

# MARR, DENNIS J.

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Born at Wales Lincoln County, Maine, April 19, 1836.

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Married Joan Pratt at the home of her parents on Beaver Creek, Yavapai County, A.T.,  
March 6, 1878.

Children, Josiah H. Rhoda E. (Mrs. Edward Walker), Edna J. (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Martin)  
and Maud S. (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_).

Came to Arizona from California late in 1863; listed, Territorial Census,  
April, 1864, at Mineral City (afterwards Ehrenberg, Yuma County) age 27, occupation -  
Miner, resident in Arizona 6 months; the Journal of the Pioneer and Walker Mining  
Districts, near Prescott, shows that he bought 100 feet in the "Accidental Ledge"  
from William McGill, a soldier of Captain Benson's Company F, 1st California Infantry,  
on August 2, 1864.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Big Bug, Yavapai County, A. T., age 33, occupation-  
Amalgamator; U. S. Census, 1880, at Middle Verde, Yavapai County, age 43, occupation -  
Stock Raiser; on account of failing health he moved to Downey, Los Angeles County,  
California in June 1902, where he died on December 26, 1903; age 67; buried Evergreen  
Cemetery, Los Angeles; his estate in Yavapai County was valued at \$10,000.

The following account of his life and character was printed in the Prescott

## Journal Miner:

At the age of fourteen he went to sea and for several years he followed  
this life. On one of his voyages he landed at San Francisco. Here he was  
joined by his only brother, who had entered a seafaring life one year later  
than had Mr. Marr. The two young men decided to leave the sea and go inland.  
Securing the necessary outfit, they started to Arizona over the famous Death  
Valley route. Here he began a frontier life of constant and thrilling adventures.  
Eventually they made their way into the Verde Valley and engaged in cattle business.

Mr. Marr was born of sturdy Puritan New England stock, a fact of which he  
was justly proud and to which his whole life and character lent additional credit.  
With the instincts of true manhood he identified himself from the first with the

better class of pioneers who stand for the civilization and development of a country. With characteristic bravery he was ever ready to risk life and property if need be in fighting for the same.

Although he was widely known as a man of utter fearlessness in times of danger, he was and still is as widely known as a man of unblemished integrity. His word once given was most religiously kept. No other surety would he ever give, and by those to whom he was known, no other was ever required.

But it was in his home that the gentler graces of a true man were most manifest. Here he was the tender, thoughtful husband, the kind, indulgent father, and to both wife and children the intimate confidential friend. His home was his world, and no detail was too small to be of interest to him, if it was in any degree of interest to anyone of his household. Fearless in every attitude of life, just in all his estimates, tender in all his relations and charitable in all his dealings -- what a heritage to leave a family.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. 656.  
Great Register of Yavapai County, 1876-1902.  
Journal of the Pioneer and Walker Districts, 1863-65, p. 135.  
The Arizona Enterprise, Prescott, March 9, 1878, 3:3 (marriage)  
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