

LAMBERSON, TIMOTHY, born in Ohio, 1810; his children by his first marriage were Daniel, John, Henry, Samuel, Lucinda (Mrs. _____ McKay) and Elisabeth (Mrs. _____ Watts); married (2) Ann Elisabeth P _____, at _____ on _____ 18____, who was born in Pennsylvania, about 1818, of English parents.

Came to the Gadsden Purchase from Oregon and California in 1859; listed, U. S. Census, August 14, 1860, at the San Pedro Settlement, near Fort Breckenridge, Arizona County, New Mexico, age 50, occupation - Farmer, property valued at \$2,500; his second wife was with him and his son, Daniel, who was born in Oregon, about 1848.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County), age 54, with his wife, resident in Arizona 5 years, occupation - Farmer, property valued at \$5,050; U. S. Census, August 15, 1870, at Walnut Grove, Yavapai County, A. T., age 60, with his wife, occupation - Farmer; the following is taken from Patrick Hamilton's "Resources of Arizona":

T. Lambertson, of Walnut Grove, was one of the first settlers who brought cattle into that valley. He had seven or eight cows and watched them continually. He was driving them home one evening in 1867, when he was ambushed by the redskins within half a mile of his house. The old man was badly wounded in his side at the first fire and fell to the ground. The Indians rushed upon him from the brush, but Lambertson had a Henry repeating rifle, and as he lay on the ground killed three of them when the rest retreated and he made his way home with the cows. He never entirely recovered from the effects of the wound, though he lived for several years afterwards.

He was mentioned in the Prescott Arizona Miner on several occasions as noted below:

May 7, 1869 - - Walnut Grove - - Mr. Lambertson has the finest field of wheat in the valley. It was thought, from the looks of the trees, that his peach orchard will produce well this year. Hope so.

September 18, 1869 - - Mr. Lambertson, of Walnut Grove, in this county, is the only person in the county, we believe, that possesses anything like an orchard. He has a fine peach orchard, bearing, but, so far this year, not a peach from it has been seen in Prescott. Send us up a load or two, Mr. Lambertson. We'll buy them and eat them too.

May 21, 1870 - - Hon. Allen Gullumber, Fred Henry and Mr. Jackson arrived here Wednesday night last, from Walnut Grove, a settlement on the Hassayampa, about 30 miles southeast from Prescott. They came up for the purpose of getting some of our medical men to accompany them to the Grove, and, if possible, alleviate the sufferings of a man, who on Wednesday last, was shot "almost to pieces" by a small but desperate party of Indians. The party, accompanied by Dr. McCandless started back Thursday forenoon.

The particulars of the Indian raid are nearly as follows: About noon of the day in question (Wednesday last), as the wounded man was driving a small herd of animals belonging to T. Lambertson, towards the house, the redskins, who lay concealed behind a knoll, shot at the man, wounding him in several places. The men on the ranches, upon hearing the report of the guns, started for the herd, which was but a little way from Mr. Lambertson's house, but did not arrive in time to chastise the Indians, who, as soon as the herder fell, rushed upon the herd and succeeded in capturing and driving off three burros. The wounded man thought there were thirty or forty Indians in the party, but our informants say there were not more than five or six.

The savages beat a hasty retreat across the creek, and soon gained the hills, through which it were useless to follow them. The wounded man

was suffering terribly when the party left. Several bullets were lodged in his arms and body, and it was feared that death would soon relieve him of all pain. When it is known that this daring and murderous attack was made within a few hundred yards of Mr. Lambertson's house, people will commence to think, and rightly, too, that the savages are gradually becoming braver, and, no wonder, for they have now plenty of arms and ammunition, and know how to use them.

September 2, 1871 - - A few days ago a small party of Indians stole three horses from Mr. Lambertson of Walnut Grove. This makes about the fortieth time the savages have robbed this old gentleman of his animals, since 1864, and still Grant, Greeley, Colyer and the Indian Ring continue to talk about peace measures for such thieving murderers as the Apaches of Arizona.

An obituary in the Arizona Miner reads:

We learn with sorrow that old man Lamberson, of Walnut Grove, died at his ranch on Thursday last. Mr. Lamberson was one of the early pioneers who settled in this county in 1864, and did much during the Indian troubles toward keeping them in check and from plundering and devastating the property in the vicinity where he lived, and it was while in an engagement with the red fiends that he received a severe wound that finally was the cause of his death. An old pioneer and a good man has been taken from us.

Died at Walnut Grove, Yavapai County, A.T., April 2, 1880, aged 70; buried there.

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