HADJI ALI (HI JOLLY) (PHILIP TEDRO)
Born in Turkey or Syria about 1828.
Said to have been the son of an Arab father and a Greek mother and to
have become a Hadji by pilgrimage to Mecca.
Came from Smyrna, Asia Minor, to Indianola, Texas, with Camels purchased
by Major H. C. Wayne, 1856; employed at Valverde, Texas, as Camel Herder
at $15 per month from November 25, 1856; went with a camel expedition
commanded by Lieutenant E. F. Beal which left San Antonio June 25,
marched via El Paso, Albuquerque and across northern Arizona arriving at
the Colorado River October 18, 1857; went on with the camels to Fort
Tejon, California; reported as employed there as Herder at $30 per
month from November 1, 1859 to May 31, 1860; reported by Captain W. S.
Hancock as being in charge of 31 camels at Los Angeles, California, as
Herder at $50 per month on July 29 and was discharged and paid August
5, 1861; employed as Herder at $35 per month at New San Pedro, Calif.,
November 17, 1862; promoted to $50 per month May 1 and on July 1, 1863
to Express Rider to carry express to Fort Mojave at $75 per month;
transferred on January 1, 1864, to Benicia Depot, California, as
assistant Wagon Master at $90 per month and was in charge of camels
until February 29, 1864.
Served as Packmaster at Fort McDowell, A. T., at $100 per month from
May 13, 1868, to August 7, 1869; reemployed as Packer at $45 per month,
October 25, 1869; designation changed to Guide and Scout January 1,
and served as such until his discharge on June 20, 1870.
Died at Tyson’s Wells (now Quartzsite) Yuma Co., A. T., December 16, 1902.
Buried, Quartzsite Cemetery, where the Arizona Highway Department
erected a monument to his memory in 1938.

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