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Born at _____ Clarke County, Ohio, _____ 18__ (about 1829).

Son of _____ and _____, never married.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Hardy's Landing, age 36, born in Ohio, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 3 months; on May 5, 1867, Alonzo E. Davis wrote the following letter from Hardyville to the editor of the Prescott Arizona Miner which was published with the statement that "We regret much to hear of the death of genial 'Jim Tuttle' formerly connected with W. H. Hardy's establishment in this place":

A deep gloom was yesterday thrown over this entire community by a sad accident, the result of which has taken from our midst an old and valued resident. The particulars are as follows:

The Los Angeles stage arrived at the ferry landing, opposite town, yesterday morning, just at daylight; Mr. Wm. J. Tuttle was on the box driving. Messrs. C. L. Strong and Ed. Smith were seated inside the coach. Mr. Tuttle called out for one of them to fire a pistol to attract the attention of the ferryman.

Mr. Strong reached for a pistol lying in a box in front of him for the purpose of complying with the request, and while cocking it, the hammer slipped and the pistol went off, the ball passing through the front of the coach and taking effect on Mr. Tuttle, in the small of the back, near the spine. After receiving the wound the deceased called out two or three times, "My God, I am shot," and expired. The grief of Mr. Strong can be better imagined than told. He and the deceased were very warm friends, and the unhappy event has inflicted a terrible wound upon the heart and sensibilities of Mr. Strong.

Mr. Wm. J. Tuttle came to this Territory in Nov. 1863, and during a continued residence, he has made the acquaintance of most old pioneers, and I will venture to say none will hear of his untimely death but with feelings of the deepest

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regret. By his open and frank manner, warm-hearted and genial temperament, he made friends of all with whom he came in contact, and no member of society would be more generally mourned.

He was a member of Aztlan Lodge No. 177 in Prescott and at a meeting of the Lodge on May 19, 1867, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the kind heart and genial disposition of our brother had endeared him to all, and especially to the members of this Lodge, with whom he was so closely connected, rendering it mete and proper that we should thus make known our sorrow for his loss and respect for his memory; therefore be it

Resolved, that in the character of Bro. Wm. James Tuttle we recognize the true type of the "Upright Man and Mason", and as such, we mourn his loss and mingle our tears with those of his bereaved relatives and friends.

Died on the ^{Pah Ute County, A.T.} ~~California~~ bank of the Colorado River opposite Hardyville, A.T., May 4, 1867, aged 38; buried at Hardyville.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, May 18, 2:5 and June 1, 1867, 2:5.

WANTED

Any additional newspaper references to him.