

GOODWIN, JOHN

Born at _____, Scotland, _____, 18____ (about 1827)

Son of _____ and _____

Married _____ at _____ on _____, 18____.

Children, John Jr., an only son.

Mentioned by John H. Marion in 1891 as one who arrived in Arizona 1863-65; the Prescott Arizona Miner of November 23, 1872, printed this item:

Mr. D. R. Poland and Mr. John Goodwin are preparing to prospect some of their mines and acquire Government title to them, which is sensible on their part, as nowadays, no capitalist will touch a mine to which the owners have not a Government patent.

Listed U. S. Census, 1880, Verde Valley, Yavapai County, A.T., age 53, born in Scotland, occupation - Stock Raising; the Prescott Courier of December 8, 1886, made the following reference to him:

Judge John Goodwin, of Verde Valley, and Mr. G. H. La Berten, of the Courier Office, met yesterday and talked about old times in California. They are neighbors in Mariposa County as early as 1852.

An obituary printed in the Courier reads:

John Goodwin was one of the pioneers of Arizona and of the Verde Valley. As far back as '69 he was in the Bradshaw Mountains mining, he and Red McKinnon having arrastraded ore from the Long Juniper Miner in that district for a number of years without success. About '76 he sold out and moved into the Valley where he lived up to the day of his death.

Judge Goodwin was well and most favorably known in Yavapai County and though a little odd in his ways and manners, his honesty of purpose could never be questioned. He was always the gentleman, courteous and kind, stern and just in his dealings with law breakers through his office as Justice of the Peace, which office he held for many years. A great reader and lover of the poets especially of Burns, whom he could quote for hours, he was an interesting companion.

Died at his home near Peck's Lake, Upper Verde, Yavapai County, A. T., May 5, 1896; buried Upper Verde Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. 427

The Weekly Arizona Miner, Prescott, November 23, 1872, 2:1

The Prescott Courier, December 7, 1886, 4:1 & May 12, 1896, 3:3 (obituary)