WHIPPLE, SAMUEL C.

Born in Cumberland Township, Providence County, Rhode Island, __________, 1822.

Son of __________ and __________.

Married __________ at __________, on __________, 18________.

Children __________

Enrolled November 9 at Downieville, Sierra County, California and mustered in at the Presidio of San Francisco, November 21, 1864, to serve 3 Years as Private in Captain James H. Shepard's Company K, 7th California Infantry; age 42, occupation when enlisted - Laborer; stationed at the Presidio until March, 1865, and at Fort Yuma until August when the Company went to Fort McDowell, A. T.; on detached service at Fort Yuma in February where he was honorably discharged pursuant to special order Number 18, on March 19, 1866.

The following obituary was printed in the Tucson Star of May 6, 1880:

Many of the old citizens throughout Arizona will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Captain S.C. Whipple; for many years resident of this County, and for the past 10 years owner of the Nine Mile Station.

As we can learn the facts, Captain Whipple last Friday just before retiring to bed and after taking off his shoes and stockings, went out to close the gate of the cattle corral, distance about 35 yards from the house. On going out he stepped on the tail of a rattlesnake which instantly curled around his leg and drove its fangs four or five times in his limbs just above the ankle.

He immediately sent to town for some ammonia, not feeling much alarmed at his condition until Saturday afternoon, when the pain and swelling became so intense he went for medical aid, but alas, too late; the poisonous fluid had taken hold of the seat of vitality, and at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning he expired under the most intense suffering and pain.
The deceased was widely known both in Arizona and California, where he had many friends. He was a true representation of our Arizona pioneers; a large and generous heart; a good word and a smile for all who passed his way. His early life in Arizona was a struggle against the incidents peculiar to frontier life. Stock raising and dairying was his principal occupation. He had gathered considerable competency during late years; and he leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A.T., May 2, 1880, aged 58.

Buried ____________________________ Cemetery, ____________________________

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. = Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, p. 795.
The Adjutant General of the Army = military records.

History of Pima County. Office 1, 1951. P. 156?

Listed in Register of Officers and Agents; as Indian Agent for the Plomth and Crescent Indians, 1810.