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Born at Philadelphia, Penna. on _____ 18____ (about 1832)

Son of _____ and _____

Enlisted November 14, 1861 at Sacramento, age 29, to serve 3 years as Private, Company G, 5th California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California in February, 1862; marched to Tucson in April and stationed there until August; was at Fort Bowie from August 1862 to January 1863; the remainder of his service was on the Rio Grande where he was promoted to 1st Sergeant at Fort Craig on April 15, 1863; honorably discharged at Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 27, 1864.

Returned to Arizona and resided at Dos Cabezas; in his application for a pension he stated that he was injured by a fall from a scaffold during the time that he was building the Willcox Hotel; a report of his death in the Tombstone Epitaph stated;

Mr. Cooper was one of the California column which marched through Arizona in 1862. He played an important part in the civilization of Arizona and let us hope that the sacrifices he made in life have been credited to his account on the great register of another world.

Died at Willcox, Cochise County, A.T., August 13, 1893

Buried _____ Cemetery _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1890, p. 703

U. S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, S.S. - 232, 548

The Tombstone Epitaph, August 19, 1893, 2:2 (death notice)