GREEK, GEORGE

Born in Smyrna, Turkey, about 1840.

Employed by Lieutenant C. H. Heap early in 1856 at Smyrna, to care for 33 camels purchased by Mayor Henry C. Wayne for shipment to the United States; he stated that others engaged were his cousin Georgino, Domingo Memico, Alexandrino, Kostes (or Constantino) and the Turk, Hadji Ali; they left Smyrna on the U. S. Ship, Supply, February 15, and arrived at Indianola, Texas, May 14, 1856; remained in Texas until June 25, 1857, when he left San Antonio as Camel Herder with the expedition commanded by Lieutenant E. F. Beal which crossed northern Arizona and arrived at the Colorado River on October 18, 1857.

Naturalized as an American citizen under the name of George Allen at Los Angeles, California, September __, 1866.

Died at Whittier, Los Angeles County, California, September 2, 1915.

Buried _______________________ Cemetery _______________________

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