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purchasing a stock of goods. His trade is exclusively with the Indians of the reservation, who exchange wheat for goods. The Indians raise many thousands of bushels of wheat every season, and the crop this year is larger than ever before.

Mr. Williams says the Pima Indians are making considerable progress in civilization under the fostering care of Agent Wheeler. A large number of them attend the reservation school, and some of them make very rapid progress in their studies. Many of the old bucks have been induced to have their hair cut and don the garb of civilization. A good many of them have also been persuaded to abandon the miserable wickiups in which they have lived from time immemorial, and numerous small but comfortable houses are being built around the agency. On the whole, the condition of the Pimas seems to be improving wonderfully. Mr. Williams returned to Sacaton yesterday, having concluded the purchase of a \$2,500 stock of goods. --Star.

August 8, 1885 -- Mr. Isaac Williams ships a car load of wheat from Sacaton every four days, and Mr. Rittenhouse is taking in a vast amount at his two trading posts. The Pima wheat crop, this season, will probably reach 400,000 bushels.

May 22, 1886 -- Mr. Isaac Williams was here this week as a witness in the Hall case. Hall sold him the stolen cattle, and was so smooth about it that Isaac never dreamed that he was being victimized.

December 24, 1887 -- Isaac Williams, from Sacaton, is in the city. He is one of the owners of the Silver Monarch mine near the Vekol. He says that recent developments of the Silver Monarch show the tunnel which is in twenty-five feet is all in ore, breadth, bottom, top and sides. All the ore is good grade and the vein on the surface forty feet wide. The Monarch is supposed to be on the same lead as the Vekol. The ore is of the same character and the formation is similar.

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February 18, 1888 -- Sheriff Jere Fryer returned on Saturday from a visit to the mining sections south of Casa Grande. He is a co-owner with Messrs. Elmer A. Howard, Dr. Sabin and Isaac Williams in the Silver World claim, adjoining the Mastodon Mine and Milling Company's properties, upon which a big body of rich and sand carbonates has been opened.

March 10, 1888 -- Mr. Isaac Williams came up from Sacaton on Tuesday, on a short business trip. He is interested in the Mastodon group of mines now bonded to Messrs. Charles Matt & Co., of Kansas City.

In recounting his early experiences after he came to Arizona in 1884, Charles Eastman was quoted in the Phoenix Arizona Republican of April 9, 1924, as saying:

My partner, Isaac Williams, a trader at Sacaton, had ordered some grub from Tom Tomlinson, who kept a store where the Casa Grande Valley Bank is now located. We were to take a four-days' trip south to locate an old mine. It was Christmas time and our grub and two gallons of whiskey was in a sack for carrying convenience. We spent the night drinking and gambling and as we wanted to make an early start Tomlinson told us to get the key from over the door and get our grub whenever we got ready to pull out.

Early in the morning we went in to the store, grabbed the whiskey and the sack and left. When we camped that night south of the Jackrabbit mine we found that our sack of grub was a sack of onions (I made a mistake in sacks.) So our Christmas meal that evening was whiskey and onions.

In June, 1890, the Tucson Arizona Star published the following:

Yesterday Messrs. J. S. Murphy and Claud M. Johnson paid over the sum of \$20,000 to Messrs. Isaac Williams, William Bell and H. D. Williams, for the Cartigan and Ivanpaugh mines, located in the Ajo district, forty miles south of Gila Bend, in this County.

The mines were bonded six months ago, since which time active developments have been pushed with such good results that the purchasers were more than satisfied with the prospects on their examination made last week.

Messrs. Williams and Bell have been fortunate in locating and selling good mines. They were locators and owners in the Monarch, which was sold in Kansas City, and the Copperosity.

Both of these gentlemen are good prospectors and good miners, and know a good property when they see it. Hence they have been most successful in their business as mining men. Through their efforts Pima County has another important mining industry which has been inaugurated.

In reporting his death, the Star stated:

Isaac Williams, a man well known in this Territory, died yesterday morning, of pneumonia. Deceased was engaged in mining up to two years ago, and owned a store at Sacaton, on the Pima Indian Reservation. Isaac Williams was liked by all who knew him. He was the soul of honor and generous to a fault. He has hundreds of friends who will sorrow to hear of his death.

Died at Tucson, Pima County, A.T., January 23, 1891, aged 53.

Buried _____ Cemetery, in Tucson.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The Arizona Enterprise, Florence, January 5, 3:2, March 29, 3:2 and May 10, 1884, 3:1; April 11, 3:1, July 4, 3:1, July 25, 2:2 (reprint from Arizona Star), and August 8, 1885, 3:2; May 22, 1886, 3:1; March 19, 3:2, September 9, 3:3 and December 24, 1887, 2:2; February 18, 3:2 and March 10, 1888, 3:1; January 31, 2:9 (obituary reprinted from Arizona Star), February 21, 1891, 3:1 (Administrator appointed).
- The Arizona Miner, Prescott, March 20, 1874, 2:5.
- The Arizona Star, Tucson, January 24, 1891, 4:2.
- The Arizona Citizen, Tucson, March 21, 1874, 2:3, and January 23, 1891, 4:1 (death notice).
- The Arizona Republican, Phoenix, January 27, 1891, 3:1 (death notice) and April 9, 1924, sec. 2, 10:3.
- The Arizona Gazette, Phoenix, January 28, 1891, 3:1 (death notice).

Weekly Arizona Miner, 3/20/74, 2-5.

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1. The 1880 Census record and his age at different times from the Pinal County Great Register.
2. Any other additional information of importance.
3. Please return the previous paper.