OHN MERRITT

MULLEN, JOHN MERRITT, born near Wapello, Louisa County, Iowa, December 31, 1844; son of Charles W. and Phoebe (Merritt) Mullen; married, Alice May Clanton, daughter of Moses E. Clanton, at Phoenix, A.T., January 7,1892; children, Charles, Ralph and Ethel Jeanne.

Crossed the plains to California in 1860 as a lad of 15 with his brother Joseph B to join their father who had preceeded them and settled in Butte County, enrolled at Oroville February 27 and mustered in at Marysville, March 1, 1865, to serve 3 years a Private in Captain Ebenezer C. Ledyard's Company A, First California Cavalry; occupation when enlisted, Farmer; stationed at Drum Barracks at Wilmington, in Southern California, from April to July when he marched with the Company to Fort Whipple, A.T., arriving in August; returned to California with the Company in March, and was honorably discharged at San Francisco May 14, 1866.

Came back to Arizona in the early 70ties and served as a packer in the Apache campaigns under General George Crook; ran as Wells Fargo Express messinger for 4 years; operated the New River Station on the stage road between Phoenix and Prescott for some time; established a cattle ranch on the Verde River and was successfully engaged in stockraising for about 20 years, his last range being in the Gila Bend country; acquired farming lands in the Salt River Valley and resided at Tempe and Phoenix; Comrade, J. W. Owen Post No. 5, G.A.R., Phoenix, 1889-1897.

Returned to California in 1900 and purchased his brother William's fruit ranchat Yankee Hill near Big Bend in Shasta County; moved to Chicó, Butte County in 1906, where he died on November 7, 1944, aged 99 Mana, 10 Months, 7 days

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Humbug District.-- Pursuant to a call published in the Arizona MINER, the miners of the vicinity of the Tip Top mine assembled at "Marts" Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1877.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. D.B.Gillett, Jr. Col. H.H.Bigelow was elected chairman, and Harry S. McKinney Secretary. The following resolutions were adopted:

lst. Resolved that a new mining district be formed by the miners present, and a committee be appointed by the Chair to define the boundaries of said district. The Chair then appointed John Mullen, William Gavin, and H.Brent as such committee. On this report the following lines were adopted: