Born at Bowdoin, Sagadahoc County, Maine, June 3, 1826.

Son of Ambrose and Abigail (Nash) Ridley

Daughter, Guadalupe, by a California Indian woman.

Crossed southern Arizona in command of the bodyguard of General Albert Sidney Johnston to join the Confederate Army, 1861;

Commissioned as Major, 3d Arizona Brigade, Texas, C.S. Army, March 1, 1863

Went to Mexico, 1865, and became Colonel in the Mexican Army under Emperor Maximilian; returned to Arizona, 1875.

Died at Tempe, Maricopa County, A.T., March 25, 1909, aged 82.

Buried, Double Butte Cemetery, Tempe, Arizona

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