

THRIFT, LLEWELLYN

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Born at _____ Virginia _____ 18 _____ (about 1835)

Son of _____ and _____.

Came to Arizona from Santa Fe, New Mexico, late in 1863 with R. E. Farrington, W. G. Collier, L. J. Alters and E. G. Peck; listed, Territorial Census April, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) Age 29, single, born in Virginia, occupation - Farmer, resident in Arizona 4 months; participated in the second Woolsey expedition against the Apache Indians, 1864; he located a claim of 200 feet on the "Sucker Lode", in the Walker District, December 3, 1864; the following account of how he came to his death was printed in the Prescott Arizona Miner on March 28, 1866:

Llewellyn Thrift was killed in Prescott on Sunday evening last and buried the following day. Thrift who was usually a very quiet and good-hearted man, would now and then drink heavily and threaten the lives of those about him. Having drawn his pistol on Mr. Jay, he met his death, and the following is the verdict of the jury in the case:

"We, the undersigned, the jurors summoned to appear before George W. Barnard, Coroner of the County of Yavapai, at the Court room, in said County, on the 26th day of March, A.D. 1866, to inquire into the cause of the death of Llewellyn Thrift, having been duly sworn according to law, and having made such inquisition after examining the body and hearing the testimony adduced, upon our oaths, each one and all of us do say that we find the deceased was named Llewellyn Thrift, a native of Virginia, aged about 30 years; that he came to his death on the 25th day of March, 1866, in this County; that his death was caused by a gunshot wound by the discharge of a pistol in the hand of Leroy Jay. All of which we duly certify, by this inquisition, in writing by us signed this 26th day of March A.D. 1866.

Van C. Smith	Robert Postle	
E. B. Radford	H. B. Cummings	
T. McWilliams	L. B. Jewell	William Prideaux"

Leroy Jay was examined yesterday, before Justice Samuel E. Blair, and discharged from custody.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Journal of the Pioneer and Walker Mining Districts, 1863-65, p. 82.
Fish, Joseph - History of Arizona, Manuscript, p. 341.
Farish, T. E. - History of Arizona, Vol. 2, p. 249.
The Arizona Miner, Prescott, March 28, 1866, 3:2

Wanted

Any references to him in the newspaper indexes.