

LEIB, CHARLES, born at _____ Pennsylvania,
_____, 18 (about 1826)

Son of _____ and _____.

Married Mary Catherine Smith at _____ on _____, 18____,
near Bethlehem,
who was born ~~in~~ Pennsylvania about 1828 and who, after his death, married
Hezekiah Brooks of Prescott, A.T.

Was a resident of Illinois and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, who, as President, gave him a recess appointment on May 21, 1861, as 1st Lieutenant, 11th U.S. Infantry and as Captain, Assistant Quartermaster, which he accepted on the following day; his nominations for these appointments were rejected by the Senate on August 5; President Lincoln renewed both appointments on August 20 and he continued to serve in the Army until February 19, 1862 when the nominations were rejected by the Senate; was in charge of the Quartermaster Depot at Clarksburg, Department of Western Virginia, during the period of his military service; no record has been found of shortage in his accounts or of failure to make reports.

Upon leaving the Army he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he published a book entitled Nine Months in the Quartermaster's Department or the Chances for Making a Million in which he states that his nominations were not confirmed by the Senate through the influence of a Senator from his own State for political reasons; went to New Mexico in 1862 where he founded the weekly Santa Fe New Mexican on January ~~22~~²³, 1863 and became public printer.

Appointed by General James H. Carleton under Contract at Santa Fe as Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army, on August 1, 1863; named in General Orders No. 24, Department of New Mexico, October 23, 1863, and directed to proceed to Fort Whipple in the newly created Military District

of Northern Arizona with troops under command of Major Edward B. Willis as escort for Governor Goodwin and other officials of the Territory of Arizona; he must have gotten into some trouble because his contract at Fort Whipple was cancelled on March 31, 1864; this is further indicated by the following passage in a letter written to General Carleton by Major Nelson H. Davis, the Inspector General, at Tucson on April 4:

The case of Dr. Leib was such an aggravated one, I acted upon it before your instructions in regard to him were received.

Listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, at Fort Whipple, A.T., age 38, born in Pennsylvania, occupation - Physician, resident in Arizona five months, property valued at \$1000; Union Candidate for Delegate to Congress at the first Territorial election held on July 18, 1864, receiving 226 votes to 514 for C.D. Poston; owned the Bonito, Washburn, Little Giant and Bullie Bueno mining claims and an interest in the Burro, Cadiz and Arizona, quartz leads in Yavapai County at the time of his death.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A.T., January 21, 1865, aged 39; buried Masonic Cemetery, at Prescott.

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