

# White, John

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WHITE, JOHN, born at \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_ (about 1838), son of John Norton and Mary Ann (Young) White; his father was born in Alabama and his mother in Tennessee and were descendants of Highland Scots who settled in North Carolina.

Went to Texas as a young man and left there about 1859 with James N. Bright; they drove ox teams to California and were for some time in Virginia City, Nevada; they returned to Arizona in 1863; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, 3d District (Yavapai County) age 26, occupation, Laborer, property valued at \$650, resident in Arizona 5 years which probably referred to when he first came to the Territory enroute to California.

Listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Walnut Grove, Yavapai County, A.T., occupation - Farmer; the Yuma Arizona Sentinel printed the following on March 23, 1872:

*Apaches*  
At home, in this portion of the Territory, the savages have, within the last ten days, made two attempts to commit murder, both of which, fortunately, proved failures. One of these attempts was made on John White, while he was proceeding from Peeples valley to Walnut Grove. But John, having seen the savages, fired first upon them, wounding one and then retreated to Peeples valley.

An item which appeared in the Prescott Arizona Miner of December 14, 1877, reads:

John White, an old timer in this Territory, is in town from Peeples Valley. John complains of dull times in his section and thinks times a little more "corky" this season than at any other time since his advent into Arizona.

His name appears on the Great Register of Yavapai County in 1876, 1882 and 1888 as a resident of Peoples Valley; on February 23, 1890 he wrote the following letter to his sister, Elizabeth; from Antelope Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona;

Mrs. R. Keahey

My dear Sister:

Absent yet not forgotten.

I regret to say I have neglected writing to you but I hope this will make it all right as I trust it will. We are having a plenty of rain and I will not be able to visit you this summer as I have a crop to make.

I hope to see you this Fall. I am not married. I live on a Ranch in a nice little valley surrounded by tall mountains.

I will try to do better the next time. Hoping to hear from you soon. I close for this time.

Your loving brother,

John White

The Great Register shows him as a voter at Walnut Grove in 1894 and in Peoples Valley in 1902-4; on March 1, 1913, he transferred a <sup>deposit of</sup> \$2,000 from the Bank of Arizona at Prescott, to the Bluff Dale State Bank of Bluff Dale, Erath County, Texas, and went there to live with his brother, Thomas Alexander White; went to Fort Worth, Texas, for medical treatment where he died on August 23, 1913; buried beside his mother and his grandmother in Rock Church Cemetery, near Bluff Dale.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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