

DOUGHERTY, ROBERT MANNUS

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DOUGHERTY, ROBERT MANNUS, born at Bellevue, Jackson County, Iowa, October 15, 1841; son of Patrick and Nancy Dougherty, both natives of Ireland; married, September 23, 1883, to Eugenia D. Stevens, then 14 years old, at Calico, a silver mining camp near Yermo, in San Bernardino County, California; they were divorced at Prescott, A.T., June 29, 1891; children, Hugh Melton and another son who died in infancy.

Enrolled, September 30, age 19, at Grass Valley, Nevada County, and mustered in at Camp Union, Sacramento, October 3, 1861, to serve three years as Private, Captain J. S. Thayer's Company C, 5th California Infantry; occupation when enlisted - Miner; went by sea from San Francisco to San Pedro, California; marched via Fort Yuma and Tucson across Southern Arizona to the Rio Grande; reenlisted as a Veteran Volunteer at Mesilla, New Mexico, December 9, 1863; promoted to Corporal at Fort Goodwin, A.T., September 1, 1864; transferred to Company D, 1st. Battalion, California Veteran Infantry, at Las Cruces, N.M., November 1, 1864; promoted Sergeant at Fort McRae, N.M., December 1, 1865; honorably discharged at Los Pinos, N.M., September 15, 1866.

Listed, U.S. Census, 1870, at Prescott, A.T., occupation - Miner; returned with his family from California to Arizona about 1885; Comrade, Barrett Post No. 3, G.A.R. at Prescott, 1895-1905; served as Justice of the Peace at Gladiator, Yavapai County, 1897-98, and at Crown King, 1901-02; the following references to him appeared in the Prescott Journal-Miner:

July 20, 1896 - - R. M. Dougherty came in on Saturday's stage from the Crowned King mine, on a business trip to Prescott, being his first visit here for a year. Mr. Dougherty is one of the old

time miners and prospectors of this section, one of the small army of brave arid courageous men who built the first trails over our mountains while standing off hostile Indians and blazed the way for civilization. He prospected in the Bradshaw mountains before any trails were ever made there and located claims there over 30 years ago, and still owns some promising properties, which he is developing.

November 21, 1900 - - R. M. Dougherty, the well known mine owner of the Bradshaw mountains, is in town.

August 29, 1903 - - R. M. Dougherty, one of the pioneers of the Bradshaws, was a passenger this morning for California on a business and pleasure trip.

December 7, 1903 - - R. M. Dougherty, the well known Bradshaw Mountain pioneer, is in Prescott. He says the railroad camp has been moved to Crowned King and the railroad grade is all finished but about two miles and there are nearly 300 men at work on the last two miles. The work for that distance will, however, be very tedious and expensive and will take at least two months to complete it. The company expects to have trains running to the King by March first, if nothing unforeseen happens. Mr. Dougherty says there are quite a number of excellent properties in that neighborhood which are only waiting until the road is finished to start up extensive work.

January 18, 1904 - - R. M. Dougherty, one of the pioneer mining men of the Bradshaw Mountains, returned last night from Los Angeles, where he spent the holidays with his son. He also did some mining business while there.

In reporting his death the Prescott Courier stated:

Last week Robert M. Dougherty, who had been ill at Crown King for some time, was brought to Prescott and taken to Mercy Hospital for medical treatment. He survived but a short time after his arrival, passing away last Saturday afternoon. Deceased belonged to that band of pioneers who are so fast passing over the great divide.

Going to California in the early days, he enlisted with the California Volunteers, and as a soldier as well as afterward a civilian, gained the warm friendship of his companions by his quiet demeanor and good will toward all. For more than a quarter of a century he has been identified with mining in the Bradshaws, and was the means of bringing about the development of several properties in the vicinity of Crown King. By the death of this pioneer, the residents of this County lose a valuable citizen and an honorable and courteous gentleman.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, March 8, 1913, aged 71; buried under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic in Mountain View Cemetery, Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R.H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, pp. 399, 687.
U.S. Census, Richland Township, Jackson County, Iowa, 1850.
The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service records.
U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, S.C. 663,316.
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The Morning Courier, Prescott, March 15, 1913, 6:2 (obituary).
The Journal Miner, Prescott, July 20, 1896, 4:3; November 21, 1900, 4:2; August 29, 8:3 and December 7, 1903, 8:2; January 18, 1904, 2:2; March 11, 1913, 5:3 (funeral).

Mining Items

. . . . Bob Dougherty had cut through his Eclipse lode, at a depth of over fifty feet, and had 12 feet of very rich ore.

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