

FENTON, WILLIAM

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Born at _____ on _____ 18 _____

Son of _____ and _____

Enrolled August 27 at San Francisco and mustered in November 23 at Camp Stanford, near Stockton, to serve 3 years in Captain Thomas A. Stombs' Company F, 1st California Cavalry; moved with the Company to Camp Union late in November and in January, 1864, went by sea to San Pedro in southern California; was at Fort Yuma in February and then marched up the Gila and via Tucson arriving at a Camp on Miembres River, New Mexico, in April; left there June 12 on escort duty with Lieutenant H. Warren when the Company went down the Rio Grande to Las Cruces; was again on escort with Captain Stombs in August and the Company then went on to San Eligario, Texas, where it was stationed until January 1865; on January 26 he was assigned to the Paymaster's escort and in February and April was at Fort McDowell, A.T.; was sick at Tubac in June and was at Fort Mason in August; thereafter returned to the Company and was stationed principally at Fort Sumner, N.M., for the remainder of his service; honorably discharged at San Francisco, California, July 31, 1866.

The following account of his death was printed in the Arizona Enterprise:

A PIONEER GONE: Mr. William Fenton, who first saw Arizona as a volunteer in the California Column, and who has ever since that time resided in the southern part of the Territory, died at the hospital, of hemorrhage, on Tuesday morning, and was buried the same afternoon. He was about 42 years of age, and for many years had

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managed freighting and other teams, often incurring risks and dangers from hostile Indians that would in themselves make up an exciting history of adventure. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of his friends and acquaintances.

Died at Florence, Pinal County, A.T. on the Tuesday before June 18, 1887

Buried _____ Cemetery, Florence, Arizona.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, p. 133

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records

Farish, T.E. - History of Arizona, Phoenix, 1918, p. 143?

(Says P. Fenton, freighter, wounded by Apaches near Camp McDowell, January 19, 1871)

The Arizona Enterprise, Florence, June 18, 1887, p. 3, c. 2, (obituary)

Arizona Miner, Prescott, 10/26/77, 2-3.

Prescott to Camp McDowell.--- At some springs between New River and Cave Creek we met a young man in the employ of Mr. Fenton of Phoenix, who informed us that his employer had considerable cattle grazing in the vicinity, and that he proposed taking up these springs. They had already built a small corral about an hundred yards from the springs and everything looks as if they intended to make a cattle ranch in that neighborhood. The water is plentiful at that point and although not quite so good as that at the Orphan's Home, is nevertheless passably potable.