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Born in County Roscommon, Ireland, about 1820.

Married, _____.

Children, _____.

Enlisted in the Regular Army at **Boston, Massachusetts**, January 18, 1849, and assigned to Captain Israel R. Richardson's Company K, 3rd U. S. Infantry, then stationed at **San Antonio, Texas**; the Regimental Headquarters and 6 Companies of the Regiment, commanded by Major Jefferson Van Horn, left San Antonio, Texas, on April 10, 1849, and marched 673 miles to El Paso, arriving on September 8, where a post was established later known as Fort Bliss; his Company remained there about a year and in 1851-52 was stationed at Fort Webster and Fort Filmore, New Mexico.

While in the military service in New Mexico, he had his left leg broken and his left foot crushed while trying to stop a Government team from running away; he also lost the thumb and forefinger of his right hand by the accidental discharge of a gun; honorably discharged at Fort Filmore, N.M., January 16, 1853; he was pensioned from that date at the rate of \$4 per month which was later increased to \$6, and still later to \$8 per month; the Yuma Sun of November 13, 1903, printed the following announcement of his death:

Dennis Connor, an old and well known resident of Yuma, who had suffered with kidney trouble for many years, took his own life yesterday morning by sending a bullet through his brain. The unfortunate man was living alone in a shanty on the west side of the railroad track, between Jones and First streets. He was attended by Dr. Ap John, who did

everything within **his** power to **relieve** the old **man's suffering**. When **Dr. Ap John** called **this** morning to **inquire** after his **patient**, he found **him** cold in **death**.

Deceased was born in Ireland **83** years ago, but emigrated to **the United States** in **1840**. He had been a **resident** of this **section** since **1854**, and **being** a stone **mason** by **trade**, built the **first adobe** house erected in **Yuma**, shortly after his arrival **here**. He lead an **honest**, industrious and upright life and was highly esteemed by all who knew **him**.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Tomlinson, M.H. - The Garrison of Fort Bliss, **El Paso**, 1945.
The Yuma Sun, November 13, 1903, 1:3.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U.S. Veterans Administration - pension records.
The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, February 22, 3:1, and June 7, 1890, 3:3; August 13, 1892, 3:4; May 30, 1896, 3:1.

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Have found no additional newspaper references to **him** since sending the following items:

The Arizona Sentinel, 2/22/90, 3:1

The Arizona Sentinel, 6/7/ 90, 3:3

The Arizona Sentinel, 8/13/92, 3:4

The Arizona Sentinel, 5/30/96, 3:1