

John Nelson
SMITH, JOHN Y. T. (Name changed from John Smith to John Y.T. Smith by act of the 10th Arizona Legislature, January 29, 1879.)

Born near Buffalo, Erie County, New York, September 16, 1831.

Son of _____ and _____.

Married Ellen Elizabeth Shaver (1853-1939) at Prescott, A.T., on October 3, 1875.

Children, Bertram L., Winnifred L. (Mrs. George Buxton) and Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. _____).

Came to Arizona as 2d Lieutenant, Company H, 4th California Infantry, 1863.

Died at Los Angeles, California, July 15, 1903, aged 71.

Buried in old City Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona; his remains were removed in 1914 to Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix (War Department Headstone)

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WANTED

1. Obituaries in the Gazette and other Phoenix newspapers.
2. The name of the husband, if any, of his daughter.