

# CLOUGH, ALFRED SUMNER

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CLOUGH, ALFRED SUMNER, born at Warren, Grafton County, New Hampshire, October 5, 1836; son of William and Mercy (Knowlton) Clough, both natives of New Hampshire; married Mary Jane Alexander (1852-1903), daughter of Thomas M. and Catherine (Scott) Alexander, at Prescott, April 13, 1874; children, Frank Sumner (1875-'92) and Herah, who married Dr. Clark K. Hartzell.

Left home for the West, at age 21; was in Salt Lake City when he heard of the gold strike on Lynx Creek and came to Arizona via Lee's Ferry in the winter of 1864-65; had poor luck at mining so did odd jobs such as cutting hay with a hoe in Williamson Valley and working as a teamster; Sharlot Hall stated that he cut, hauled and set up the first flagstaff in Prescott; in October, 1868 he settled on a tract of dry farming land north of Prescott, mention of which appeared in the Arizona Miner of September 11, 1869:

A trip down Granite Creek--.. We had no idea there were on Lower Granite such splendid ranches as Cary's, Clough's, Hathaway's and many others we might name. Had the season been a good one for raising corn, enough would have been produced on Granite Creek, below the rocks, to supply Fort Whipple.

Listed U. S. Census, 1870, Lower Granite Creek, Yavapai County, A.T., age 33, occupation - Farmer; the following items were published in the Arizona Miner:

February 15, 1875--A. S. Clough has, at last, struck a good thing in the shape of excellent lime rock. If you don't believe us, go and look at the lime he had made from said rock, which (the lime) is for sale at Brooke and Linn's livery stable.

July 30, 1875--Mr. A. S. Clough, of Point of Rocks, whose corn was as promising as any in the country, informs us that the rains came too late to do him any good. His corn was higher than his head, and if it had rained ten days earlier than it did, his prospect for the finest field ever obtained in these parts was first rate. The rain, however, held off, and while it descended copiously on his neighbors, in several refreshing showers, it was not until the 15th of July that it rained on the Clough farm, and now his corn is

past redemption, except it may be for fodder.

This is the sixth year Clough has lost his crops either by drouth or hail. The few vines and vegetables left him by the demon this year were beaten into the ground by hail on Sunday night. A man of less courage than Clough would have sought other grounds ere this, but he holds on like grim death and seems determined to make it win.

He gave up trying to grow crops with rainfall when, according to the Arizona Miner of October 19, 1877, he bought the James Curtis ranch near Point of Rocks for \$2,250 which consisted of 200 acres of irrigated land on Granite Creek; the Prescott Arizona Enterprise mentioned him twice in 1878:

March 25--A. S. Clough is putting forth his energies upon his new farm at Point of Rocks.

October 5--A. S. Clough has two wagons and teams engaged hauling lime from his kiln to Prescott.

The following are taken from a number of references to him printed in the Prescott Courier:

July 13, 1888--A. S. Clough has opened a fruit depot in Dr. Kendall's old store.

July 13, 1897--A. S. Clough is preparing to start a store on the south side of the plaza for the sale of the products of his orchards. He says Prescott has grown so large that he can no longer drive in from his ranch and make the rounds of the city in one day.

The Arizona Miner mentions him twice in 1890, stating on February 12:

A. S. Clough was in town today supplying our people with the best flavored apples produced in any country, raised on his Point of Rocks ranch.

And again on July 30:

A. S. Clough is building a new two-story building 18x34 feet on the lot adjoining the Waldo House on the north. Judge

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A. O. Noyes is boss architect and builder of the structure.

An advertisement in the Miner of January 3, 1899, reads:

Apple jelly in cans. Apples in barrels packed at the ranch--shipped to the mines on orders from responsible parties. Delivered at P. & E. Depot, F. O. B. - A.S. Clough

Died at his home near Point of Rocks, north of Prescott, Yavapai County, A.T., April 8, 1908, aged 71; buried Citizens Cemetery, Prescott; the following is taken from an obituary published in the Prescott Journal-Miner:

Deceased arrived in Prescott in 1864, when the new beautiful city was only a settlement. He assisted in the construction of the first jail ever built here as well as in the erection of other buildings which have long since been replaced with more modern structures. In the latter '60s he appropriated and settled on what is now known as the Ole Peterson ranch which he later sold to Peterson. He then purchased the Curtis ranch now known as the Clough ranch, where he died yesterday.

In his death, this County loses one of its most industrious and enterprising citizens. He was a man of frugal habits and generous sympathies, endowed with that characteristic of the New England stock from whence he sprung, honesty in his dealings with his fellowmen. His death is deeply regretted by the members of the pioneer families of the City and County among whom he was very popular, as well as by all who knew him.

He leaves a valuable estate in this City, which he accumulated during his forty-four years of residence here by industrious and strict attention to business affairs.

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