

DUNN, WILLIAM CRAWFORD

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DUNN, WILLIAM CRAWFORD, born at Yorktown, York County, Virginia, January 25, 1836; probably a son of Samuel Dunn; married, (1) Dolores Sierras at St. Augustine's Cathedral, Tucson, January 27, 1875, who died as a result of childbirth at the age of 30, on November 21st of that year and (2) Margarita Vasques at Tucson, in the presence of the bride's parents, November 26, 1876; Children, William C. Jr., _____ (Mrs. P. __ Lucas), _____ (Mrs. A. __ Lerua) and Maggie (Mrs. _____).

Enlisted August 4, 1857, at Richmond, Virginia, to serve five years in the Regular Army and assigned to Company B, 1st U. S. Mounted Rifles; joined the Company at Fort Thorn, New Mexico; for the next three years was stationed at various army posts in that Territory and participated in campaigns against hostile Indians; in a letter to William S. Oury dated at Fort Huachuca, February 22, 1884, he stated:

"I first came to Arizona in 1858 but not to stay. I came on escort duty, being a soldier at the time in the 1st Regiment of Mounted Rifles. In September, 1858, I came with then Major Longstreet, (afterwards Lieutenant General, Confederate Army), Paymaster, U. S. A. on escort to Old Fort Buchanan. He paid off the troops at Buchanan and went on a visit to Tucson. We remained in Tucson a part of two days and returned to Fort Bliss, Texas, the post at which Longstreet was then stationed. I did not arrive in Arizona to reside permanently until March 13, 1870; but did start for Arizona in 1868, in December; but stopped in New Mexico a little over a year."

Was with the company at Fort Fillmore, N. M. at the time of the Confederate invasion and at St. Augustine Springs on July 27, 1861, by order of Major Isaac Lynde, 7th U. S. Infantry, Commanding, Southern Division, Department of New Mexico, surrendered to

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the Texas troop commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John R. Baylor; that same day he marched with the Company to Las Cruces where they turned over their arms, horses, etc. and on July 28 took an oath not to bear arms against the Confederate States of America during the war unless properly exchanged; the Regiment left New Mexico and was reorganized as the 3rd U. S. Cavalry; he was honorably discharged at Fort Wayne, Detroit, Michigan, June 4, 1862, and reenlisted for 3 years on the same day; honorably discharged on expiration of the term of his service at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 4, 1865, after which he went to his home in Warwick County, Virginia, for a short visit.

Listed, U. S. Census, June, 1870, at Tucson, occupation - Carpenter, property valued at \$160; comrade, Negley Post No. 1, G.A.R. Tucson; when he joined the Society of Arizona Pioneers on May 18, 1890, he gave his occupation as wheelwright in Tucson.

Died at Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, December 11, 1912, aged 76; buried, G.A.R. plot, Evergreen Cemetary, Tucson.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U. S. Census, Warwick County, Virginia, 1850.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service Records.

U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records W.O. Inv. 762,097.

Pima County Marriage Records - Book 1

Probate Court of Pima County - Docket No. 2024

Hand, George O. - Diary, January 27, November 18, 21 and 22, 1875.

Arizona Pioneers Historical Society - Membership book.