

# SPANN, JAMES S.

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Born at \_\_\_\_\_ Alabama , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ 18(about 1830).

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ a d \_\_\_\_\_

Married, Adelida P. Miranda of Ures, Sonora, by Rev. P. Bourgardez at Arizona City, Yuma County, A. T., March 1, 1873; they had no children.

Came to Arizona in 1863 and engaged in mining; the Prescott Arizona Miner of October 24, 1868, reported that:

James Spann, one of the owners of the Eureka mine in Yuma County, together with R. W. Thompson, formerly of William's Fork, have one of the best mines in the Territory, and are pushing forward their operations in workmanlike shape, taking therefrom lots of good paying ore. Their lode is but about 400 yards from the (Colorado) river bank. The energetic, never-tiring champion miner, Mr. Seibeck, lately of Williams Fork Mining District, I believe, is the foreman of this valuable mine. There have been taken from the mine, during the last two years, and shipped to San Francisco, for reduction, from 100 to 250 tons of ore yielding from \$100 to \$130 per ton.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Arizona City, age 40, occupation - Miner, property valued at \$1,500; he was elected three times as County Recorder and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Yuma County and served from January 1, 1872 until his death; also elected Assessor of the Town of Yuma in 1874; among the references to him in the Yuma Arizona Sentinel are the following:

January 15, 1872 - - James S. Spann, Recorder and ex-officio Clerk of Board of Supervisors of Yuma County has notified taxpayers that the annual assessment roll for 1872 is ready for inspection.

March 16, 1872 - - James S. Spann, County Recorder, Yuma County. All documents must be properly stamped, and accompanied by the Recorder's fees. Conveyancing of every description, neatly and correctly executed. Adv.

November 28, 1874 - - Messrs. Samuel Purdy and James S. Spann received very satisfactory-returns from ores sent from their Picacho gold mines. They will soon complete their mill and commence crushing their ores.

July 24, 1875 - - On last Thursday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock James S. Spann was found lying dead on the floor of his residence. We were conversing with Mr. Spann down town, less than an hour before his death. He was complaining of a pain in his head and said he thought he had neuralgia.

It seems that about 4 o'clock Mr. Spann walked down town, after which his wife went out to call on a friend. Upon her return she found her husband dead, as above stated. The grief of the stricken wife was terrible. Her moans and cries filled the air of the neighborhood the whole night.

Mr. Spann was an old resident of Yuma County, arriving here in 1863. At the time of his death he was Recorder of the County, this being the third term of his election to that office.

Died at Yuma A.T., July 22, 1875, aged 45; buried \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The Arizona Miner, Prescott, October 24, 1868, 2:5; December 3, 1870, 2:4.
- The Arizona Citizen, Tucson, October 29, 1870, 2:2; July 31, 1875 (death notice).
- The Arizona Sentinel, Yuma, January 15, 2:4, March 16, 1:1 and 5:1, September 14, 3:1, September 21, 3:4, and November 23, 1872, 3:3; March 8, 5:4 and October 18, 1873, 1:5; January 17, 3:3, November 21, 2:3 and November 28, 1874, 2:5; April 17, 2:3 and July 24, 1875, 3:3-4 (obituary); May 17, 1879, 2:3; January 31, 1880, 3:2.