
PIONEER STAGE DRIVER IS DEAD

**Oscar Todd, Who Drove the
First Coach from Texas
to California
Passes Away.**

Oscar Todd, a western pioneer, who established the first stage route from Texas to California, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Baker, 4671 Pasadena avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., Monday, at the age of 72.

In 1858 Mr. Todd crossed the plains with a band of argonauts whom he piloted. The courage and marksmanship of this stage driver of the early days of the west, when desperadoes, indians and Mexican bandits abounded, made him a distinguished man.

Mr. Todd left California at the outbreak of the civil war and enlisted in the union army. He was at the battles of Vicksburg, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain and others. In 1865 he returned to California and later he took up his old business of stage driving, this time in Arizona, and when the stage line from Austin, Tex., to Los Angeles, through El Paso, was projected, he became the executive head of the undertaking and put it on a good basis.

The deceased is well known throughout the west and many old timers in this section were acquainted with him.
