

# O'ROURKE, FELIX

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O'ROURKE, FELIX, born in County Cavan, Ireland, July 12, 1838; married, Annie Jones in New York City, February 20, 1865; enlisted at New York City, August 4, 1856, to serve 5 years in the U.S. Army; occupation when enlisted, Porter; assigned to Captain George McLane's Company I, 1st U.S. Mounted Rifles; stationed at Fort Defiance, N.M., from September, 1857, to October, 1858, during which time he participated in several skirmishes with Navajo Indians; wounded by an arrow in his right forearm October 17, 1857, in action with Navajos at Canyon Bonito, near Fort Defiance, when the Post herd guard of 25 men was attacked at 7 a.m., by about 300 mounted Indians; as a result of this surprise the Navajos drove off 3 horses and 62 mules; honorably discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability at Fort Craig, N.M., March 8, 1859; admitted from New York City to U.S. Soldiers Home, Washington, D.C., June 19, where he died December 20, 1891, aged 53; buried in New Haven, Connecticut.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service records.

U.S. Veterans Administration - Soldiers Home and Pension records, W.C. (Old War) 25,477.