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Born in Stockbridge, Madison County, New York _____ 18__ (about 1826)

Son of _____ and _____

(His father was born in Connecticut and his mother in New York). Never married.

The following item printed in the Placerville Times and reprinted in the New York Herald of September 21, 1850, probably refers to him:

A Mr. Doolittle was attacked on Sunday last, in the neighborhood of Oak Valley, about ten miles from Foster's Bar while on his way home, by three Indians, who shot several arrows at him. None of the arrows took effect however and the only serious thing that occurred to him was the loss of his hat in escaping. He had in the morning accused the Indians of stealing provisions and clothing from him.

A directory of Placer County published in 1861 lists him as a miner residing at the Grizzly Bear House; enrolled, age 34, at Forest Hill, Placer County, California, September 12 and mustered in September 25, 1861, at Placerville, Eldorado County, to serve 3 years as Private, Company B, 4th California Infantry; went with the Company to Fort Vancouver, Washington Territory, in November, 1861; stationed at Fort Dalls, Oregon, from April to September 1862.

Returned to California and remained at Benicia Barracks from October 1862 to March 1863; and then went to Drum Barracks, near San Pedro; left there in May and marched to Fort Mohave, A.T. where the Company was stationed for the remainder of that year; went back to Drum Barracks where he was honorably discharged on October 4, 1864.

His name appeared three times in the Prescott Arizona Miner in 1869:

February 13 -- Messrs. Hardy and Doolittle left Prescott Sunday last for their homes in Mohave County.

May 1 -- Uriah E. Doolittle of Hardyville, Mohave County, paid us a visit last week. Mr. Doolittle was elected to the Legislature last year, but did not attend the session at Tucson, believing that he could accomplish no good by SO doing.

June 26 -- U. E. Doolittle was elected Treasurer of Mohave County on June 11, 1869.

Listed, U. S. Census, July 27, 1870, at Williamson Valley, Yavapai County, A.T., age 44 occupation - Farmer; an article In describing his trip to the Colorado River John H. Marion, wrote the following which was printed in the Arizona Miner of September 30, 1871:

Union Pass Station is the first eastern range of mountains overlooking the Great Colorado of the West. This station is kept by U. E. Doolittle, an old California volunteer, who proved to us that he knew how to entertain his friends. It is well supplied with good water, and Mr. D. furnishes everything needful to the traveler and his animals.

That he gave political support to a fellow soldier who also served at Fort Mohave in 1864 is shown by the following letter which he wrote at Hackberry on September 8, 1878:

To the Editor of the Arizona Miner:

We, of Mohave County, want you, and the rest of the people in the Territory, to know we are taking a lively interest in the political canvass now fairly inaugurated, hence we send you an account of the latest proceedings In this place.

Hon. A. E. Davis spoke here tonight to the people of this place. There was a general turnout, from mine mill and town, to hear "Mohave's champion." Mr. Davis spoke for about three quarters of an hour and made some telling hits against his chief opponent, Mr. Hiram Stevens of Tucson. His speech was well received and evoked much enthusiasm In camp, and, at its close, three rousing cheers were given for "A. E. Davis, Arizona's next Representative."

Times are good at this camp; also mine and mill.

Yours respectfully,

U. E. Doolittle

Died at Hackberry, Mohave County, A.T. January 25, 1883.

Buried _____ Cemetery

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men In the War of the Rebellion, 1890, p. 612

Kelly, G. H. - Legislative History, Arizona, 1926, pp. 34, 41

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service Records.

The New York Herald, September 21, 1850, 1:3

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, February 13, 2:1, May 1, 3:3, and June 26, 1869, 2:2; September 30, 1871, 2:2; September 13, 1878, 1:7

History of Placer County. Oakland, Thompson & West, 1882. p. 347

The following are the names of the officers and men of the Placer companies in camp (Camp Sigel in Placerville)

October 12, 1861:-

Co. B, Forrest Hill...Privates: U.E.Doolittle...

New York Herald, 9/21/50, 1-3.

Intelligence from the Mines. From the Placerville Times. - [A Mr. Doolittle was attacked on Sunday last, in the neighborhood of Oak Valley, about ten miles from Foster's Bar, while on his way home, by three Indians, who shot several arrows at him. One of the arrows took effect however and the only serious thing that occurred to him was the loss of his hat in escaping. He had in the morning accused the Indians of stealing provisions and clothing from him]
