HADJI ALI (HI JOLLY) (PHILIP TEDRO)
Born in Turkey or Syria about 1828.
Said to have been the son of an Arab father and a Greek mother and to have become a Haji by pilgrimage to Mecca.
Came from Smyrne, Asia Minor, to Indiana, Texas, with Camels purchased by Major H. G. Wayne, 1856; employed at Valverde, Texas, as Camel Herder at $15 per month from November 25, 1856; went with a camel expedition commanded by Lieutenant E. F. Beal which left San Antonio June 25, marched via El Paso, Albuquerque and across northern Arizona arriving at the Colorado River October 18, 1857; went on with the camels to Fort Tejon, California; reported as employed there as Herder at $30 per month from November 1, 1859 to May 31, 1860; reported by Captain W. S. Hanecek as being in charge of 31 camels at Los Angeles, California, as Herder at $50 per month on July 29 and was discharged and paid August 5, 1861; employed as Herder at $35 per month at New San Pedro, Calif., November 17, 1862; promoted to $50 per month May 1 and on July 1, 1863 to Express Rider to carry express to Fort Mojave at $75 per month; transferred on January 1, 1864, to Benicia Depot, California, as assistant Wagon Master at $90 per month and was in charge of camels until February 29, 1864.
Served as Packer at Fort McDowell, A. T., at $100 per month from May 13, 1866, to August 7, 1869; reemployed as Packer at $45 per month, October 25, 1867; designation changed to Guides and Scout January 1, and served as such until his discharge on June 20, 1870.
Died at Tyson's Wells (now Quartzsite) Yuma Co., A. T., December 16, 1902.
Buried, Quartzsite Cemetery, where the Arizona Highway Department erected a monument to his memory in 1938.

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