

1850 Census Military record
SAXTON, WILLIAM "M."

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SAXTON, WILLIAM W.M.

Born at Patchogue, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, _____
_____ 18 _____ (about 1830).

Son of _____ and _____.

Enlisted at La Porte, Plumas County, California, August 16, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Henry M. Benson's Company F, 1st California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and arrived at Fort Yuma in December; left there May 15, 1863 and arrived in Tucson with the Company, June 27; left Tucson July 23 and marched to Mesilla, on the Rio Grande, arriving August 15; stationed at Fort Craig, N.M. from October, 1862 until October, 1863.

Marched to Fort Wingate and thence across Northern Arizona arriving at Fort Whipple in December; stationed there until honorably discharged on August 20, 1864; the following account of his death was printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner of September 9, 1867:

"On Tuesday afternoon as W. M. Saxton, of Round Valley, and Messrs. Cummings and Manning, of Mint Valley, were driving to Prescott, in a farm wagon drawn by two horses. They were attacked at the well this side of Round Valley, by a party of some 50 Indians in ambush. At the first fire all the men were severely wounded, and one who was shot in the wrist lost his rifle. The Indians made great efforts to capture the little party, but fighting bravely and whipping up their animals an escape was effected.

"Mr. Saxton, who was shot through the body died just as the wagon reached Prescott. He formerly lived at Prescott and at Walnut Grove, and was well known as pioneer here. He was a clever man and had many friends.

"Mr. Manning received four shots and is seriously injured, but we hope not fatally. Some half a dozen bullets passed through his hat. Mr. Cummings was hit in three places, but not severely hurt. Both men are in town receiving good care.

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"Immediately on hearing of the attack, General Gregg sent Lieutenant ^

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^ Fectet and fifty cavalrymen out to hunt up the Indians. We most sincerely hope they will be found and "reserved," in the most approved way.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R.H. - Records of California men in the War of the Rebellion,
Sacramento, 1890, p. 362
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, September 9, 1867, 2:1 (obituary)

WANTED

1. Any newspaper references to him.
2. Do subsequent issues of the Miner state whether Cummings and Manning **recovered** from their wounds or died?