

ELLIOTT, JAMES MCCANDLESS

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ELLIOTT, JAMES McCANDLESS, born at Shakeleyville, now Georgetown, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1825; son of _____ and _____; never married.

Enlisted, age 21, at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on June 16, 1846, to serve 5 years in the Regular Army and was assigned to Company B, 4th U.S. Artillery; occupation when enlisted - Tanner and Currier; was sent from Carlisle Barracks to San Antonio, Texas, where his Battery under the command of Captain Washington, became a part of General Wool's Army which crossed the Rio Grande at Presidio and marched first to Monclova and later to Parras; took part in the preliminary skirmishes and in the battle of Buena Vista, February 22-23, 1847; marched from there to Monterey Nuevo Leon, and after the end of the War, on to Fort Brown, Texas; was for a time at Ringgold Barracks, Texas, where he helped to build the Post; honorably discharged at Fort Brown, June 16, 1851 .

First came to the Gadsden Purchase in 1856, en route to California; listed, U. S. Census, July 1870, at Florence, Pima County, A ● To, age 44, occupation - Miner; became a member of the Salt River Valley Townsite (Phoenix) Association at a meeting held on October 24, 1870; appointed by Governor Safford as the first Public Administrator (Coroner) of Maricopa County, February 27, 1871; served as Treasurer of Pima County, 1883-84; was a Road Overseer in Pima County in 1886 and in February of that year went to repair the roads on the San Pedro River; appointed Street Commissioner, City of Tucson, April 16, 1887; was a registered voter in Pima County, 1880 to 1890.

Original member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, January 31, 1884, occupation - Miner; member, Tucson Lodge No. 263 (4) .

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F. & A.M.; made application October 27 and was admitted to the National Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, California, November 23, 1891; remained there until October 2, 1894, when he transferred to the U.S. Soldiers Home, Washington, D. C., arriving on October 13; the Tucson Arizona Citizen Of April 3, 1895, published this item:

J. McC. Elliott, well known to old timers here, wrote to C. R. Drake a few days since from the Soldiers Home, Washington, D. C. He wrote that he was comfortably situated and enjoying the best of health, but the fond memories of the Pacific Coast where he had spent the best years of his life still cling to him.

On July 20, 1901, he was furnished transportation to Los Angeles where he was readmitted to the Soldiers Home at Sawtelle, on July 30 and died there two days later on August 1, 1900, aged 73; buried Soldiers Home Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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