KERR, EDWARD

KERR, EDWARD, born in Ireland, about 1826; listed, U. S. Census, 1860, at Tucson, age 35, occupation - Merchant, property valued at \$2,000; U. S. Census, 1870, at Prescott, age 44, occupation - Merchant; an obituary in the Prescott Arizona Miner stated:

Mr. Kerr came to Arizona many years ago, and had lived at Tucson and Wickenburg previous to coming here. He was, at the time of his death, a Supervisor of this County, which office he filled, since last election, in an able and honorable manner. A man of good education, gentle manners and irreproachable character, his death is deeply regretted and will be by hundreds of people throughout the Territory.

In reporting his funeral the Arizona Miner made the following comment:

Little wonder is it that a feeling of sadness crept ever those who yesterday witnessed the burial of Mr. Kerr and Dr. Willing--two men who but a short time ago hoped to live to see Arizona--the country of their adoption--a prosperous, populous and wealthy State in the Union. They were buried side by side, and the words speken by Rev. G. A. Reeder, who stood between the new made graves, brought tears from the eyes of those who in life knew the departed and who had never before witnessed a dual burial in this new country. It was a sad day in Prescett and the event, with its lesson, should not be lost upon those who by wrong indulgence are every day driving nails in their coffins.

Died at Prescott, Yavapai County, A.T., March 15, 1874, aged 46; buried, Citizens Cemetery at Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Weekly Arisona Miner, Prescott, March 30, 1874, 3:1 and 3:2.

WANTED

- 1. Additional newspaper references to him including advertisements of his business.
- 2. There should be some mention of him when he was a candidate for Supervisor in 1872.