

BOURKE, JOHN P.

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BOURKE, JOHN P., born in Ireland, February 27, 1827; married Mrs. Harriet A. Zaff in California about 1860 who was born in Germany about 1827; children, John P. Jr., born in California 1862; stepdaughters, Victoria H. Zaff (Mrs. John Harris Behan) and Louisa M. (Mrs. John Coyle Potts).

Listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, in the San Francisco Mining District, Mohave County, A.T., age 36, married, family in California, occupation Miner, resident in Arizona 5 months, property valued at \$50; the following item was printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner on December 14, 1864:

"The Quartz Rock" is the name of Mr. Hardy's new saloon adjoining his store in Prescott. It is one of the best rooms in town and a popular resort. The billiard table is of the first class, and the liquors will do to bet on. Mr. J. P. Bourke who has charge of the saloon, and Mr. Charles Ott, who represents Mr. Hardy in the store, are uncommonly good fellows, and good business men.

Served as Sheriff of Yavapai County, 1866-67 and as County Recorder in 1868; died at his residence on Granite Street in Prescott, March 6, 1868, aged 41; buried _____ Cemetery in Prescott; the following obituary was printed in the Arizona Miner:

It becomes our sad duty to record the death of one of our most gifted citizens, Mr. John P. Bourke. The subject of this notice was born in Ireland and was brought to the United States when a child and until he became of age, he resided with his people in the State of Maine. From Maine he removed to New York City and resided there until 1849, when he emigrated to California.

He came to Arizona in the fall of '63 and has resided here since. For two years he filled the position of Sheriff of this County with credit to himself and the county. At the recent election, his fellow citizens elected him Recorder of the County, which position he filled with ability until sickness prostrated him.

We were intimately acquainted with the deceased and shall ever respect his memory, for his noble, generous and manly traits of character. His intellect was of the highest order, and in all the walks of life, he was an ornament to society.

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The report of his funeral in the Miner of the following week reads:

On Saturday last, the remains of the late John P. Bourke were followed to the grave by the members of the Arizona Pioneer and Historical Society, and nearly all the citizens in Prescott. The day was a cheerless one, the weather being very bad, the mud, ~~at~~ knee deep and the snow decending in large flakes; yet our people faltered not in doing their last sad duty to the honored dead.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. _____
- Hayhurst, Pat - Hardpan, Manuscript, 1938, p. 13.
- The Weekly Courier, Prescott, March 23, 1888, p.4, c.1; May 24, 1889, p.4, c.1.
- The Arizona Miner, Prescott, December 14, 1864, 3:1; March 7, 2:2 and 3:3, March 14, 1868, 3:2 (obituary and funeral).

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The stockholders of the Hualapai Smelting, Mining and Assaying Company are hereby notified that a meeting will be held in Prescott at the office of James Anderson, Esq., next door to Dr. Searvish's Infirmary, on Thursday, the 1st day of December, 1864, for the purpose of completing the organization of said company.

Jne. P. Bourke	} Corporationers.
E.J. Cook	
B.T. Riggs	

Prescott, November 15th, 1864.

Arizona MINER, 12/14/1864, 3-1.

(J.P.Bourke has charge of the saleen part of W.H.Hardy's new store in Prescott. EK.) See Hardy.