

*My War, S.C. 19.740, at [unclear]*

TUTTLE, JOSEPH, born at Auburn, Cayuga County, New York,

April 6, 1829; son of Dr. Erastus Darius Tuttle <sup>M. Dec 30, 1812</sup> and Harriet Bostwick, dau. of William & Hannah (-) Bostwick.

*M. Jane Kirkham see notes* Enlisted April 20, 1847, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to serve during the Mexican War in Company D, 10th U.S. Infantry; occupation when enlisted, Printer; promoted 1st Sergeant and honorably discharged at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor, August 22, 1848; reenlisted October 11, 1848, at New York City, and assigned to Company E, 2d U.S. Infantry; promoted Corporal at Fort Hamilton, November 1; sailed from New York December 7, 1848, on the U.S. transport "Sea Queen" and arrived at San Francisco, via Cape Horn, April 30, 1849; ~~reduced to Private July 1, 1850;~~ *admission* on expedition against Pit River Indians in August; promoted Regimental Sergeant Major, April 6, 1851; honorably discharged near Benicia Barracks, California, February 12, 1852.

Enrolled September 15, at Benicia Barracks, Solano County, California, and mustered in November 11, 1861, at Camp Union, near Sacramento, California, as Captain, Company I, 5th California Infantry; stationed at Camp Union until January, 1862, when he went with the company by sea from San Francisco to Drum Barracks, near San Pedro, California; left Drum Barracks in February and was at Camp Wright, near Warner's Ranch, San Diego County, California, until May, when the march was continued to Fort Yuma; stationed at Fort Yuma until October, when he returned to Drum Barracks with the company; left there in February, 1863, and marched via Fort Yuma and the Pima Villages to Tucson, A.T.,

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arriving in April; received the following order:

HEADQUARTERS,  
Tucson, Ariz. Ter., May 28, 1863.

Capt. Joseph Tuttle,  
Fifth Infantry California Volunteers,  
Comdg. Detachment Fifth Infantry California Vols.:

Captain: Having received information that a party of secessionists, numbering from fifteen to twenty men, are now en route from San Bernardino County, Cal., for Texas, having in their possession about forty head of animals (horses and mules) stolen in San Bernardino County, Cal., from James H. Waters, Brown, Moore, and others, citizens of that county, among which party are three brothers named White, one Douglas, their guide, and one Wilson, and also the men who killed two U.S. volunteer soldiers at La Paz recently, you will proceed this evening with the utmost expedition to the town of Tubac, and take post there, for the purpose of capturing the above party and conducting them prisoners with the property to this post.

A detachment of twenty men, consisting of one sergeant, one corporal, and eighteen privates, supplied with ten days' rations and fifty rounds of ammunition for each man, is hereby placed under your orders for the purpose. Jackson H. Martin, deputy sheriff of San Bernardino County, Cal., Joseph Bridger, and a Mexican vaquero named Prefetto, will accompany you to aid in any manner you may require them. Such citizens as Mr. Martin may engage as auxiliaries will proceed with you also. As you may have to be governed by circumstances which cannot be foreseen, I rely on you to exercise a sound judgment in the discharge of the duty required of you by these instructions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Wm. French,  
Captain, Fifth Infantry California Volunteers,  
Comdg. Post.

The text of his report on this expedition is not available, but it was officially stated that he succeeded in

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effectually breaking up and dispersing these secessionists and preventing them from proceeding to Texas to join the Confederate Army by arresting a portion of them at Altar, Sonora; seven of the stolen horses were recovered and brought to Tucson when he returned on June 23; assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Tucson, July 15, 1863, to serve during the illness of Lieutenant J. H. Toole; resigned his commission at Tucson, November 30, 1863, and returned to California; appointed Captain and Quartermaster of Volunteers at San Francisco, July 8, 1864; left San Francisco April 6, 1865, and arrived at Prescott, A.T., August 3 where he was stationed until May 14, 1866; stationed at Fort Yuma, California, until he was honorably mustered out of the Service at that post on October 13, 1866.

Died at <sup>California</sup> Veterans Home, Yuba Calif., July 6, 1899, aged 70.

Buried Veterans Home Cemetery, Yuba, California.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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U.S. Veterans Administration - Pension records, <sup>Mex. War A.C. 19,740</sup> ~~200,000,000~~.

*In addition to the family genealogy returns please see if you can find pension papers.*