

MANNASSE, HYMAN

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MANNASSE, HYMAN born in Prussia about 1831; son of Hirsch Mannasse; listed, Territorial Census, April 1864, at La Paz, A.T., age 35, married, family in California, occupation - Merchant, resident in Arizona 6 months, property valued at \$2,225; in May of that year he contributed 40 pounds of coffee and 4 pounds of gunpowder to the second Woolsey expedition against the Apaches.

Formed a partnership with Julius A. Goldwater under the name of Mannasse & Co., and moved his goods to Wickenburg following the opening of the Vulture mine; Goldwater withdrew from the firm on September 6, 1869; appointed Postmaster at Wickenburg February 9, 1870, and served until February 28, 1872, when he was succeeded by Benjamin Block; listed, U. S. Census, August, 1870, as
w Merchant at Wickenburg, age 38; in March 1872, he engaged in business in Phoenix as is shown by the following announcement in the Prescott Arizona Miner:

"NEW STORE AT PHOENIX - By referring to the advertisement of H. Manasse, our readers will perceive that he has established a branch store at Phoenix, Salt River Valley, in which store, we learn, there is already a large supply of such goods as are or maybe needed by citizens of our sister county of Maricopa. We have known Mr. Manasse for several years, and from said knowledge, believe that our Phoenix friends will find pleasure and profit in dealing with him".

His store was located in a small adobe building which he put up on the north side of Washington Street between Center and Montezuma (First) Streets and was managed by S. Abrahams who came with him from Wickenburg; the business not proving to be profitable he disposed of his goods and closed the store in October, 1872; the following account of his death was printed in the Tucson Arizona Weekly Citizen:

The victim of the affray had been engaged in merchandising in Wickenburg for several years, doing a good business and well liked by his customers as a square dealer. On the morning of his death he had some words with a Mexican freighter named Jesus Amado, who had agreed to buy some barley and take hides as freight to Ehrenburg. A dispute arose between them as to the price of barley, and Amado refused to buy the barley or take the hides. Then Mannasse called him a liar, etc., and Amado struck him in the face and ran, and Mannasse shot at him twice without effect. Then Amado went to his wagon, got a pistol and went back to the store, saw Mannasse loading a shotgun and fired on him, hitting him in the back, just below the shoulder-blade, the ball passing out above the left hipple and lodging in the chimney. Mannasse did not live an hour and died at 8:00 a.m. The Mexican escaped and was in Ehrenburg within twenty-four hours, whence he probably went to Sonora.

He died at Wickenburg, Yavapai County, A. T., April 20, 1875; his brother, Moses Mannasse, of San Diego, California, was appointed Administrator of his estate which consisted of a store building and corral at Wickenburg valued at \$250; a house and lot in Phoenix, \$200; merchandise in the store inventoried at \$9,343.70 and cash amounting to \$3,154.

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