery and on June 12,
1863, as a member of the Party, he was assigned Claim No. 1 below
the discovery of gold and No. 23 above; on July 15 he recorded
claim No. 29 above the discovery of gold on Lynx Creek and sold
it to Hiram B. Cummings on November 25; on February 14, 1864, he
recorded a placer claim of "80 yards on Lynx Creek next below
Tom Ewing's claim;" his lode claims were 200 feet each on the
"Yellow Jacket" located, November 12, 1863, and the "Big Bug"

recorded, December 8, 1864.

Stated that he lay for many days in the first old log cabin on Lynx Creek, alone and helpless from break bone fever, when found by Ed Peek; also said that George Banghart, Ed. Peek and himself were the first to establish ranches in Chino Valley; elected from Turkey Creek as Daniel Ellis to represent Yavapai County in the 2d Territorial Legislature, 1865, occupation, Miner, age 27, born in Kentucky; also served in 3d Territorial Legislature, 1866, from Yavapai County, residence Postle's Ranch.

He was a member of the Prescott brass band of which L. B. Jewell was the leader and stated that when he left there in 1867, "I hung my trombone in Christie's Recorder's office"; went from there to Los Angeles and the next year returned to his old home in Kentucky; came back to California and was employed at Wilmington as City Engineer until that city was consolidated with Los Angeles; was living in Elsinore, California in 1915; wrote a history of the Walker Party, extracts from which are printed in McClintock's "Arizona, The Youngest State."

Admitted to the Riverside County Hospital, Arlington, California, on May 3, 1917, where he died on June 19, 1920, aged 82, buried, Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside.

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