

OSBORN, DAVID

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Born at _____, New York _____ 18 _____ (about 1830).

Son of _____ and _____ (never married).

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age, 34, born in New York, single, occupation, Miner, resident in Arizona, 2 months, property valued at \$150, he located 200 feet on the "Olive Lode" in the Walker Quartz Mining District, June 1, 1864; the Prescott Arizona Miner mentioned him as an enterprising farmer residing in Willow Valley, about 5 miles north of Prescott, and on October 31, 1868, stated that:

On Tuesday night last, they (the Apaches) stole two horses from within 20 steps of the door of D. Osborn of Willow Valley, making six which they had stolen from him since spring.....

There were two references to his death in the Miner of March 6, 1869:

Scarcely had we recovered from the gloom and sorrow occasioned by the shocking murder of John Howell (which occurred Feb. 25th) when news was brought into town that the lifeless, mutilated body of David Osburn was found in the road between his ranch in Willow Valley and town.

Sunday last the remains of David Osburn were followed to their last resting place in the Odd Fellows burying ground, by a large number of the citizens of Prescott and vicinity. Great grief was manifested by those who, in life, loved, honored and respected the deceased for his many noble qualities. Revenge was depicted upon many countenances and should the men that are now out hunting his murderers fall in with them, short work will be made of the brutes.

In the issue for the following week, the Miner stated:

During the week, teams have been engaged in hauling the corn and other effects of the late David Osborn, who was murdered by Indians a short time ago, to town. We believe Joe Crane has been appointed special administrator for the estate. It is not known whether or not the deceased has any relatives living. All we can learn in relation to his early history is that he came to California from New Orleans, when a boy.

Killed by Apaches between his home in Willow Valley and Prescott, February 25, 1869.

Buried, Odd Fellows Cemetery, Prescott; at the time of his death he owned lots

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7, 8, 9 and 10 on Granite Street, McCormick Addition to the Town of Prescott, valued at \$35, a homestead of 160 acres of land on Willow Creek appraised at \$1000; about 20,000 pounds of corn worth \$800 at 4 cents per pound; he also had a wagon and team and a half interest in a corn sheller.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Farish, T. E. - History of Arizona, Vol. 8, p. 132
Journal of the Pioneer and Walker Mining Districts, 1863-65, pp. 54, 55.
Probate Court of Yavapai County - Docket No. 36
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, October 24, 2:1 and October 31, 1869, 2:2;
January 9, 3:2; March 6, 2:3 and 3:1, March 13, 1869, 3:2; October 14, 1871.

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SORRY TO HEAR IT.--Friday evening last, a party of Indians stole two horses from David Osborn, who lives on a ranch at the head of Willow Valley, about three miles from Prescott. We feel for you, friend Osborn; we have been there and know how it goes.

----Arizona Miner, May 23, 1868, 3:1

Note: John H. Marion, Editor.

INDIAN DOINGS.--About noon on Saturday last, a small party of Indians visited the head of Willow Creek Valley, and stole a mule from Mr. Ferguson and a horse from Mr. David Osborn. This makes the third horse stolen from Mr. Osborn this season by the Indians.

----Weekly Arizona Miner, August 22, 1868, 3:1

Note: The name of Marion's paper was changed from Arizona Miner to Weekly Arizona Miner with the issue of August 1, 1868.