

BASHFORD, LEVI

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Born at Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York _____ 1823¹³

Son of William and Phebe (_____) Bashford.

Married (1) _____ at _____ on _____ 18__.

Son, Coles Allen, born in Wisconsin about 1856. Married (2)

Mary E. Foster at Lyons N.Y. on _____ 18__.

who was born in New York about 1836.

Educated at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y. after which he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Lyons, N. Y.; emigrated to California in 1849 and was on the "Von Humboldt" with 354 other passengers when that ship was 102 days in making the voyage from Panama to San Francisco.

Returned to New York in 1853 and in 1855 moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin; elected a Director of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company in 1857; commissioned by President Lincoln as U. S. Surveyor General for the Territory of Arizona, May 11, 1863; came to Arizona with his brother, Coles Bashford, in Governor Goodwin's party of Territorial officials in December 1863; listed, Territorial Census, 1864, age 41, married, family in Wisconsin, occupation - Trader; property valued at \$200.

Appointed from Tucson by President Johnson as Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Arizona and served from May 31, 1866 until he resigned in January 1871; brought his wife and son from Wisconsin to Arizona late in 1866; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Prescott, A.T., occupation - Merchant, property valued at \$30,000; the following advertisement was printed in the Prescott, Arizona Miner on September 27, 1873: - *referred Oct. 1, 1867 p. 1 col. 2, also on p. 3 col. 1*

THAT'S A FACT---WHAT'S A FACT?
That The

NEW YORK CHEAP STORE

Is the only Store in Arizona that receives
Goods Direct from New York City

By this arrangement, the proprietor saves
the enormous tariff usually levied by San Francisco
merchants, and is thereby enabled to sell goods
cheaper than any other merchant in Arizona.

I HAVE ON HAND

Henry's Improved Rifles and Cartridges, Colt's Revolvers,
Holsters and Belts, Percussion Caps, Flasks, Pouches

A Large Stock Of

Boots, (Including Rubber Boots), Shoes, Hats, Socks,
Cooking Stoves, Axes, Nails, etc., etc., together with
a large stock of

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Suitable for this Market

Call and see for yourselves.

LEVI BASHFORD.

His nephew, William C. Bashford, and his brother-in-law,
Robert H. Burmister, became partners in the store in 1874 under the
name of L. Bashford and Co; when he retired from the business in
1886 the firm became Bashford & Burmister and was incorporated in
1892 as the Bashford-Burmister Company.

Served as a member from Yavapai County in the lower house of
the 8th Territorial Legislature at Tucson, 1875; the Yuma Arizona
Sentinel of February 7, 1880, reported that;

The Republican Convention at Tucson concluded its labors by electing Ex-Governor Safford and Levi Bashford Esq., Delegates to the Republican National Convention, with the Hon. R. C. McCormick and Captain W. A. Hancock, as alternates.

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 Died at Los Angeles, California, March 21, 1899, aged 76.
Cremated at Pasadena - ashes buried in vault at Lyons, N.Y.
buried Cemetery; owned property at the time

of his death valued at \$110,000 consisting principally of real estate appraised at \$98,650; the following is taken from an obituary in the Prescott Journal-Miner:

He came to Prescott in the early sixties and resided here during all the years since with the exception of the past two or three years which he and his wife have spent in California. During the early days of the town, he acquired a great amount of property here which he still owns. He was the founder of the mercantile establishment which is now known as the Bashford-Burmister Company. He started the business in an unpretentious manner on the east side of the plaza, afterwards moving to Montezuma street and thence to the present location of the above company in a two-story brick building erected by him. He sold his interest in this mercantile business several years ago.

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