

HART, JOHN B _____

Born at Augusta, Richmond Co., Georgia, September 7, 1837.

Son of _____ and _____.

Married Ellen _____ at _____ on _____ 18__.

Daughter, Ellen (Mrs. _____)

✓ Came to Tucson, Arizona, 1863; served as Jailor under Peter R. Brady, Sheriff of Pima County, about 1868; listed U. S. Census, 1870, at Tucson, A.T., Occupation, Gambler, property valued at \$720; the Tucson, Arizona Citizen, of July 19, 1873, printed this item:

We learn that J. B. Hart, well-known in Arizona, but now in Nevada, will soon come to Tucson with a machine to make ice.

F The following is copied from the Tucson Bulletin of March 24, 1877:

We learn from private advices that Johnny Hart, formerly of Tucson, and well and favorably known throughout the Territory, is interested in the camel train now at Yuma. Johnny left here about three years ago, and since which time he has traveled and prospected considerable throughout the northern Territories, but seems to think, after all, that Arizona is the best place. Come along, Johnny, you're welcome, and we'll try and give the camels a show.

Returned to Tucson in 1878 and is listed in the Tucson City Directory, 1883-84, residence, 505 Pennington Street, occupation - Gambler; the Phoenix Herald of November 22, 1890, had this to say about him:

AN OLD TIMER. J. B. Hart, who arrived yesterday from Prescott, and left this morning for Tucson, is one of the oldest timers in Arizona. He acted as scout with Kit Carson in the Navajo campaign of 1863. In December of that year he reached Wingate with Governor Goodwin and Hon. R. C. Cormick, escorted by the 12th Missouri Cavalry. From Wingate he was sent back with dispatches to Denver, the nearest telegraph station, and accomplished the trip, a distance of 540 miles, in eight days, changing horses five times. At the breaking out of the Maximilian war, he joined the Mexican troops at El Paso, and was present at the execution of that unfortunate Prince.

Charter Member, Society of Arizona Pioneers, 1884; member Tucson Ledge No. 1, Ancient Order of United Workmen in which he had life insurance of \$2000; died at Nogales, Pima County, A.T., ~~April 30~~, 1893, aged 55; Buried _____ Cemetery, Nogales, ^{August 7} Arizona.

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