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Born * _____, Massachusetts, on _____, 18__ (about 1836)

Son of _____ and _____
(born in New York) (born in Massachusetts)

Enrolled at Grass Valley, Nevada County, California, September 25 and mustered in at Camp Union, near Sacramento, October 31, 1861, to serve 3 years as 1st Lieutenant, Captain John S. Thayer's Company C, 5th California Infantry; detached from the Company and appointed acting Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary of Subsistence March 4, 1862; went by sea in April, 1862 with the Headquarters of the Regiment to Camp Drum near Mission San Pedro (Wilmington).

Remained in southern California in charge of forwarding supplies to the California Column until promoted to Captain on March 3, 1863, and assigned to Company A, same Regiment; left Camp Drum on April 6 to join the Company and, after a long journey across southern Arizona, took command of Fort Stanton, New Mexico, June 23, 1863, and was stationed there with the Company for nearly a year.

In May, 1864, an expedition commanded by Major Joseph Smith, consisting of his Company A, and Company C. Captain John F. Quailley, Company B, Captain Benjamin F. Harrover, 5th California Infantry, Company I, Captain Smith S. Simpson, 1st New Mexico Infantry, and Company I, Captain William B. Kennedy, 1st California Cavalry, marched from the Rio Grande to the headquarters of the Gila and thence to establish Fort Goodwin in what is now Graham County, Arizona; the records are fragmentary but show that his Company returned to Fort Goodwin from a 20 days scout against the hostile Indians on July 24, 1864, and shortly thereafter marched to Camp Rigg, located on the San Carlos River; the Company having been ordered mustered out, he returned to

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the Rio Grande and was honorably discharged at Mesilla, Dens Ana County, N.M. , November 30, 1864.

Listed, U.S. Census, 1880, at Clifton Copper Mine, Apache County, A.T. age 43, born in Massachusetts; the Clifton Clarion of July 8, 1885, reported that:

Capt. E.B. Frink, who for a long time has been in the employ of the Arizona Capper Company, and filled many responsible positions has resigned. We hope that the Captain will remain in our camp.

and again mentioned him on September 2, 1885:

Capt. E.B. Frink, one of Clifton' s oldest and most esteemed citizens, took his departure last week for the new silver strike in Chihuahua, Mexico.

He first went to San Jose on the Mexi can Central Railroad in Chihuahua and then to Sabinel In that State which ho described in let ters as a rich mining district; re turned to Arizona and was registered asa voter in Pima County, 1888; died at Tucson, December 9, 1888, aged 52; buried, G.A.R. Cemetery, in Tucson; War Department headstone; the following obituary appeared in the Clifton Clarion:

Capt. E.B. Frink, well known in Graham County, and particularly in Clifton, died recently in Tucson. Capt. Frink was at one time manager of the Arizona Copper Co. ' s store at this place and was universally esteemed. On his departure f rom Clif ton he went into mining operations in Mexice and was unfortunate.

Some months since he was stricken with paralysis and of late was an inmate of the Sister's hospital at Tucson, where he breathed his last. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Negley Post of Tucson took charge of his remains.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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