

WELLS, RICHARD W.

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WELLS, RICHARD W., born at Albany, Albany County, New York, 1836; enrolled at San Francisco, California, August 14, and sent to Camp Carleton, near San Bernardino, California, where he was mustered in November 30, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Chauncey R. Wellman's Company E, 1st California Cavalry; occupation when enlisted, Engineer; appointed Sergeant at Camp Carleton, October 18, 1861; marched with the Company via Fort Yuma and the Pima Villages to Fort Stanford, (old Fort Breckenridge) on the San Pedro River, arriving late in May, 1862; marched on via Cañada del Oro to Tucson and arrived early in July; resigned as Sergeant and became a Private, August, 1862, at Reventon on the Santa Cruz River; stationed at or in the vicinity of Tucson until May, 1863; began a march to the Rio Grande when he died of fever at Apache Pass (Fort Bowie), A.T., May 23, 1863, aged 27; in April, 1895, his remains were removed from Fort Bowie and reinterred in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Orton, R.H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, pp. 130, 833.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military Service Records.