

RUGGLES, SILAS

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RUGGLES, SILAS , born at Washington, Daviess County, Indiana, November 19, 1835; son of Jacob Ruggles; never married.

Enrolled, age 25, at Sacramento, September 2 and mustered in at Oakland, September 7, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private in Captain E. D. Shirland's Company C, 1st California Cavalry; occupation when enlisted = Laborer; marched from Fort Yuma via Tucson across Southern Arizona with the California Column, April to June, 1862 and stationed on the Rio Grande until December; at Fort West, N.M. until May, 1863; returned to the Rio Grande in June and July; stationed at Camp Membres, N.M. from August, 1863 to May, 1864; marched down the Gila to Fort Goodwin, A.T. and stationed there until August, 1864; honorably discharged at Las Cruces, New Mexico, September 7, 1864.

Accepted as a substitute for R.E. Allen and reenlisted for 3 years at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, November 18, 1864, as Private, Company G, 8th Kansas Infantry; went with the Company to Louisiana and was stationed near New Orleans in June, 1865; promoted Corporal, August 1 and honorably discharged November 28, 1865, at San Antonio, Texas,

Went from Texas to Colorado and later returned to Arizona; Comrade, Barrett Post No. 3, G.A.R. at Prescott; on June 11, 1908, the Prescott Journal-Miner reported that he was very ill at his mining camp near the headwaters of the Hassayampa River and the following week stated that:

Cy Ruggles resided in this County a quarter of a century, following the occupation of mining and prospector. He leaves no known relatives to mourn his death. He was a man of sterling character and strict business integrity, held in the highest respect by all who knew him.

The following is from an obituary in the Prescott Courier:

Silas Ruggles died at Furber's camp, near Poland, last Thursday, and was buried there the following day. He left Prescott, a short time ago, in search of some burros, was taken down with pneumonia. He followed mining most of the time during his residence here and was a worthy man and a good citizen.

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Died near Poland, Yavapai County, A.T., June 10, 1908, aged
72.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R.H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion,
Sacramento, 1890, p. 116.
The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service records.
U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, S.C. 951,808.
U.S. Census, Barr Township, Daviess County, Indiana, 1850.
Probate Court of Yavapai County, A.T., Docket No. 842.
The Arizona Journal-Miner, Prescott, June 11, 8:4 and June 17, 1908,
5:2 (obituary).
The Prescott Morning Courier, June 16, 1908, 4:2 (obituary).