

BULL, JAMES PERRY

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Born at _____ Pennsylvania, _____, 18__

(about 1832)

Married, Refugia Robles of Florence, A. T., at Mineral Park, Mohave County, A.T. , on March 11, 1878.

Was a printer by trade; he and Joseph Walkup, who had been Lieutenant Governor of California, published the Union Advocate at Auburn, Placer County, California, in 1861-62; came to Arizona early in 1864 and was listed in April of that year in the Territorial Census at Hardy's Landing (Mohave County), age 32, born in Pennsylvania, occupation - Printer, resident in Arizona 3 months; property valued at \$150; appointed Postmaster at Mohave City when that Post Office was established on October 6, 1866; County Recorder of Mohave County, 1865-70; the Prescott Arizona Miner of September 24, 1867, stated that:

James P. Bull, Recorder, Clerk of the District Court, etc., of Mohave county, who has been stopping in Prescott, (the guest of Mr. John P. Bourke), has gone home. Sorry you could not stay with us longer, Jim.

Member from Mohave County, H. or R., 9th Territorial Legislature at Tucson, 1877; introduced House Bill No. 1 "To permanently locate the Territorial seat of Government at Prescott", which was approved by Governor Safford on January 17, 1877; on February 16, 1878, the Prescott Enterprise made this remark about him:

Jim Bull says he isn't related to Sitting Bull, although he proved himself a Sitting Bull in the way of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, in the late Legislature.

At the time of his death he owned a saloon building at Mineral Park which, with the stock and fixtures, was appraised at \$4,192; there were also accounts due for liquor sold amounting to \$2,925; an obituary in the Arizona

Miner reads in part as follows:

He has been for many years a resident of Mohave County, Arizona, where by his superior talent he made his influence felt, and took a leading part in every enterprise having for its object the welfare of the people. He was a member of the Arizona Legislature in 1877, and (one of the truest men in that body.)

Our readers will remember that at the close of the session the people of Prescott, appreciating his services as an honest man and faithful Legislator, gave him a reception and presented him with a fine gold watch as a testimonial of respect. Mr. Bull was a life-long Democrat, but honest in his political convictions.

The Arizona Enterprise also reported his death:

A letter from Mineral Park, received this morning, brings the sad news of the death of (one of Arizona's staunchest, most generous and honorable citizens), James P. Bull.

Prescott is indebted in a great measure, to his efforts in the Legislature for the location of the capital here, and his entire public life has been characterized (by upright dealing, and a conscientious and able discharge of whatever duties devolved upon him,) His was a busy life, and he possessed, in an eminent degree, those qualities that go to make up a successful man, viz. (energy, perseverance and a high regard for truth and honesty.)

He came out last month as a candidate for Sheriff, but subsequently withdrew. His mother, we believe, is still living in Connecticut.

Died at Mineral Park, Mohave County, A.T., September 21, 1878, aged 45; the Enterprise printed a letter from Mineral Park September 23, 1878, which stated:

The funeral of the Hon. James P. Bull, was well attended yesterday. The deceased was taken from his residence to the Court House, and there before a large concourse of citizens, the Hon. Judge Chas. Tweed, delivered a very feeling address, relative to the deceased, in an early day, when in his youth and living in Placer County, California, both in his public and private life.

The Reverend W.G. Blakely, read the funeral service at the grave where, now rests one of Mohave County's best citizens; who was willing to lend a helping hand to those in need; perfectly upright and honest in his convictions.

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