

STUART, WILLIAM A., born in Wythe County, Virginia, about 1826; enrolled at Marysville, Yuba County, California, May 6, and mustered in September 11, 1861, at Camp Merchant, Oakland, California, to serve three years as Private, Company D, 1st California Cavalry; occupation when enlisted, Farmer; was in a detachment under Lieutenant E.C. Baldwin which left Camp Carleton, near San Bernardino, California, on March 1, 1862, in the advance guard of the California Column; was at Picacho Pass on April 15, 1862, but did not participate in the action against the Confederates because he was not with the troops led by Lieutenant Barrett; marched via Canada del Oro and arrived at Tucson early in July.

Arrived on the Rio Grande in August and marched to Fort Quitman, Texas, in September 1862; stationed on the Rio Grande in New Mexico, principally at Fort Craig; left there, under command of Captain N.J. Pishon, in the escort of Surveyor General J.H. Clark for the new gold discoveries in northern Arizona.

Killed by Farrier Albert Bruno of the same Company who shot him with a pistol at Weaverville, (now Yavapai County) A. T., March 30, 1864, aged 38; Bruno was a native of Ulm, Wurttemberg, Germany, and the Company muster roll for June 30, 1864, reports him "in arrest since April 1", but no record has been found showing the date of his release or of any punishment for shooting Stuart; evidently he was exonerated because he was honorably discharged as Farrier at Fort Union, N.M., September 30, 1864; he married Trinidad Valdes at Santa Fe on December 3, 1864, was the father of seven children, and died at Las Vegas, N.M., July 27, 1882.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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