

CURTIS, GEORGE WHITFIELD

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CURTIS, GEORGE WHITFIELD, born at Saco, York County, Maine, November ____, 1828; son of _____ and _____.
Married (1) Julia W. Webber at Biddeford, Maine, June 12, 1848, who died in April, 1876; daughter, Ora W. (Mrs. _____ Benson)
(2) Mrs. Anna Conn, born in Ireland, 1844, at Prescott, A. T., January 30, 1877; adopted step children, Joseph Edward, Charles George and Hattie Susan (Mrs. Charles Clifford Barrows).

Went to San Francisco, California, In April, 1852 and came to Prescott, A.T., in June 1864; In 1867 he purchased the half interest of George Lount in the first saw mill operated in Yavapai County and operated it in partnership with Albert O. Noyes until 1873; they also operated a 10 stamp quartz mill and actively engaged in mining and milling gold bearing ores but lost money on that venture; when the partnership was dissolved, the quartz mill was sold to Bowers and Richards and he acquired another saw mill which successfully operated.

The Arizona Miner of November 21, 1879, stated that "George W. Curtis, a pioneer lumberman of this section, has been to Phoenix"; listed, U.S. Census, 1880, at Prescott, occupation - Lumber dealer; the Prescott Courier of March 18, 1882, reported that "Lumber from G. W. Curtis' Lynx Creek Mill is being hauled by ox teams to Groom Creek for the quartz mill being built by Mr. Merrington"; the following is quoted from an obituary printed in the Prescott Journal-Miner :

During his residence here he has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and filled other places of trust. He was a good citizen, ever foremost in aiding and assisting In any project calculated

to advance the public welfare. He was for many years an Odd Fellow, and helped built up Prescott Lodge No. 1 in its early days. As a Mason he stood high in the estimation of his brethren. He was initiated in Aztlan Lodge No. 177, in 1865, and has filled every place and station in the Lodge, serving as Worshipful Master five or six terms. At the institution of Prescott Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., he was elected High Priest, and in 1883 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A. T., November 9, 1885, aged 57; buried Masonic Cemetery, Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. 214
 Yavapai County, Marriage Records - Book 1, pp. 56, 219.
 The Arizona Miner, Prescott, November 21, 1879, 3:2.
 The Journal-Miner, Prescott, November 11, 1885 (obituary).
 The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, November 12, 1885, 3:4 (obituary).
 The Prescott Courier, March 18, 3:1, April 8, 1882, 2:4;
 November 13, 1885, 3:3 (obituary), January 1, 1886, 1:8
 (mining and milling in Yavapai County).

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