

STONEMAN, GEORGE

001.

STONEMAN, GEORGE, born at Busti, Chatauqua County, New York, August 8, 1822; son of George and Catherine (Cheney) Stoneman; married, Mary Oliver Hardisty of Baltimore at _____ on _____, 18____. Children, George J. (1868-19____), who was a prominent attorney of Globe and Phoenix, Arizona, another son _____ and two daughters _____ (Mrs. _____) and _____ (Mrs. _____).

Cadet at West Point, 1842-46; 2d Lieut., 1st U.S. Dragoons, July 1, 1846; served as Acting Assistant Quartermaster of the Mormon Battalion, October 1, 1846, to February 1, 1847, and marched with the Battalion from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego; stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, 1848-49; in actions against hostile Indians at Clear Lake and Russian River, Calif., 1850, and against Colville Indians 1851; in the Gila Expedition, 1851-52, being engaged in several skirmishes with Yuma Indians; escorted Lieutenant Williamson's topographical party in California and Lieutenant Parke's surveying party through Arizona 1853-54; promoted 1st Lieutenant July 25, 1854 and to Captain, 2d U.S. Cavalry, March 3, 1855.

Refused to surrender at Fort Brown, Texas, at the outbreak of the Civil War and became Brigadier General of Volunteers and Chief of Cavalry of the Army of the Potomac, August 14, 1861; promoted to Major General November 29, 1862, and was among the most noted of the Cavalry leaders in the Union Army; promoted Colonel, 21st U.S. Infantry, July 28, 1866, and joined the Regiment in Arizona; in command of the District of Arizona from August 16, 1869, to May 3, 1870; and of the Department of Arizona until June 4, 1871; retired for disability contracted in line of duty August 16, 1871, and established his home at "Los Robles" between Alhambra and Pasadena, Calif.; served as California State Railroad Commissioner, 1879-83; elected as a Democrat to be

STONEMAN

- 2 -

Governor of California and served from January 10, 1883, to January- 10, 1887; died at Buffalo, Erie County, New York, September 5, 1894, aged 72; buried Lakewood, Chatauqua County, New York.

Stoneman Lake in Coconino County and the Stoneman Grade in Pinal County, Arizona, named for him.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Rebellion Records,

- Dictionary of National Biography, Vol. 18, pp. 92.
 Cullum, G.W., Biographical Register, U.S. Military Academy -- No. 1304.
 Farish, T.E., History of Arizona, Vol. 1; pp. 140, 269; Vol. 2, p. 272;
 Vol. 8, pp. 96, 97, 104, 117, 121-158, 199, 207-208.
 McClintock, J.H., Arizona, The Youngest State, pp. 97, 121, 148, 206.
 Bancroft, H.H., History of Arizona and New Mexico, pp. 478, 482, 558-559, 565.
 Barnes, W.C., Arizona Place Names, p. 426.
 Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy - Annual reunion, 1895.
 Bell, H. - Reminiscences of a Ranger, 1927, pp. 72, 348, 442.
 Bell, H. - On the Old West Coast, 1930, p. 315.
 Hamilton, P. - Resources of Arizona, 1884, p.
 Graves, J.A. - My 70 Years in California, 1927, pp. 173, 265.
 Lockwood - The Apache Indians, pp. 173-177.
 Clum, W. - Apache Agent, 1936, p. 67.
 W.P.A. - Arizona, A State Guide, 1940, p. 451.
 W.P.A. - Check list of Arizona Imprints, 1938, p. 31.

- U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, W.C. 440,083.
 The Buffalo Courier, September 6, 1894 (obituary).
 The Evening Bulliten, San Francisco, September 5, 1894, (editorial).