

PEARSON, RICHARD R.

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Born at _____, New Hampshire, _____, 18__ (about 1832).

Son of _____ and _____.

Enrolled, age 28, at Grass Valley, Nevada County, September 25 and mustered in at Sacramento, October 11, 1864, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain John S. Thayer's Company C, 5th California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and then marched from Fort Yuma via Tucson to Las Cruces on the Rio Grande; he was on detached service in August, 1863, and in confinement at Las Cruces during October and November of that year; went with the Company on the Gila Expedition and was at Fort Goodwin, A.T. from June to August, 1864; honorably discharged at Mesilla, New Mexico, November 30, 1864.

The following report of his death was printed in the Phoenix Herald of June 30, 1882 :

The town was startled this morning to hear of the death of Dick Pierson, an old pioneer, and a man of extraordinary talent. Dick came to the Territory in 1852, and again with the California Column in 1863.

He himself was his greatest enemy, being addicted to strong drink to such an extent as to bring on serious illness at times. Justice Rothrock took charge of the remains and buried them at County expense.

Died at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A. T., June 30, 1882.

Buried Pioneer (G.A.R.) Cemetery Phoenix (War Department headstone)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, p. 689.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records.

The Phoenix Herald, June 30, 1882, 4:2.

The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, June 29, 1882, 3:1 (obituary).