

NICHOLS, CHARLES POST

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NICHOLS, CHARLES POST, born at Athens, Green County, New York, February 3, 1826; son of Sylvester and Lucy(Hamilton) Nichols married Mrs. Mary C. (Goldsmith) Cobb at Athens, New York, June 19, 1870; two children who died in infancy.

Enrolled August 14 at Camp Merchant, near Lake Merritt, Oakland, California, and commissioned at San Francisco, September 16, 1861, as 1st Lieutenant, Captain William C. Mead's Company E, 1st California Cavalry; went to southern California in October and was stationed at Camp Carleton, near San Bernardino; left Camp Carleton in 1862, and marched via Fort Yuma and the Gila Desert Route to Fort Stanford (old Fort Breckinridge) on the San Pedro River, arriving May 24; marched via Cañada del Oro to Tucson, arriving July 20, and stationed there until November, 1862; in December marched with the company to the Rio Grande at Mesilla and was stationed at Fort McLean, Fort West and Las Cruces, N.M., until May, 1863; stationed at Camp Miembres and Fort Cummings, N.M., most of the time until he was promoted Captain on July 8, 1864; assigned to Company C, same regiment, assumed command at Franklin, (El Paso) Texas, March 1, 1865; stationed on the Rio Grande below El Paso until August and then marched with the company to Camp Miembres, N.M., where he was stationed until July, 1866; honorably discharged at Los Pinos, N.M., September 21, 1866; died at Upper Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey, October 3, 1902, aged 76; buried Rural Cemetery, Athens, N.Y.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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