

WELDON, ALBERT

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WELDON, ALBERT, born at Dorchester, Westmoreland County, New Brunswick, Canada, March 29, 1841; son of _____ and _____, never married.

Enlisted, age 20, at Sacramento, September 19, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Company E, 5th California Infantry; occupation when enlisted - Laborer; went with the Company to Southern California in February, 1862, and arrived at Fort Yuma in April; marched up the Gila via the Pima Villages in May and June and arrived in Tucson early in July.

He was on duty for some months at the Point of Mountain stage station but left Tucson in December for Fort Bowie where the Company was stationed from January to May, 1863; the remainder of his military service was on the Rio Grande except from June to November, 1864, when the Company participated in the Gila River expedition and established, Fort Goodwin, A.T.; honorably discharged at Mesilla, N.M., November 30, 1864.

Returned to California where he engaged in the lumber business; in reporting his death the Tucson Citizen stated:

His real career in Arizona begun in 1876, when he returned here. He was a keen prospector, and one of the original locators of the Quijotoas. The famous Weldon group was once his. He owned a sixth of the Quijotoas, the other five interested being W. C. Davis, Alex McKay, George Teetsworth, James A. Roark and Martin Meadley. What they got for the Quijotoas is not well known, but it was popular report, however, that they got \$60,000 and stock.

Weldon afterwards doubled considerably in Quijotoa stock. It is said of the six fortunate owners that only one or two of them have any of the

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Quijotoa money left. Mr. Davis was more careful of his funds than the others and is well off in this world's goods. McKay also has something. As for the others, Weldon died poor, and Martin Medley died "broke," Roark and Teetsworth are both said to be poor.

Weldon died poor in pocket but rich in friends. An ideal Arizona miner, hearty good fellow, kindly to the last degree, his unfortunate demise will be sorely regretted by many Arizonans.

Member, Society of Arizona Pioneers at Tucson; died by his own hand at Phoenix, Maricopa County, A.T., January 31, 1895, aged 53; buried _____ Cemetery_____.

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