

SMITH, EDWARD H.

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SMITH , EDWARD H _____, born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts
_____ 18 _____ (about 1839) . Son of _____
and _____ . Married, Sophia _____
at _____ on _____ 18 _____, who was born in _____
about 1849. Children, Alva, born in Arizona about 1877.

Enlisted, age 22 at Sutterville, Sutter County, on February 11,
1862, to serve 3 years as Private in Captain Charles Atchisson's
Company I, 4th California Infantry; occupation when enlisted, Miner;
stationed at Camp Union (Sacramento) until June and at Benicia
Barracks until March 1863; went with the Company to Southern California;
left Drum Barracks in May for Fort Mohave, A.T., where he was
stationed until February 1865, except from August 8 to November 26,
1863, when he was on detached service at La Paz; listed, Territorial
Census, April 1864, at Fort Mohave, age 24, occupation - Soldier;
honorably discharged at Drum Barracks, Los Angeles County, California
on February 11, 1865.

He returned to Arizona and his name appears in the 1867
Sheriff's census of Mohave County, listed U.S. Census, 1880, age 41,
with wife and son, "near boundary line, Chiricauhua Mountains",
Pima County, A.T., occupation - Rancher; elected from Pima County
to the 11th Territorial Legislature which met in Prescott on
January 3, 1881; the Phoenix Herald mentioned him in "Biographical
Sketches of Cur Legislators" by stating on January 28:

E. H. Smith is from Massachusetts, aged 42, and a
rancher and miner. He came to Arizona in 1863, was
Sheriff of Mohave County at one time, but is now
living in Pima County.

The following reference to him appeared in an article sent to the Phoenix Expositor on February 1, 1881:

Among the noticeable members of the House is E. H. Smith, of Pima. Smith weighs nearly 230 pounds and well deserves the sobriquet of "Fatty", which his friends have conferred on him. Like all fat men, he is full of fun, and takes delight in drawing some happy caricatures of his brother members. Smith is not a speech maker, nor does he bother his head about the niceties of Parliamentary law, but he has good sound sense and takes as much enjoyment out of the antics of his confreres as any of the spectators. "Fatty" is a great favorite with the ladies and is said to be the best dancer in the Legislative Halls.

Died at San Bernardino, California, September 21, 1889, aged 50.

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