

HUNTER, SHEROD

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GAY, Mervin G. _____

Born at _____, Louisiana _____ 18__
or Alabama

Son of _____ and _____

Married, Maria _____ at _____,

on _____, 18__, who was born in Sonora, Mexico, about 1842.

Children _____

Listed, U. S. Census, August 14, 1860, at San Pedro Settlement, Arizona County, New Mexico: age 33, born in Louisiana, occupation, Trader, property valued at \$1900; Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Tucson: age 37, born in Louisiana, resident in Arizona 6 years, occupation, Farmer, property valued at \$1000; U. S. Census, June __, 1870, at Tucson: age 42, born in Alabama, occupation, Stockraiser, property valued at \$2250; was engaged in the dairy business near Tucson, 1873-74; served as Poundmaster, Village of Tucson, 1873 and 1877.

Hiram S. Stevens made the following affidavit on October 5, 1862, which he and Mark Aldrich verified:

Hiram Stevens, at present a resident of Tucson, Ariz. Ter., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he accompanied a detachment of C. S. troops from Mesilla to Tucson; that the said troops left Mesilla in January and arrived at Tucson in February, 1862; that the said detachment was composed of Captain Hunter's company and Lieutenant-Colonel Reilly's escort; that the whole number of the said detachment, including employes, did not exceed 105 men; that the means of transportation consisted of three wagons; that they had no artillery; that the men were all mounted and well armed; that the said detachment was the only Confederate forces that occupied Tucson, or any part of the Territory of Arizona west of the Pinos Altos Mines; that the escort of Colonel Reilly consisted of thirty men; that the colonel returned to the Rio Grande with his escort in March, 1862, and that Hunter's company after that time was not re-enforced, and that its numbers did not exceed seventy-five men from that time until it left the town of Tucson in May, 1862, for the Rio Grande; that his company was not drilled nor disciplined during its stay in Tucson so far as he (Stevens) knows, and he had every means of knowing, being a resident of Tucson during the time the said company occupied it; that the horses of the said company were kept in the corral of the Overland Mail Company; and that the men of the said Hunter's company slept each where he liked, in any part of town he chose, as a general thing, while the said company occupied Tucson.

H. S. Stevens.

Mark Aldrich and M. G. Gay, of Tucson, Ariz, Ter., being duly sworn, depose and say that they are acquainted with Hiram Stevens, who made the foregoing affidavit, and that they were residents of Tucson during its occupation by the troops of the Confederate States between the months of February and May, 1862; that the statements made by the said Hiram Stevens in regard to the numbers, discipline, etc., of the said Confederate troops are correct and true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

M. Aldrich
M. G. Gay.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 3d day of October, A. D. 1862, at Tucson, Ariz, Ter.

D. Fergusson,
Major, First Cavalry California Volunteers.

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A. T., February 22, 1863

Buried in _____ Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Barter, G. W. - Tucson City Directory, 1861, pp 16, 19

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