

LACY, HENRY ENGLERS

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LACY, HENRY ENGLERS, born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England, August 4, 1827; never married, came to the United States and went to California in 1861; enrolled at San Francisco, April 16 and mustered in to serve 3 years as Private, Company A, 2nd California Volunteer Infantry, at the Presidio, April 19, 1864; occupation when enlisted, Engineer; appointed Lance Corporal, August 15, 1864; promoted, Sergeant, July 1, 1865; remained at the Presidio until August and arrived at Fort Yuma in September; stationed at Camp Goodwin, Arizona Territory, October, 1865 to April, 1866; honorably discharged at the Presidio of San Francisco, June 30, 1866, when the Company was mustered out.

Returned to Arizona and was employed by Henry C. Hoeker, who was then contracting for the delivery of hay, grain, cattle and horses at Army posts; listed, U. S. Census, August 15, 1870, at Camp Goodwin, Pima County, A. T., occupation Clerk in Store; served for some years in Tucson as bookkeeper and manager of the mercantile business of E. N. Fish & Co.; persuaded all the principal merchants in Tucson to agree to close their store on Sunday beginning in January, 1875.

Considered to be an American citizen because of his oath of enlistment in the Federal Army, but was formally naturalized in the District Court of Pima County, August 13, 1875; appointed Natory Public, November 5, 1875; became manager of the sutler's store at Camp Goodwin, A. T., and served as Postmaster there from November 5, 1875, until the office was discontinued, October 18, 1880; his purchase of the sutler's store to Fort Apache was announced in the following manner by the Tucson Star on April 18, 1878:

The store at Camp Apache, one of the best trading posts in America, has passed into the hands of Mr. H. E. Lacy, so well and favorably known in Tucson. Mr. L. has been a resident of the Territory for a long time, and for five years was manager of the store at old Camp Goodwin, for Hines and Hooker. After the camp was broke up Mr. Lacy came to Tucson and went into the employ of E. N. Fish & Co., as book-keeper; he served in this capacity until called to San Carlos to take charge of the store at that post for Hon. H. S. Stevens, then trader at the post. In that position he continued for a long time, when he made up his mind to take a trip to Europe and visit his native home in England.

He returned from his European trip last Summer (1877), and soon after went into business with Frank Staples in the store at Camp Thomas, which the two are now conducting as partners. A gentleman so well known among all classes in Arizona, with whom he has transacted business for so many years, Mr. Lacy is just the man to take the management of so important a trading post as Camp Apache.

Was Postmaster at Fort Apache, A. T., from November 23, 1880, to April 25, 1884; member of the Council from Apache County, 12th Territorial Legislature, January 8 to March 8, 1883.

Moved to Tucson in 1884 and engaged in the money-lending business; became interested in the Consolidated Bank of Tucson and was chosen Vice-President, 1889; when that institution was converted into the Consolidated National Bank he served as its President from 1891 to 1896, when he retired from business and resided each summer in Southern California.

Charter member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, Tucson, 1884; member, Negley Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Tucson, 1888-1900; member, Tucson Lodge No. 385, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 1897-1910; died at the Hollenbeck Hotel, Los Angeles, California, October 21, 1900, aged 73; interment in G. A. R. Cemetery, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

His estate, consisting of United States bonds with a market value of \$14,625, cash in bank \$2,056, and stock in the Tucson Elks Club

redemmed at \$200, was all willed to Olive S. Read, infant daughter of William and Gertrude Read, of Tucson.

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