

WORDSWORTH, WILLIAM C.

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Born at _____ Mississippi _____, 18__

Son of _____ and _____

Married, Esther _____ at _____ on _____ 18__

Children, William B.

Joined a party which left Fort Smith, Arkansas, in the spring of 1853 and went across Texas, New Mexico and what is now southern Arizona to California; returned to Tucson and Calabasas in the Gadsden Purchase, 1855; appointed Major General of the Militia of the proposed Territory of Arizona by the Provisional Governor, L. S. Owings, as the result of a convention held in Tucson April 2-5, 1860, of which he was the President. When Fort Buchanan was abandoned in July, 1861, he joined with other settlers on the Sonita who decided to leave because of the certainty of increased Indian raids in the absence of military protection; after leaving Tucson the party was attacked by Apaches at Cook's Canyon, New Mexico, where he was mortally wounded and died the next day; buried at a ranch north east of the pass.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Wanted

Any references to him in the Arizonian.