

TILLMAN, JOHN

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TILLMAN, JOHN, born in Prussia about 1838; married Mrs. Mary Jane Chambers at Chloride, Mohave County, A.T., May 25, 1900, a native of Texas, born about 1843.

Enlisted at Nevada City, November 14, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Atchisson's Company I, 4th California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and was stationed at Fort Mohave A.T., from June 1863 to November 1864; honorably discharged at Drum Barracks, California, December 31, 1864.

Listed, Territorial Census, 1864, at Fort Mohave, age 26, occupation - Soldier; the 1880 Census records him at Spencer's Ranch, Mohave County, as an unmarried man, age 43, occupation - Miner, and in April, 1890, he was living at Stockton Hill in a "small lumber house near the wagon road between the houses of Robert Gray and David Southwick"; the following items mentioning him appeared in the Kingman Mohave County Miner:

May 2, 1891 - - John Tillman who has been working in Wallapai Mountains for some time past, passed through town on his way to Stockton Hill.

May 16, 1891 - - John Tillman and Abe Lafevre came down from Stockton Hill last night.

March 5, 1892 - - John Tillman and John Latta are in the Chimahueve Mountains prospecting.

August 8, 1892 - - Grant Richards and John Tillman have struck a fine flow of water in a well in a wash about two miles north of Cross Bros. ranch. They expect to pipe the water to the road, a distance of two miles where they will start a roadside station.

August 20, 1892 - - Richards & Tillman have established a station on the road to White Hills, two miles north of Cross Bros. ranch. They have named the place Valley Station.

John Tillman and Grant Richards have filed a complaint in Justice court against Robert Meara for malicious mischief. The trouble grew out of Tillman & Richards having sunk a well on what Mr. Meara claims as his range.

When testifying relative to the Indian depredation claim of C. A. Luke at Kingman on July 12, 1897, gave his residence as Valley Station, about 20 miles from Kingman on the road to White Hills, and stated that he was in the vicinity when the Indians wounded Sam Knodle, killed Ira Woodworth and two men named Judson and Baker near the Antietam mining claim in the Sacramento District on October 1, 1870; a man named Benjamin was also killed that same day in the valley.

Died at Tillman's Station, Mohave County, A.T., October 15, 1906; aged 68; in a memorandum which she made relative to the location of graves of Arizona pioneers, Miss Sharlot M. Hall of Prescott, the then Arizona Historian, stated:

At Chloride, on the side of Silver Hill, 3 graves of men killed by Indians; Judson, Baker and Woodworth. In the flat just below 2 graves; one being a young Norwegian killed at the same time and John Tillman of Company I, Cal. Vol., an unmarked grave.

In reporting his death the Mohave County Miner stated:

John Tillman, one of the oldest inhabitants of this County, died at his home near Chloride last Monday night. Mr. Tillman came to this County in the early seventies, prior to that time having lived in Yuma County where he worked in the mines. He was a contractor on the canal, which was built to bring water from the Colorado River to the lands of the Colorado Indian Reservation, near Parker. Since coming to Mohave County he has engaged in mining until old age compelled him to

settle down to other pursuits. For many years he kept a road house a few miles northwest of Chloride. He was a whole-souled man and had many warm friends. A wife is left to mourn his demise.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1890, p. 661.
U. S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, C. 2,555,700
U. S. Court of Claims - Indian depredation Docket No. 3940 (C.A.Luke)
The Mohave County Miner, Kingman, April 19, 1890, 2:4; May 2, 1:4
and May 16, 1891, 3:5; March 5, 3:1, August 13, 3:3 and
August 20, 1892, 3:2; October 20, 1906, 3:1 (obituary).

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Any additional newspaper references to him. L