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Born at \_\_\_\_\_

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Mastered in at Washington, D. C., October 2, 1862, to serve three years as 1st Lieutenant, Company B, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and appointed on the following day as Regimental Commissary; assigned to Brigade Commissary, Brigadier General A.V. Kautz Cavalry Brigade, April 26, 1864; honorably discharged August 7, 1865, by reason of the muster out of the Regiment.

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Mastered in, age 25, at Fort Whipple, A.T., June 7, 1866, to serve one year as 1st Lieutenant, Company A, 1st Battalion, Arizona Infantry; stationed for a time at Camp Lincoln on the Verde River under Captain H.S. Washburn; honorably discharged at Fort Whipple, October 15, 1866 and was immediately appointed as Private Secretary to the Governor; elected Assistant Clerk, House of Representatives, 2d Territorial Legislature, Prescott, October 27, 1866; became publisher of the ARIZONA MINER at Prescott, September 11, 1867; appointed Assistant Secretary of the Territory by Secretary J.B.T. Carter, November 20, 1867; appointed Military Private Secretary to the Governor, with the rank of Major, January 1, 1868.

The Long Island Farmer of July 15, 1868, printed the following notice of his death:

In the early days of the great rebellion he went from the establishment of D. Appleton & Co. publishers, New York, (with which his father had long been connected) to the ranks of the 5th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. In the tedious and trying movements on the Virginia Peninsula, from Fortross Monroe to Richmond, even to the surrender of Lee, at Appomattox Court House, on which occasion he was present, he challenged the confidence and admiration of his superior officers, and at the termination of his three years of service they tendered him the strongest commendation for a position in the regular army.

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But the exposure of the various campaigns he had passed through, and the close application to their arduous requirements, had shaken his health, and though not alarmingly ill, it was thought wisest for him to reenter the service. He returned to New York in the summer of 1865, and on the first of October of that year sailed for Arizona via California, in company with his friend Governor McClintock.

The healthful climate of that Territory appeared to stay the progress of disease and he took an active part in both public and private enterprises and became a general favorite there. For a time he served as Private Secretary to the Governor, and subsequently held a position in the First regiment of Arizona Volunteers, most acceptably performing the duties of Quartermaster at a post in the heart of the Indian country. On the removal of the capital from Prescott to Tucson he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Territory, and was such when, in April, 1868, he started for a visit to the East.

Unfortunately the passage from Apinali to New York was a disastrous one and the ship was so wet that he caught a cold which resulted in severe inflammation of his weak lungs and in the bright spring and summer days in his rural home, on the banks of the exquisite Ronkonkoma, the scene of his happiest years and where he had returned to die, he patiently endured intense suffering which neither the appliances of medical skill nor the tender care of loving parents and sisters could alleviate.

Died at Lake Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York.

June 30, 1869, aged 36; buried, Methodist Episcopal Cemetery at the Lake.

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#### WANTED

Obituary in the Arizona Miner and any additional newspaper references to him.