Burt, John

Born at Vermont, 18(about 1829).

Came to the Gadsden Purchase in 1858; listed, U. S. Census, 1860, at Tucson, age 31, occupation - Blacksmith, property valued at $9,500; Territorial Census, 1864, at Tucson, age 35, resident in Arizona 6 years, occupation - Blacksmith, property valued at $3,400; U. S. Census, 1870, at Tucson, age 40, occupation - Blacksmith, property valued at $1,250.

He was a witness at the military trial of Palatine Robinson for disloyalty at Tucson on January 1, 1862; in 1888, Augustus Bright delivered an address to the Society of Arizona Pioneers in Tucson in which he stated that at the Weaver Diggings late in 1863 he met "John Burt, blacksmith, deceased, whom most of you knew here in Tucson."

The Tucson Arizona Citizen of October 22, 1870, named him as one of the delegates to a Peoples Party Convention held in Tucson to name candidates for various offices in Pima County; the following additional references to him appeared in that newspaper:

October 12, 1872 -- Among those who have gone from here to the new (gold) mines (just over the boundary in Sonora) this week are John Davis, A. G. Scott, Geo. Hucke, Juan Elias, John Burt, E. L. Lamoree and John L. Stephenson.

May 17, 1873 -- Oscar Hutton, John Burt and James Lamaro came in from the mines near the Sonora line this week. We saw some very nice specimens from the Paymaster lode, and were informed that it looked well.
February 13, 1875 -- John Burt is in from the Papago district. He says the tunnel is in on the Margarita 112 feet, and that it cuts six feet of metal.

September 24, 1896 -- A House with a History. --- Charles Etchels is making some repairs in his wagon shop at the foot of Congress street ... The building has been used as a blacksmith shop since 1856. The adobe walls were built in 1868 by John Burt, who died in the hospital in 1886. He constructed a large door, 12 x 14 feet. The explosion of Zeckendorf's powder magazine in 1871 and the earthquake in 1884, had the effect of shaking the walls pretty badly. Since then the action of time and weather have rendered remodeling necessary, and Mr. Etchels is making the needed repairs.

The Tucson Arizona-Mining Index of December 27, 1884, published a list of deaths in Arizona from 1872 to 1884, compiled by George O. Hand which included "John Burt, October 19, 1880"; his name does not appear in Disturnell's Arizona Gazetteer nor in the first Tucson City Directory which would indicate that he died before 1881.

Died at ______________ on ________________, 18__

Buried ________________ Cemetery ________________.
BURT, John

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BURT, John

John Burt was doing something yesterday on the church plaza with a blacksmith's anvil and a lot of gunpowder and succeeded in making a terrible noise to the great consternation and dismay of the school children. We wonder what he meant? Some said that it was his birthday, and others that it was on account of George Washington, but we think that he was fumigating in order to prevent the small pox from spreading.

----Daily Bulletin (Tucson) March 6, 1877, 3:2