

CRAIG, LOUIS (LEWIS) S.

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CRAIG, LOUIS (Lewis) S _____

Born at _____ Virginia about 1829

Son of _____ and _____

Appointed from Virginia, 2d Lieutenant, 2d U. S. Dragoons, October 14, 1837; transferred to 3d U. S. Infantry, August 1, 1838; promoted 1st Lieutenant, June 1, 1840; promoted Captain, June 18, 1846; brevet Major for gallant and meritorious conduct in the several conflicts at Monterey, Mexico, September 23, 1846; rendered distinguished service in the Battle of Cerro Gordo, August 15, 1847; brevet Lieutenant Colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, August 20, 1847; in the latter battle he was severely wounded; stationed in Texas and New Mexico, 1849-50.

Commanded escort of 85 men assigned to guard the International Commission which fixed the boundary between the United States and Mexico under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; left San Elzario, Texas, January 9, and arrived at the Santa Rita Copper Mines, New Mexico, January 26, 1851; left Santa Rita October 11, and arrived at the Santa Cruz River October 27, 1851; marched down the Santa Cruz via Tucson to the Pima Villages, arriving November 29, thence to

a camp near Warner's Ranch, California, December 31, 1851; after obtaining supplies in San Diego he departed with members of the Commission and was murdered in discharge of his duty, June 6, 1852, on the desert near New River in what is now the Imperial Valley, California, by two deserters from Fort Yuma who were afterwards hanged in San Diego, California.

Fort Craig, on the Rio Grande, 3 miles south of San Marcial, Socorro County, New Mexico, was named for him.

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