

CAREY (CARY?), GEORGE CRAMER

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CAREY, GEORGE CRAMER, born in Oneida County, New York, June 4, 1838; son of Robert and Mary (Gillespie) Carey; came to Prescott, A.T. from New Mexico, July 6, 1864; listed, U.S. Census, 1870, occupation, Carpenter, property valued at \$1,250; the Prescott Arizona Miner printed the following references to him:

April 3, 1875 - - Tuesday last, as Geo. Carey and Otto Webber attempted to cross the Verde river in a light wagon drawn by two horses, both men and horses found more water than they could well navigate. So, abandoning wagon and team, Carey and Webber paddled for the nearer shore, which they reached, while the horses were swept down stream and would have perished had it not been for a friendly snag which freed them from the wagon and so enabled them to reach the "other shore," where, after a short run, they were caught up and taken care of by some soldiers at Camp Verde.

Loss, by this "ducking," eight pair of blankets, a fine rifle, etc. etc., belonging to Carey and Webber; and to J. H. Marion, the unfortunate owner of the "rig", about \$100 in loss of horse flesh, bolts, and other wagon rigging.

Solemncholy fact -- The "boys" were sober when they walked into the watery trap.

July 14, 1876 - - George Carey, and someone else, have been steadily engaged for some weeks hauling the quartz with two teams from the Salvador mine to the Quartz Mountain Mill, and must by this time have a large quantity of ore on the mill dump.

December 7, 1877 - - George C. Carey's teams loaded at Ehrenberg, Nov. 30th. They carried 1,340 pounds of newspaper for the Miner.

The Prescott Courier of October 31, 1884, stated:

Geo. Carey, who has been in and around Prescott since early 1864 has come down from Ash Fork with some of his teams. He has been absent from Prescott for several months.

The following statements about him appeared in the Prescott Journal-Miner in 1911:

August 4 - - To live in Arizona for forty-seven consecutive years, during which time he had never set foot on any other soil, was the interesting experience of George Carey, who returned from the coast yesterday after a two months absence. This record, it is said, eclipses any in the line of continuous residence known in the history of

Americans in the territory. In speaking yesterday of his achievement, **Mr. Carey** stated that he arrived in Prescott in 1864, and as remarkable as it may appear in this day of rapid means of **communication**, the iron horse invaded his **territory**, and he drifted with the tide to **mining camps** with his freighting **teams**, until he was surrounded and handicapped for want of **lucrative business**.

He went to mining as a last **resort**, and selected a region where the indications were favorable and where he acquired valuable **properties**. This was over a quarter of a century **ago**. He remained firm in his purpose to make a **"home stake,"** but not until a few months ago did prosperity **come**. He received the first **payment**, and throwing off the garb of the pilgrim that blazed the **trails**; he went into the city and inhaled the luxuries of the towering **buildings**, instead of the rugged canyons of the **Bradshaws**. He remained on the coast just **"long enough,"** as he aptly put it **yesterday**, and tomorrow will return to **Columbia** in the southern part of the **county**, where he will continue development on mines that are **attractive**.

Mr. Carey is among the most popularly known **Hassayampers**, is vigorous and one of the most enthusiastic believers in the future of the **country**. He is also of **genial fellowship**, and was greeted by many friends in the city on his return to the old stamping **grounds**.

September 21 - - **George Carey**, mining man of Tiptop district, who has been spending the summer in this city, left yesterday for **Columbia**, in the southern part of the **county**, where he is heavily interested in gold **mines**. He recently disposed of one **group**, and will resume development on others this **winter**. The building of the territorial highway through that **district**, he characterizes as one of the greatest benefits that has ever been introduced to promote the investment of capital and to stimulate **mining operations**.

Listed in the Great Register of Yavapai County as a resident of Prescott, 1876-82; at Ash Creek, 1884; Tiptop, 1886-94; Humbug, 1896; Briggs, 1898; White Cloud, 1902; Castle Creek, 1904 and at Columbia, 1906-08; later he moved to Maricopa county, and on April 13, 1919,

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was admitted from Phoenix to the Arizona Pioneers Home at Prescott;
in recommending his admission Judge E. W. Wells said:

George came into the Territory along with our party, landing in Prescott in July, 1864. He was one of us who took the contract of furnishing the Quartermaster at Fort Whipple with logs and posts for the building of the fort into a stockade and thus commenced his activities in the development of Arizona, and has been engaged in credible pursuits ever since. He is one of the unlucky fellows whose old age finds him practically down and out.

The Pioneers' Home was built for just such men, and those of us who are able to pay taxes pay them cheerfully for the support and maintenance of the true pioneer.

Became a member of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society on January 19, 1920; died at the Pioneers Home, Yavapai County, Arizona, March 9, 1920, aged 81; buried, Pioneers Cemetery near Prescott.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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