

NOYES, ALBERT OSGOOD

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NOYES, ALBERT OSGOOD, born at Deer Isle, Hancock County, Maine, April 11, 1826; son of Joseph and Olive (Morey) Noyes; married Emeline M. Smith, at San Geronimo ^(Calif) on January 4, 1870; they had no children but a niece, Ida Smith (Noyes), (Mrs. J. J. Twanley) who lived with them from childhood.

Came from California to Arizona in 1863 probably with the Lount party; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, age 36, single, resident in Arizona 7 months, occupation - Miner, property valued at \$1,500; an item in the Prescott Arizona Miner of September 7, 1864, indicates his early interest in the development of the country:

To Mr. George Lount and his associates, Mr. A. O. Noyes, Mr. Samuel O. Fredericks, Mr. A. C. Benedict and others, is due the credit of bringing the first saw and quartz mill into this part of Arizona. So long ago as March last Messrs. Lount, Noyes and Fredericks started for San Francisco to purchase a mill. The delays in getting it forwarded to La Paz, and from La Paz, via Williams Fork, here, have been very great, and such as would have discouraged men of less tenacity of purpose and indomitable perseverance. On the 30th ult. a portion of the machinery arrived, and Mr. Lount has gone back to a point upon the road where the balance was left, owing to the breaking of one of the wagons. He hopes to return here and have the saw mill in operation in a few weeks, and the quartz mill at a day not much later.

An article entitled "Milling and Mining in Yavapai County" written by H. A. Bigelow and printed in the Prescott Courier of January 14, 1886, contains the following:

In 1868 A. O. Noyes and Geo. W. Curtis having made money in the sawmill business, concluded to go into quartz mining, and brought out a complete 10-stamp steam quartz mill, for working gold ores. The mill was set up on the Hassayampa, a little below the mouth of Groom creek, where there were a number of undeveloped quartz veins,

and was generally known as the Umpqua mill. After expensive development of the veins in that section, without finding paying ores in quantity, the mill was moved five or six miles up the creek, where it became known as the Chase mill, as it worked ore principally from the Chase mine.

At that point they introduced new machinery for treating sulphuret ores, called the Paul & Wood process, which did not work well. Finally they moved the mill to Groom creek, near their sawmill, and ran it for a year or two on custom ores, and it was called the Astlan mill, but ore sufficient to keep the mill running with profit was not found, and it was sold to Bowers & Richards in 1875, who sold it to the Peck Mining Company. It was then refitted to work silver ores, and was run with marked success until the Peck Company built a mill at their mine. After that the Astlan was sold to C. C. Bean, who ran it as a custom mill with fair success, and sold it to the Prescott Consolidated Milling and Mining Company.

His name appears in the U. S. Census of 1870 at Prescott, age 42, married, occupation - Lumberman, property valued at \$5,000; as a public official he was Treasurer of Yavapai County, 1865-66; Coroner of Yavapai County, 1870; Justice of the Peace at Prescott from January 1, 1871 to April 4, 1872; Member from Yavapai County, 7th Territorial Council, 1873; Justice of the Peace at Prescott from June 10, 1878 to December 31, 1880 and from June 6, 1881, to October 6, 1884; Probate Judge and ex-officio School Superintendent of Yavapai County, 1881-84; Justice of the Peace at Prescott from January 1, to June 4, 1893.

Died at Prescott, A.T., July 1, 1898, aged 72; buried in the Masonic Cemetery, having been a member of Astlan Lodge No. 177 (1), F. & A. M. at Prescott.

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