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Born at Byron, Genesee County, New York, November 12, 1820.

Son of Samuel and Phoebe (Odell) Merrill.

Married, (1) Cyrena Dustin (1817-1907) at Nauvoo, Illinois, September 20, 1840.

Children, Thomas S., Seth A. _____.

(2) Rhoda S. Collett at _____ on _____, 18____

Children _____

(3) Lucinda P. Brown at _____ on _____, 18____

Children, Philemon C. Jr., _____.

Enlisted July 16, 1846, at Council Bluffs as Private Company B, Mormon Battalion; promoted 3d Lieutenant of the Company at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August; promoted 2d Lieutenant and appointed Battalion Adjutant, to succeed Lieut. G. P. Dykes, on the Rio Grande near Socorro, N.M., October 30, 1846; marched with the Battalion across southern Arizona and honorably discharged as 1st Lieutenant at Los Angeles, July 16, 1847; returned to Arizona early in 1877 and remained at Lehi, on Salt River, from March to August; went via Tucson and settled near St. David on the San Pedro late in November; resided there until 1884 when he moved to the upper Gila Valley in Graham County, A.T.

Died at San Jose, Graham County, Arizona, September 15, 1904, aged 83.

Buried _____ Cemetery _____.

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