

SHEKELS, NOAH CARLETON

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SHEKELS, NOAH CARLETON, born in Stark County, Ohio, June 19, 1842; son of John W. and Katherine (Yant) Shekels; married, (1) Margaret E. Hutchins, at Central House, Butte County, California, January 29, 1871, from whom he was divorced at Prescott, A.T., June 6, 1877; daughter, Minnie May (Mrs. Carlton Gray); (2) Belle Hamilton Skinkle at Williamson Valley, A.T., July 5, 1877, who died in 1903; son, Harry Carleton; (3) Mrs. Bertha (Barbeck) Amudson at San Francisco, California, June 8, 1904.

Came to California by the overland route with an ox team in 1861; enlisted, age 20, at Oroville, Butte County, California, October 9, 1862, to serve 3 years as Private, Captain Charles Atchisson's Company I, 4th California Infantry; occupation when enlisted - Farmer; stationed at Benicia Barracks until March, 1863, when he went by sea to Drum Barracks, near San Pedro, California; marched from Drum Barracks across the desert to Fort Mohave, A.T., in June, 1863, and stationed there until March, 1865; returned via Camp Lincoln, near La Paz, A.T., and Camp Cady, on the Mohave River, to Drum Barracks where he was honorably discharged October 9, 1865; listed, Territorial Census, April, 1864, at Fort Mohave, A.T., occupation - Soldier, resident in Arizona ten months.

Came back to Arizona in 1870 and located at Bradshaw, Yavapai County, where he assisted in establishing a townsite in May, 1871; the Prescott Arizona Miner printed the following references to him:

April 15, 1871 - - Messrs. A. E. Davis & N. C. Shekels have a good stock of goods in Bradshaw, consisting of provisions, liquors, clothing, etc.

May 20, 1871 - - Mr. Davis, who in company with Mr. Shekels, has a store and hotel at Bradshaw, is thinking, seriously, of running an express and saddle train

between the mines and Prescott, the doing of which would help, and be a great convenience to the people of both places.

February 24, 1872 - - (advertisement) A. E. Davis. . .
N. C. Shekels Bradshawites! Eatables, Drinkables, and
Wearables.

July 6, 1877 - - Our friend N. C. Shekels well and favorably known to all of our citizens as an upright gentleman, was yesterday united in marriage to Miss Bell Skinkle, late of Bregon. At an early hour yesterday we noticed the departure for Williamson Valley of quite a variety of carriages and buggies filled with the fair and gay, invited to be present at the binding together of two hearts hereafter to beat as one. The nuptials were tied by Rev. Mr. Merrill in a solemn and appropriate manner. The dinner, which was prepared at the residence of Mr. Walter H. Cook, is spoken of in the highest terms. Miss Skinkle, who is a genuine bell, wore a lavender colored silk and looked the real gem of goodness which she is.

Served as Postmaster at Bradshaw from January 1, 1874 to December 9, 1879; listed, Arizona Gazetteer, 1881, at Bradshaw, General Merchandise; the following items taken from the Prescott Courier indicate that he gave up business at Bradshaw and moved to Prescott:

May 26, 1883 - - N. C. Shekels is attending to Wilson & Haskell's lumber yard. He also takes orders for the planing mill, which is now manufacturing excellent doors, sash moldings, etc.

January 26, 1884 - - (advertisement) Furniture, Assignees' sale. We are closing out the entire stock of furniture of the old and favorably known house of Geo. S. Porter. N. C. Shekels Assignee.

March 17, 1886 - - Carpenters are hard at work on a residence for Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Shekels.

October 26, 1888 - - N. C. Shekels of Crown King Mining Company came in from the mine yesterday. The Crown King mill -- 10 stamp -- is crushing gold rock that it is believed will pay \$180 per ton.

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November 11, 1888 - - N. C. Shekels is having a large store built at Crown King, Bradshaw District, and sending out goods. He, yesterday, forwarded over 20,000 pounds of general merchandise.

He was a member of Aztlan Lodge No. 177 (1) F. & A.M. and a Comrade of Barrett Post No. 3, G.A.R., at Prescott; moved to Los Angeles, California, in July, 1899; died at Venice, Los Angeles County, California, February 14, 1923, aged 80; buried, Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles; his estate was appraised in California at \$146,609, consisting principally of notes and real estate mortgages.

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