PEARSON, RICHARD R.

Born at ______, New Hampshire, ________, 18____(about 1832).
Son of ________ ______ and ________ ________.

Enrolled, age 28, at Grass Valley, Nevada County, September 25
and mustered in at Sacramento, October 11, 1864, to serve 3 years as
Private, Captain John S. Thayer's Company C, 5th California Infantry;
went with the Company to Southern California and then marched from
Fort Yuma via Tucson to Las Cruces on the Rio Grande; he was on
detached service in August, 1863, and in confinement at Las Cruces
during October and November of that year; went with the Company on
the Gila Expedition and was at Fort Goodwin, A. T. from June to
August, 1864; honorably discharged at Mesilla, New Mexico, November
30, 1864.

The following report of his death was printed in the Phoenix
Herald of June 30, 1882:

The town was startled this morning to hear
of the death of Dick Pierson, an old pioneer,
and a man of extraordinary talent. Dick came
to the Territory in 1852, and again with the
California Column in 1863.

He himself was his greatest enemy, being
addicted to strong drink to such an extent as
to bring on serious illness at times, Justice
Rothrock took charge of the remains and buried
them at County expense.

Died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A. T., June 30, 1882.

Buried Pioneer (G.A.R.) Cemetery Phoenix
(War Department headstone)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
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