

LENNON, JOSEPH C.

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Born at Louisiana England, _____, 18____ (about 1840).

Married, Mary I. Cluley, at New Orleans, Louisiana, March 23, 1870.

Children _____.

Listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age 24, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 5 months, property valued at \$25; the following references to him appeared in the

Prescott Arizona Miner:

July 11
May 30, 1868 - - Our brother "Pelican", Joe Lennon, came up from his ranch on the Rio Verde to celebrate the Fourth. Joseph was in good health and spirits, and talked of seeing the Mississippi soon. His corn crop, he thinks, will see him through.

August 19, 1868 - - From a letter of date Aug. 24, received by Joseph C. Lennon, from Jos. Melvin of the Rio Verde, we learn that a few days before the letter was written the Indians made an attack upon a party of soldiers who are building a road from Camp Lincoln to the top of the Mogollon range. The gallant Fourteeners made Red-legs hunt their holes. Indians were thick, and it was feared they would steal a great deal of corn soon. Fever had taken hold of some of the ranchmen.

September 12, 1868 - - Under date of the 7th inst., Jos. C. Lennon writes us as follows, from the settlement on the Rio Verde below Camp Lincoln: "The farmers of this valley are stuck after the ways of their brethren around Prescott and they don't intend to sell any of their produce to contractors under a certain price. At a meeting held by the farmers of the Rio Verde this morning, they all agreed to sell no corn for less than nine cents per pound, in gold coin, by placing themselves under bonds to the amount of two thousand dollars each, as a forfeit."

September 19, 1868 - - From J. C. Lennon, who came up from Camp Lincoln, and the settlements on the Rio Verde last week, we learn that the Indians have stolen tons of corn from the settlers, and that owing to the small number of troops for duty at the post, work upon the Mogollon wagon road had to be suspended for the moment. He also informed us that the body of the

Indian recently shot by Jos. Melvin had been found, together with numerous bows and arrows, Indian baskets, etc., and about a ton of corn which the Indian dropped at the crack of Joe's gun. Lieutenants Derby and Austin, Mr. Lennon, and the mail party started for Lincoln Tuesday last.

August 7, 1869 - - Jos. C. Lennon, a pioneer Arizonian, took his departure from among us Sunday morning last, for a visit to his old home, Algiers, Louisiana. Mr. Lennon was one of the owners in the Sterling mine, and by the recent sale of his interest therein, became possessed of sufficient means to carry him back to old La., to see the "old folks at home." He intended to return here at an early date. We wish him God-speed.

January 14, 1871 - - We are in receipt of a letter from our old friend Jos. C. Lennon, from New Orleans. He represents the existing state of affairs in that unfortunate city, as deplorable in the extreme, worse, if possible, than during the reign of the infamous Spooney Butler; and, it seems that the vile prediction of that goggle-eyed emulator of Robespierre is about to be verified, and the nigger raised to a social equality with the white man. The public schools are about to be thrown open to the negro child, and nearly all the officials are nigs. The taxes in the city are over seven per cent. Mr. L. writes that the sugar and cotton crops are good, but that the niggers won't work; they are loafing around the cities waiting for office. Mr. Lennon was to have left for Arizona via the Mississippi River and the Railroad during the first week in January.

September 14, 1872 - - Jos. C. Lennon, formerly of this place, is now at Pioche, Nevada, superintending the working of some mines, and, in a recent letter to us states that P. McCannon, John Martin, Messrs. Tyson, Coulter and other old Arizonans, have had good luck in Eastern Nevada. Mr. Lennon, while praising Eastern Nevada, says there is no place like Central Arizona, which, but for the Apaches, would be the haven towards which all venturesome people would flock.

September 9, 1881 - - J. C. Lennon, Superintendent of the Nugget mine in Tombstone, is interesting himself in the Santo Domingo mines of Col. L. A. Smith of Yuma. Mr. Lennon is a gentleman of vast mining experience, and what he asserts of a mine is infallibly correct. --Free Press-- Just so, Mr. Purdy. Ed. Miner.

The Prescott Courier printed an announcement of his death on November 2, 1889:

Jos. C. Lennon, a pioneer of Arizona, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, Tuesday last. He was in Prescott in 1865-6 and after; lived in Globe a short time and was well known among miners. News of his death came to Aztlan Lodge F. & A. M., Prescott, by telegraph.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Prescott Arizona Miner, May 30, 3:1, July 11, 3:1, August 15, 3:2, August 19, 3:2, September 12, 3:1, September 19, 2:1-2 and October 31, 1868, 2:1-2; August 7, 3:1 and October 16, 1869, 3:3; February 26, 2:4, and April 30, 1870; 2:3; January 14, 1:4, March 25, 3:2 and September 30, 1871, 2:4; September 14, 1872, 1:4; September 9, 1881, 2:4.
The Prescott Courier, November 2, 1889, 3:1 (death notice).

The following death notice was printed in the Salt Lake Tribune of October 30, 1889, 4:7:

In this city, October 29, 1889, of pneumonia, Joseph C. Lennon, born February 21, 1839, a native of Louisiana. (New Orleans papers please copy).

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PHOENIX

The Arizona Miner, Prescott February 15, 1865, 3 1, October 31, 1868, 2:1; February 20, 1869, 2:2; February 26, 1870, 2:4 and September 14, 1872, 1 4
The Phoenix Herald, April 2, 1880, 4 4 (reprint from the Tucson Citizen).

WANTED

1. References to him in the Tombstone or Globe newspapers about 1880-81.
2. Did the Yuma Sentinel mention him as did the Free Press in September, 1881. *no.*

3. Does his name appear in 1880 census at Globe or Tombstone?