

McKEY, ALEXANDER

Born at _____ Kentucky _____ 1827.

Son of _____ and _____ (never married.)

Brent, Edward E., Frank and Jacob H. Kirkland, who came to Arizona during the Seventies, were his nephews.

Was the oldest child of the family and moved with his parents to Missouri; went to California in 1849; came to the Colorado River gold placers late in 1862 to join his cousin, William K. Henninger; listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Castle Dome, occupation - Miner, resident in Arizona 16 months; clerk of the District Court at La Paz, 1864-65; appointed by Governor Goodwin as Sheriff of Yuma County on May 22, 1865, to succeed Cornelius Sage, killed by Apaches; served as Deputy Sheriff in 1866; Member from Yuma County H. Of R., 2d Territorial Legislature, 1865; Member from Yuma County, 3d and 4th Territorial Councils, 1866-67; appointed Notary Public for Yuma County by Governor McCormick, February 1, 1866; Member from Pima County, 5th Territorial Council, 1868. In 1867 he wrote an account of the discovery of placer gold near La Paz which was printed in J. Ross Brown's report on the Mineral Resources of the Pacific Slope; the Arizona Miner published an item on June 7, 1877, stating that "negotiations are pending for the sale of Alex McKey's interest in the Cerro Colorado Mines for \$30,000."

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A. T., December 12, 1880, aged 53; buried in old city Cemetery, Tucson.

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