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Born at Pamelia, Jefferson County, New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_ (about 1834)

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Came to Arizona from California 1865; member from Yavapai County, H. of R., 7th Territorial Legislature, at Tucson, 1873; the following is taken from an obituary printed in the Prescott Arizona

## Miner:

He left his home nearly thirty years ago and came to California, where he was engaged in mining and other honorable pursuits, until fourteen years since, when he turned his face to Arizona, where he arrived and has continual to reside ever since. Mr. Cole has been a successful miner, and prospector in this Territory, and at the time of his death, owned some valuable mining property.

A more detailed account of his life appeared in the Prescott

## Arizona Enterprise:

Deceased was well known throughout Arizona and Southern California. His career was an eventful one. Leaving home, at an early age, he followed a seafaring life; landed on the Pacific Coast in 1847, settled at San Diego and resided there a great many years; he also visited South America. We well remember the day upon which he first arrived in Prescott. It was in 1865.

Taking up his abode among the "concentrators" of the old log cabin, on Granite street, he was admitted into full fellowship with its members, became an Arizona prospector and had the good fortune to soon after acquire an interest in the Sterling mine, which, when sold, gave him a stake that defrayed the expenses of a trip to Yuma and San Diego. Coming back to Prescott, he prospected and assisted in running the Sterling mill.

Being with Ed. G. Peck and others when the Peck mine was discovered, he secured an interest in that famous mine, which brought him more trouble than money. He was a man of fair education, naturally bright, witty and of course, entertaining. His old friends will feel sad when they read or hear of his death.

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A pioneer Arizonan, he has now gone to join many of the same class, who have gone before him. Let us forget his faults and remember only his good qualities. The days of other pioneers are numbered, and the old boys will soon be scarce in the land they love so well.

Died at Prescott, A.T., June 28, 1878, buried \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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