

Birth year based on age of seventy-eight at the time of his death.

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Prospector Is Dead; Funeral At Tonopah

"Tonopah - John Ward, veteran prospector, was buried with honors from St Patrick's Church yesterday with Father Ed Noonan officiating. Ward was one of the pioneers of Bodie and after leaving the camp drifted to Candelaria, later going to Manhattan during the boom days of that camp. The records show the deceased was seventy-eight years old. He was a veteran of the Civil War but was not too proud to fight when the call came for the Spanish American War and notwithstanding his advanced years he insisted on serving and went through to the end. One sister, Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald, of New York, survives."