

COSTELLO, JOHN

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Born in County Clare, Ireland _____ 18 _____ (about 1838)
Enlisted, age 15, in New York City, April 13, 1853, to serve 5 years as
Musician in the Regular Army; assigned to Battery I, 3d U. S. Artillery;
arrived at Fort Yuma, California, July 14, 1854; transferred to Battery A,
same Regiment, March 31, 1857; honorably discharged at Fort Yuma, April 13,
1858; at the time of his death the Yuma Arizona Sentinel stated:

Mr. Costello was one of the oldest settlers of Yuma,
having come here from San Diego, as a drummer boy under Major
Heintzelman. For years he was a courier making many hazardous
trips through the Indian country. He was connected with the
survey of the Gadsden purchase and for many years the trusted
messenger of Jack Hinton and W. B. Hooper. During the early
days he suffered many hardships, which perhaps, was the cause
of his death.

Died at Yuma, A.T., November 26, 1885, aged 46.

Buried _____ Cemetery _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records
The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, November 28, 1885, 3:2 (obituary)
The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, December 10, 1885, 3:2 (same obituary)