Merrill, Philemon Christopher

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. __________________________. (1)

(2) Rhoda S. Collett at __________________ on _______ __, 18___

Children _________________________________. (2)

(3) Lucinda P. Brown at __________________ on _______ __, 18___

Children, Philemon C. Jr., _______________________________. (3)

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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