

WALLACE, THOMAS, born at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, about 1836; enrolled at Nevada City, Nevada County, August 10 and mustered in at Camp Downey, Oakland, September 8, 1861, to serve three years as Private, Captain H. A. Green's Company G, 1st. California Infantry; went with the Company to Southern California and was stationed first at Camp Latham, near Los Angeles, and then proceeded to Camp Wright, near Warner's Ranch, in San Diego County, in December, 1861.

Left Camp Wright March 19 for Fort Yuma; marched from Fort Yuma, July 19, and stationed at Tucson until December 2, 1862, when the Company departed for the Rio Grande; stationed at Mesilla, New Mexico in January and February, at Las Cruces in March, Franklin (El Paso) Texas in April and May, 1863, where he was promoted to Corporal; stationed at Fort McRae, N. M., from July, 1863, to May, 1864, and engaged in numerous scouts and actions against hostile Apache Indians, including an engagement on the San Francisco River, A. T., in July, 1864; honorably discharged at Santa Fe, N. M., October 15, 1864, age 28.

After being mustered out of the service he formed a partnership with George O. Hand, his former 1st. Sergeant, and contracted to supply beef for the troops at Fort McRae, New Mexico; they subsequently had a two thirds interest in the U. S. Mail Contract between Mesilla, N. M. and Tucson, A. T.; at the time of his death he was conducting the "Pioneer" butcher shop at Tucson In' partnership with George F. Foster; the following is quoted

from his will made the day before his death:

"In the name of God Amen.

"I Thomas Wallace, being seriously sick, but in full possession of my senses, do ordain and declare this to be my last will and testament. After all my just debts are paid out of my property, I will and bequeath all of the balance of whatever description it may consist, all the property such as mines and debts due me, unto George O. Hand for him to settle up in whatever way may be necessary in the matter; and also appoint George O. Hand my sole executor, to act without bondsmen upon this my last will and testament.

And I further declare that Alex Levin is indebted to me for and in the sum of five hundred dollars. The butcher shop carried on by me and by Foster is indebted to me in the sum of one thousand dollars over and above the interest I own therein, and also I have in the same business a dun horse, saddle and bridle, not belonging to the partnership."

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A. T., September 14, 1867; aged 31; buried at Tucson City Cemetery; War Department headstone.

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