

BLUSH, CHARLES

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BLUSH, CHARLES (Karl Blesch), born at Schwabhausen, Baden, Germany, about 1837; enlisted, at New Orleans, January 24, 1855 to serve 5 years in the U. S. Army; assigned to Company K, 7th U.S. Infantry; participated in the Utah expedition commanded by Brigadier General Albert Sidney Johnston, 1857; promoted to Musician April 23, 1858; honorably discharged at Camp Floyd, Utah Territory, January 24, 1860.

Enlisted, age 25, at Placerville, El Dorado County, California, October 14, 1861, to serve 3 years as a Musician, Company G, 5th California Infantry; stationed at Camp Union (Sacramento) until February, 1862; went to Southern California with the Company and arrived in Tucson in April; remained there until August and then marched to Fort Bowie where the Company was stationed until January, 1863, when it went on to the Rio Grande; at Fort Craig until June and then marched to El Paso, Texas; returned to Las Cruces, N.M., where he was honorably discharged, May 27, 1864.

Reenlisted, February 25, 1865, at San Francisco, to serve 3 years as Private, Company B, 4th California Infantry; stationed at Drum Barracks until April and then went with the Company to Fort Gaston in Humboldt County; returned to the Presidio of San Francisco for muster out of the Company where he was honorably discharged April 18, 1866; naturalised as an American citizen in the 4th Judicial District Court, September 3, 1866.

Enlisted on May 11, 1867, in the U.S. Navy at San Francisco, California, for 3 years, as landsman; served on the 'SUNAMBE', and after the wreck of that ship, on the PENSACOLA and MOHONGO until honorably discharged as an ordinary seaman at Mare Island, California on May 26, 1869.

Returned to Arizona and was a registered voter at Agua Caliente, Maricopa County, 1876-78; moved to the Salt River Valley in 1880 where his

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name appears in the Census as a laborer, age 43; he located the S.E. 1/4 of Section 7, T.1N.R.2E. as a homestead for which he obtained a patent on November 9, 1891; Comrade, J. W. Owen Post No. 5, G. A.R., Phoenix; admitted from Phoenix to the Pacific Branch, U.S. Soldiers Home, Sattelle, California on March 30, 1896, where he died, December 25, 1897, aged 62; buried, Soldiers Home Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, p. 611, 704.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records.

Bureau of Navigation - Naval Service records.

U.S. Veterans Administration - Soldiers Home and Pension records, C-875, 751.

U.S. Land Office - Entry and patent records.

Great Register of Maricopa County, 1876-94.