McMULEN, JAMES

Born at ____________ Tennessee, __________, 18__.
Son of ___________________ and ___________________.
 Married ____________ at ____________ on ________, 18__.
Children ___________________.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District
(Yavapai County) age 45, occupation - Merchant, resident in
Arizona 4 years, property valued at $1,400; U. S. Census, 1870,
at La Paz, Yuma County, A.T., age 44, occupation - Station-
keeper, property valued at $3,000.

D. S. Chamberlain, in his reminiscences of a journey across
Arizona in 1871, stated:

My partner, a young French-Canadian, and I
outfitted in Los Angeles, took two saddle animals
and a pack mule, crossed the Mohave desert and got
our first sight of the New Eldorado at Ehrenberg.

We were headed for Prescott. The first day
out we rode to McMullen's ranch, a stage station.
Old "Mac" was a squaw man. A short time before
that he thought he had the jaundice so he went to
Ehrenberg and bought some calomel, which he kept
in an empty yeast powder can, and his squaw,
thinking it was yeast powder, used it to make
biscuits with. Old "Mac" couldn't eat them so
she gave them to some of her Indian friends who
were hanging around the ranch and they got
salivated. They threatened to kill old "Mac"
thinking he had poisoned them, but they all got
over it.

It was a new thing for us to have to pay
for water for our stock, but I told my partner
that I did not think the owner of a well got
very rich, even at $1 a head for watering animals.

In a notice filed on January 1, 1871, his name appears as
one of the organizers of the "Salt River Farming and Ditch Company";
the Prescott Arizona Miner of December 21, 1877, reported that:
James McMullen, who came to Prescott when it was a wilderness, arriving in town on the day that the first town lots were sold, and who, ever since, has worked hard and has done his part in developing the resources of the Territory, came to town last night from Ehrenberg with his teams which were loaded for Selkirk & Co.

An item in the Yuma Arizona Sentinel of March 2, 1878, reads:

Col. James McMullen, of Tyson’s Wells, and Col. King S. Woolsey, of Phoenix, have been here this week.

The Phoenix Territorial Expositor of May 23, 1879, contained the following:

Mr. J. McMullen, "the oldest Arizonan of them all," is in town. He says that (because of the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad) nearly all the stations between Yuma and Maricopa have been abandoned. Still there is considerable travel on the road. Quite a number of people with baggage, furniture and all, are on the road, bound for Tucson. Mr. McMullen says the Meyer District, in the Papago country, and about 45 miles south of Gila Bend, is attracting considerable attention, and the prospect for a lively mining camp is good.

McMullen Valley in Northern Yuma and Maricopa Counties named for him.

Died at ____________ on __________ __, ________.

Buried __________________ Cemetery.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, March 2, 1878, 3:2.
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The Arizona Miner, Prescott, December 21, 1877, 1:7.