

# FRINK, JOHN RANDOLPH

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FRINK, JOHN RANDOLPH, born in New York, 1830; son of Jefferson Frink; married, Sarah Peacock, a native of Yorkshire, England, at Los Angeles, California, in 1855; children, John Randolph Jr., George Monroe, Daniel J. and William H.

Moved with his parents to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was reared; crossed the plains to California with a wagon train and arrived in Sacramento in 1849; engaged in mining in northern California until 1852 when he moved to Los Angeles where he established a feed and sale stable; in 1854 he went with his family to San Bernardino County and settled on a farm in San Timoteo Canyon; the Los Angeles News of September 16, 1865, stated:

We have received a letter from Mr. James Grant, San Bernardino, in which he informs us that the people of that city have raised by subscription, a sum sufficient to dig several wells between Dos Palmas and the Colorado river, and that himself and Mr. Frink have been engaged to have the work done immediately. Their teams are now loaded with tools and provisions to supply the laborers they are taking out to perform the work. Curbing for the wells is also being transported.

In a subsequent issue that newspaper reported that:

Messrs. Frink and Grant have left San Bernardino provided with barrels, etc., for the purpose of making substantial watering places on the desert, on the La Paz road from San Bernardino to the new gold placers. The Merchants of San Bernardino contributed \$300 to defray the necessary expenses.

The following is taken from a sketch of his life in Quinn's "History of California and the South Coast":

He continued in mining ventures, being associated with the Vulture Mining Company at Wickenburg, Arizona, and acting for some years as its Manager. The gold obtained was carried

in a four horse carriage across the desert to San Pedro, thence by boat to the mint in San Francisco. After the mine ceased to pay, he went into the stock business at Victorburg. He was later interested in the mines at Darwin, Inyo County, where they had a stamp mill, and also interested in the mines near Virgindale, this County. He sold his cattle business in Arizona in 1866, and then engaged in ranching in Tulare County, southwest of the town of the same name.

Died in Tulare County, California, on \_\_\_\_\_, 1892,  
aged 68; buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, December 29, 1866, 3:1; June 13, 2:3,  
June 20, 3:4, September 26, 2:3, and October 17, 1868,  
3:4; July 23, 1870, 3:1; April 19, 1873, 2:1

## WANTED

Any additional references to him.

## MEMORANDUM

Since many of the Items do not  
give initials they may refer either  
to John Randolph or Adolph Frink.

H.C.