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Born in Indiana, about 1839.

Listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County), age 25, resident in Arizona 7 months; the following references to him appeared in the Prescott Arizona Miner in 1878:

January 18 -- REST FOR THE WEARY.-- John A. Rusher, of Atkinson & Rusher, freighters, come (sic) in last night with his train, having been 24 days on the road from Ehrenberg. Mr. Rusher has had more or less experience in teaming in Arizona since 1863, and assures us that this trip caps everything. He never before saw the roads half so bad, nor the weather so disagreeable.

Of the twelve teams that arrived yesterday, and which have been along with him all the way, he says there is not one that is fit to use, they are all completely used up, and must have rest and feed before they can be put upon the road again. The men are not in much better condition that their teams, worn out, in fact, and require rest.

Rusher thinks of taking his teams to Salt River, loading with feed and pulling out to New River, where he will go into quarters for the rest of the winter.

February 8 -- J. A. Rusher, who has been recruiting his teams at Verde, came up yesterday with ten tons of feed from that prolific valley and is ready to start for Ehrenberg again. He says his mules have picked up amazingly since he turned them out, and are in about as a fit as they were before they made their muddy trip a month or so ago.

Died at ____________ on ____________.

Buried ____________ Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, January 18, 4:2 and February 8, 1878, 3:2.