

BRADLEY, WILLIAM FRANKLIN

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BRADLEY, WILLIAM FRANKLIN, born at Akron, Summit County, Ohio, December 7, 1837; probably a son of Harlan Robert Bradley; married Elizabeth E. Carroll at San Francisco, California, September 5, 1872, who died at Tombstone, A.T., October 20, 1896; Charles J. Bradley, born in 1874, was their adopted son.

Enrolled at Nevada City, Nevada County, California, August 10 and mustered in at the Presidio of San Francisco, August 19, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain H. A. Green's Company, G, 1st California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and arrived at Fort Yuma in March 1862; promoted Corporal in June; left Fort Yuma July 19 and marched via the Gila River route to Tucson; left Tucson for Mesilla, N.M., December 2, 1862; promoted 1st Corporal at Franklin (El Paso) Texas, May 10, 1862; stationed on the Rio Grande until June, 1864 and took part in numerous scouts and actions against hostile Indians; promoted Sergeant at Fort McRae, N.M., June, 1864; participated in an engagement with Apaches near the San Francisco River, A.T., in July, when 3 Indians were killed, 6 prisoners taken and also 19 head of beef cattle; honorably discharged when the Company was mustered out of service at Fort Craig, N.M., August 21, 1864.

Returned to California in 1869 but came back to Arizona in 1876; located a mining claim in the Tombstone District October 2, 1879; employed as a clerk at Contention, 1882; was Stage Agent at Tombstone, 1884-86; County Recorder of Cochise County, 1887-1892; Probate Judge at Tombstone, 1895-1898; member, Society of Arizona Pioneers; the following obituary appeared in the Los Angeles Times of July 12, 1907:

"TOMBSTONE VETERAN PASSES

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DEATH OF SOLDIERS' HOME MAN WHO WAS PROMINENT IN ARIZONA.

SOLDIERS' HOME, July 11. -- Notice has been received by the Adjutant of the death of William F. Bradley, a member of the Home, who went to Santa Ana a few days ago for the purpose of undergoing a surgical operation at Doctor Gordonts hospital.

Bradley, who was admitted to the Home from Tombstone, Arizona, on April 6, 1904, had been employed in the Post Office here, for the past two years, as Money Order and Registry Clerk, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him. Although he was suffering for years from some internal trouble, veteran patrons of the Post Office never received other than patient and kindly attention, while he was on duty. He was a member of Tombstone Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Burnside Post G. A. R. in that city, and of the A. O. U. W.

From veterans who knew him during his long residence in Arizona, it is learned that Bradley was popular among the citizens of Tombstone. For twenty years consecutively he served Cochise County variously, as County Clerk, County Recorder and as Probate Judge. He was for a term Assistant Postmaster of Tombstone.*

Died at Santa Aria, Orange County, California, July 10, 1907, aged 69; buried, Soldiers Home Cemetery, Sawtelle, California.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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