

DOLL, PETER

DOLL, PETER, born at _____ Prussia, Germany, _____, 18____ (about 1826); married, Delfina Soto at Arizona City (Yuma) A.T., April 29, 1868; children, Edmund C., Peter Amador, Hilda (Mm. _____ Stevenson), Sophia M. (Mrs. _____), Emma (Mrs. _____), Adela S. (Mrs. _____) Anna P, (Mrs. Albert Miller ● nd ● fterwards, Mrs. _____), and Ester (Mrs. Ignacio Barrazza and afterwards Mrs. _____ Grander).

Enlisted, age 23, in New York City, February 4, 1848, to serve 5 years in Company L, 1st. U.S. Artillery and honorably discharged as Private at Fort Orford, Oregon, February 4, 1853; naturalized as an American Citizen at Weaverville, Trinity County, California, August 18, 1856.

Came to Arizona, 1863; listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at La Paz, A.T., age 38, single, resident in Arizona 8 months, occupation - Miner; Member, H. of R. from La Paz, Yuma County, 2d Arizona Legislature, at Prescott, December 8 to 30, 1865; listed Sheriff 's Census, of Yuma County, 1866-67, at La Paz, as Deputy County Recorder; he was Clerk of the District Court at La Paz, 1868; served as County Recorder and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Yuma County, 1868-70.

The records of the Board of Supervisors show that on July 6, 1868, there was purchased from him for \$400 "the house and lot situated on Lander Street, known as the Anabisca property, for County purposes to wit-Court House, Offices for County Officers and Jail"; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, ● t La Paz,

age 42, married, occupation, County Recorder; property valued at \$4500; County Treasurer, 1871-72; Postmaster at La Paz, A.T. from May 4, 1866 to March 29, 1872 when the office was discontinued.

With most of the other inhabitants of La Paz, he moved to Ehrenberg in 1872, where he was employed a clerk in a branch store belonging to William B. Hooper & Co., of Yuma; appointed Notary Public for Yuma County by Governor Safford, January 9, 1872; served as Justice of the Peace of Ehrenberg Precinct, 1873-74; he moved to Yuma where he was Justice of the Peace in 1877-78; listed, U. S. Census, 1880, at Seymour, on the Hassayampa River, in Maricopa County, age 54, occupation - Miner; the following article about him was printed in the Phoenix Herald of July 3, 1883:

The Herald office had the honor this morning of a pleasant visit from one of the oldest of Hassayampers, Hon. Peter Doll, who has been a prominent citizen resident of the Territory for over twenty years. Mr. Doll is thoroughly conversant with the history of the infantile struggles of the Territory, and relates many a circumstance of ways that were dark and tricks that were vain to local and general government along the western side of the Territory, when men held office for the fun they had in getting it.

Mr. Doll has seen the Territory grow from a few hundred inhabitants, to nearly a hundred thousand, and her mines increase from one or two till now they fleck every hill and mountain side. He has seen the barren wastes of twenty years ago, bloom with the wonderful luxuriance of crops which now make famous her great valleys;

he has seen the savage Apache that lurked in every arroyo and swept over the plains a very besom of destruction, driven from their stronghold and corraled or run out of the country. What a volume of frontier life is written in those twenty years.

Mr. Doll has held numerous offices of honor and trust, being at one time Clerk of the District Court, at another County Recorder, Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, Supervisor, and a member of the Territorial Legislature. Like many of the old pioneers Mr. Doll is now quietly located in business, and Seymour in this County is his home, where he commands the respect and favor of his wide acquaintances, and loves to talk of the "early days."

The following references to him were published in the Yuma

Arizona Sentinel:

August 18, 1877 - - August 13, special meeting of the Board of Supervisors. On petition of numerous citizens of Ehrenberg, Peter Doll was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill vacancy in the Second Township. Mr. Doll has filled that and other public offices before, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the community.

September 21, 1878 - - Culling's Station, on the Wickenburg road, is now in charge of Peter Doll, Esq., one of the oldest residents of Yuma County.

November 16, 1878 - - P. Doll was elected Justice of the Peace for the 2nd Township, Yuma County, getting 26 votes total, 11 from Ehrenberg, against 8 for W. R. Stokes, all from Empire Flat.

Died at San Francisco, California, October 22, 1885, aged 59; his maiden sister, Marie Doll, died ^{in 1895} at Colmar in Alsace, then a part of Germany, leaving an estate the proceeds of which were distributed to his children, the award to each of them being about \$800.

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additional references to him.