

FOSTER, GEORGE FRANKLIN

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FOSTER, GEORGE FRANKLIN, born at Boston, Mass. June 12, 1832; son of Franklin and Abbie (Delano) Foster; married Juana Moreno (1842-1903) ● † Tucson, A. T., April 1, 1876; children George Milton Hand, Maggie (Mrs. John J. Sullivan) Clara (Mrs. Arthur L. Staká afterwards Mrs. _____ Sidenstricher), Annie (Mrs. _____ Taylor) and Mary Alexandra (Mrs. _____).

Moved with his parents to Gardner, Mass., 1842; sailed from Boston on the bark Emma, December 1, 1849, and went around Cape Horn to California; enrolled February 22 and mustered in February 29, 1864, ● † Drum Barracks, Wilmington, Los Angeles County, Calif. to serve 3 years as Private, Captain J. L. Merriam's Company L, 1st California Cavalry; occupation when listed, Miner; left Drum Barracks in March with the Company and marched via Fort Yuma and Tucson to Reventon, Pima County, A.T., arriving in April; listed Territorial Census, 1864, at Reventon, occupation, Soldier; stationed at Tucson and Tubac, A.T. from June, 1864, to May 1, 1865; at Fort Bowie, A.T. from June 1865 to January 1866; went with the Company to Fort McDowell, A.T., in February 1866; honorably discharged at Maricopa Wells, A.T., by order of General Mason, May 17, 1866.

Went to Tucson shortly after his discharge where he was employed as a butcher and as a bartender; part owner of a butcher shop on Main Street, 1869; listed, U.S. Census, July, 1870, at Tucson as liquor dealer; he purchased a saloon from George O. Hand which he advertised in the Arizona Citizen of February 4, 1871:

~~ANDERSON~~ FOSTER'S SALOON, (opposite Lord & Williams) Main Street, Tucson, A.T. - Most palatable drinks of all kinds and best of SEGARS always to be had at the bar.

Rooms large, finely ventilated, and all things kept neat. The public will find Foster's a place of comfort and refreshment. Music bath charms, everybody is aware, and here it reigns ● uprens.

The following was printed in the Citizen in March, 1876:

George Foster has taken personal charge of and opened a nice saloon on the corner where George Hand's saloon used to be. The place has been very nicely fitted up, and now has attached to the bar room, a very pleasant reading and sitting room. Everything is neat, new and tidy. Mr. Foster is an old hand of the saloon business in Tucson. He used to keep a pleasant and lively place on Main Street where Mr. Archibald's store now is, and all the boys will recollect him.

Served as Assessor of the village and town of Tucson 1873-77; was City Tax Collector at the time of his death; Treasurer, Pioneer Hose Company; Comrade, Negley Post No. 1, G.A.R.; original member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, February 9, 1884; died near Tucson, Pima County, A.T., October 7, 1890, aged 58; buried G.A.R. Cemetery; War Department headstone.

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