

# HARPER, JESSE

HARPER, JESSE, born in Ohio, about 1830; enlisted at Nevada City, Nevada County, California, November 29, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Atchisson's Company I, 4th California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and was stationed at Fort Mohave, A.T., from June, 1863 until November 1864; honorably discharged at Drum Barracks, California, December 5, 1864; listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, at Fort Mohave, age 33, born in Ohio, occupation - Soldier, resident in Arizona 10 months.

After his discharge from the Army, he returned to Arizona and was listed, U.S. Census, 1870, at Mohave City, age 39, occupation - Laborer; in describing a visit to Mohave County in September, 1871, John H. Marion stated that he and Col. H. A. Bigelow arrived at the Colorado River about 3 miles above Hardyville:

The ferry at this point, is kept by a man named Jesse Harper, which fact brought to mind, the historic Harper's Ferry, of old Virginia.

Mr. H. was building an adobe house, and appeared to be doing a thriving business, in more ways than one, he having acted upon the principle, "When in Rome do as the Romans do." May Mr. H's shadow never grow less, and may his offspring grow up in the way all good little persons should grow.

In reporting his death, the Mohave County Miner of January 18, 1885, stated:

Jesse Harper, an old and esteemed citizen of this County, died at the Post hospital at Fort Mohave on the 10th of this month. At the time of his death he was 55 years of age. Mr.

Harper came to this County about 22 years ago with Capt. Atchisson, and has resided within its limits ever since. He had many warm friends who will be grieved to learn of his death.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1890, p. 659.  
The Mohave County Miner, Mineral Park, January 18, 1885, 3:1 (obituary).  
The Arizona Citizen, Tucson, January 24, 1885, 4:2 (death notice).  
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, September 30, 1871, 2:1-4.