

ERWIN, ALONZO M.

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ERWIN, ALONZO M., born at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, about 1839; enrolled, age 22, at Nevada City, Nevada County, California on August 1, and mustered in at the Presidio Of San Francisco, August 23, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Henry A. Green's Company G, 1st. California Infantry; went with the Company by sea to Southern California and thence to Fort Yuma; left there for Tucson July 19, 1862, and departed from Tucson for the Rio Grande on December 2; served in New Mexico until honorably mustered out with the Company at Fort Craig on August 31, 1864.

Elected from Camp Grant on June 3, 1868, as Member from Pima County, H. of R., 5th Territorial Legislature; killed by Apaches at Cañada del Oro, on the road between Tucson and Camp Grant, July 16, 1868; the following is taken from the Journal of the proceedings of the Legislature at Tucson on November 23, 1868:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All wise Providence to call from our midst Mr. A. M. Erwin, a member elect of this body, and

WHEREAS, In his decease our Territory has lost one of its most noble and energetic citizen, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we fully appreciate the brave and valuable services rendered to the people of this and adjoining Territories by the deceased during his term of service in the California Volunteers.

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RESOLVED, That we deeply sympathize with the relatives of the deceased, that one so young, so brave, so noble in all his traits of character, should be thus early taken from them by the fatal hand of the so much dreaded Apache.

Mr. Francis H. Goodwin, an intimate friend of the deceased, paid a feeling and eloquent tribute to his memory, and on motion of Mr. Chambers, the Clerk was instructed to transmit a copy of the remarks made by Mr. Goodwin to the relatives of the deceased.

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