

# THOMPSON, PETER

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THOMPSON, PETER, born in Holmes County, Ohio, about 1831; probably a son of John and Sarah Thompson; never married; enrolled August 16, at Jackson, Amador County, California, and mustered in August 26, 1861, at the Presidio of San Francisco to serve 3 years as Private, Company C, 1st California Infantry; occupation when enlisted, Miner; left Fort Yuma April 19, crossed southern Arizona with the California Column and arrived at Mesilla, N.M., August 13, 1862; left Fort Wingate with the Company in November, 1863, and arrived at Fort Whipple, A.T., in January 1864; listed Territorial Census, April 1864, at Fort Whipple, A.T., occupation, Soldier; was on detached service at La Paz, A.T., from June 9, 1864; honorably discharged at Los Pinos, N.M., August 31, 1864.

Enlisted November 10, 1864, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as Private, Company K, 9th Kansas Cavalry; honorably discharged at De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, July 17, 1865; returned to Yavapai County in 1867; listed U.S. Census, July 1870, at Big Bug, Yavapai County, A.T., occupation, Brick-maker; member, Aztlan Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M. Prescott; the Prescott Morning Courier of December 15, 1887, said of him:

"Pete" Thompson, a pioneer of '63 has come in from the mountains. The old pioneer isn't as young as when he carried a U.S. musket and chased Indians. He spoke of the time when he and Judge John Howard, another '63 "boy", came near perishing for water.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A.T., March 28, 1891, aged 60; buried, Masonic Cemetery, Prescott, Arizona.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U.S. Census, Holmes County, Ohio, 1850  
Orten R.H. - Records of California Men, 1890, p. 349  
The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records  
U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, S.G. 544,035  
Probate Court of Yavapai County, A.T., - Docket No. 303  
Arizona Citizen, Tucson, April 4, 1891 (obituary reprinted from  
Prescott Journal-Miner)

Obituary in the Prescott Courier <sup>Wanted</sup> and other mention of him in the indexes.