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Born at _____ Maine, January 11, 1838.

Son of Joseph Hill Tarbox and Maria (Rogers) Tarbox

Listed, U. S. Census, July, 1860, at Tucson, age 23, born in Maine,
occupation Painter (artist).

Killed by Apaches at ^{his} Canoa on the Santa Cruz River in July, 1861;

Raphael Pumpelly gave the following account of his death:

"Leaving the Reventon, we rode toward the Canoa. As we neared it the tracks of a large drove of horses and cattle, and of many Indians, crossed the road. Soon we came in sight of the station, and two dogs came running toward us. With low, incessant whining they repeatedly came up to us, and then turned toward the entrance, as if beseeching our attention to something there. When we entered the gate a scene of destruction indeed met us. The sides of the house were broken in, and the court was filled with broken tables and doors, while fragments of crockery and ironware lay mixed in heaps with grain and the contents of mattresses.

"Through the open door of a small house, on one side of the court, we saw a naked body, which proved to be the remains of young Tarbox, who had come from Maine a short time before. As in the case of many of the settlers, the first Apaches he had seen were his murderers. Under a tree, beyond a fence that divided the court, we found the bodies of the other American and a Papago Indian, who, probably driven in by the Apaches, had joined in the desperate struggle that had evidently taken place. These bodies were pierced by hundreds of lance wounds.

"Our small party of five took turns in keeping watch and digging the graves. Burying in one grave the two who had fought together, we wrote on a board: "White man, unknown, and a Papago killed by Apaches." Over the other grave we wrote: "Tarbox."

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Wanted

Any references to him in the Arizonian.